

Krome Educational Fund Scholarship Application

New Candidates

Information

The Krome Educational Fund was established by William H., Phoebe, Medora Krome to help individuals with farmworker backgrounds and their children attain a higher standard of living than that into which they were born. The Fund will accomplish its purpose by providing financial assistance with college education expenses to those who otherwise could not attend college. An award of up to \$2,500 is given to the individual(s) selected. Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) administers the Fund under guidelines established by the RCMA Board of Directors.

Eligibility

A scholarship from the Krome Educational Fund is available to individuals who are:

- 1) An employee of RCMA (minimum three years) at the time of their application and a former farmworker or
- 2) Children of those employees of RCMA, or
- 3) Children of other farmworkers, if the children have been cared for in some manner by RCMA (i.e. alumni)

Returning applicants must reapply each term or semester to be considered for a scholarship. Please submit the Krome Educational Fund Scholarship Returning Applicant Application, as it is separate from this application.

Grants will be made for no more than one academic period (term or semester). Grantees may reapply for a total of four periods following the normal application process. The Designees may specify that an award winner will be considered for renewal of the award for **a total of four academic periods**. Subsequent period grants will be conditioned on continuous enrollment during the academic year, satisfactory completion of all coursework with a cumulative 2.5 GPA or better, and continuing financial need, among other factors.

Application Instructions

*Completed applications must be submitted, received by email, or postmarked **no later than October 30, 2026**. Applications received after the deadline may not be considered. Applicants will be notified of the scholarship decision once the Krome Scholarship Committee has completed its review and selection process.*

You may submit your application using one of the following methods.

Please submit only one application.

1. **Complete your application online:** www.rcma.org/scholarship
2. **Send a scanned copy of the printed application via email to** KromeScholarship@rcma.org
Subject line: Krome Scholarship Application – *Name of Applicant*
Note: *Applications sent via email must be signed by the applicant and submitted in PDF format.*
3. **Mail the hard copy to the following address:**
RCMA
Attn: Krome Educational Fund Scholarship Committee
402 West Main Street
Immokalee, Florida 34142

Requirements

- Participation by the applicant and/or parent(s) in the farmworker industry.
- Connection to or involvement with RCMA.
- Demonstrated strong work ethic (if applicable) and good character.
- Evidence of academic achievement and potential to successfully complete a post-secondary education.
- Acceptance to, or current enrollment in, an accredited post-secondary institution (community college, college, university, or technical school).
- Demonstrated financial need.

We look forward to receiving your application.

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Please print legibly.

PERSONAL INFORMATION		Today's Date: _____	
Last Name:		First Name:	Middle Initial:
Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy):		Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female	
Mailing Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	Email address:

FARMWORKER BACKGROUND		
Who in your family has worked in agriculture?		
Number of years worked in agriculture:	States traveled:	Dates of travel:
Type of agricultural work done:		

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION INFORMATION			
Name of High School Attending/Attended:			
City:	State:	Graduation Year:	Unweighted GPA:

List and briefly describe any work experience. Most recent employment.		
Employer:	Position:	
Supervisor:	Date of Employment:	Beginning Date:
		End Date:

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How did you hear about the Krome Scholarship? Check all that apply		
☐ Former applicant or recipient	☐ Flyer	☐ Parent
☐ RCMA website	☐ School	☐ College/University
☐ RCMA staff	☐ Migrant Education Program	☐ Other (specify):
If you or your parent(s) were/are employed by RCMA, please indicate the following:		
Name:	Position:	Work Location:
Did you attend an RCMA program? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
If yes, name of Center or Charter School:		Year(s) of Attendance:
If neither you nor your parent(s) were employed by RCMA, tell us about your connection or involvement with RCMA. Be specific.		

COLLEGE EDUCATION INFORMATION			
Check one: ☐ applied ☐ admitted ☐ currently enrolled			
Name of institution you plan to attend/currently attend:			
City:	State:	Hours Completed:	GPA:
Check one: ☐ part-time enrollment ☐ fulltime enrollment			
Current academic level: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior			
Major/Intended Major:			
Degree/Intended Degree:			
Expected Graduation Date:			
Attendance dates if currently or previously enrolled:			
For which semester and year are you seeking scholarship funds?			
By when do you need scholarship funds?			
When is tuition due?			
IMPORTANT: Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment will be required before scholarship funds can be disbursed.			

FINANCIAL AID (SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, LOANS, WORK STUDY) INFORMATION	
Is this scholarship the only means by which you can pursue your education? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
I have already filled out my Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) ☐ Yes ☐ No	FAFSA amount approved for?
If not, why?	

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☐ Check this box if you would like to speak with a member of the Krome Educational Fund Committee to discuss reasons for not applying for FAFSA or need support in applying.		
I will be applying for other types of Financial Aid: ☐ Yes ☐ No		
If so, what type(s)?		
Have you applied for other scholarships?	☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, how many?
Have you been awarded other scholarships?	☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, please list below:
Name:	Amount:	
Name:	Amount:	
Name:	Amount:	

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Krome Educational Fund Scholarships provide up to \$2,500 in tuition assistance to students demonstrating financial need. Please describe your financial circumstances, how they affect your ability to pursue higher education, and how this scholarship would contribute to your academic success. Include examples of how you would use the scholarship funds if awarded.

Please describe your personal, academic, and career goals. Explain how receiving a Krome Educational Fund Scholarship will help you achieve those goals. Your essay should be between 250 and 500 words.

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Academic Potential - Student Instructions:

This section must be completed by a school administrator, counselor, dean, teacher, employer, or personal reference (not related to the candidate) with significant knowledge of the candidate's experience and involvement. It must be completed by someone other than a family member. **Up to two** letters of academic potential recommendations may be included.

Appraiser's Instructions:

Thank you for supporting this scholarship applicant. Please provide an assessment of the applicant's potential for success in post-secondary education and their ability to achieve future academic and career goals. We are interested in your evaluation of the applicant's academic abilities, character, and personal qualities, including their maturity, integrity, leadership potential, work ethic, motivation, initiative, concern for others, and respect for faculty, staff, peers, and the community. We would also appreciate your observations regarding the applicant's ability to overcome challenges and respond positively to setbacks.

Please include how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity, such as a teacher, counselor, supervisor, mentor, coach, or community leader. Specific examples that illustrate the applicant's strengths and potential are encouraged.

Appraiser Sending Instructions:

Submit your signed recommendation letter directly to the Krome Educational Fund Scholarship Committee using one of the following methods.

Email: Send a signed PDF copy of your recommendation letter to KromeScholarship@rcma.org with the subject line: Krome Scholarship Letter of Recommendation – [Applicant Name].

OR

Mail: Place the completed recommendation letter in a sealed envelope and sign across the seal to ensure confidentiality.

Mail it to:

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CERTIFICATION

If I am selected as a scholarship winner and in consideration thereof, I understand, agree, and hereby grant permission to Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) to use my likeness and name in announcing and promoting this scholarship.

If I am selected to receive a Krome Education Fund Scholarship and do not complete the academic term for which the award was granted, I agree to notify the Krome Education Fund Administrator immediately. I also agree to submit **an end-of-semester report/unofficial transcript within one week of completing the funded term**. Failure to submit the report or unofficial transcript may affect my eligibility for the Krome Education Fund Scholarship awards.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand and agree that the Krome Educational Fund Committee is solely responsible for the selection of the scholarship winners and its decision is final. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand and agree that the falsification of information will result in the termination of the Krome Educational Fund Scholarship.

☐ I certify that I have read and agree to the above requirements.

Signature: _____ Date: _____