

Daniel Campbell Ford Scholarship



The Daniel Campbell Ford Scholarship is awarded annually to two Folsom Cordova USD graduating seniors planning to continue their education at a two-year or four-year college or university. One student is awarded the scholarship from the Rancho Cordova community and one student is awarded the scholarship from the Folsom community. The award amount per student is \$1,000.

Background

Born in 1889, Daniel Campbell Ford's formal education never exceeded the second grade level. In his teens he became a coal miner in Tennessee and started a family. Ford despised working in the mines and especially despised the thought of any of his children joining him in the mining profession one day.

Daniel wanted more opportunity for his children and desired that each would receive a quality education. He decided to sell everything he could and move his family to California. On August 14, 1921, he arrived in California with little more than a dream.

Following his arrival in California, Ford spent many years as a migrant farm worker. He eventually became a small business owner, operating a small grocery store and gas station.

Despite his lack of formal education, Daniel always encouraged his children to take advantage of their educational opportunities. Ford was proud that all 11 of his children graduated from high school – this rate would have been high at the time and nearly unfathomable had he stayed in Tennessee. A few of his children graduated from college and most of his grandchildren graduated from college, many with advanced degrees.



In 2011, former Folsom Cordova Governing Board Member Zak Ford, Daniel's great-grandson, established the Daniel Campbell Ford Scholarship in his honor.

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Requirements

Resume

- Please include your name, address, phone number, email address, school/community activities and personal accomplishments.

Essay (500 words)

- Write a short essay about a family member or other person that has made a sacrifice to provide you with greater opportunity in your life.
 - How did this sacrifice impact you?
 - How may things have been different without this person making their sacrifice?
 - How will you honor this person if you get the chance?

Two letters of recommendation

- One letter from a school district employee.
- One letter from a community leader who is not a school district employee.

Official high school transcript

- Please make sure the transcript is sealed when it is submitted.

Financial information

- Please fill out and sign the financial information page that follows.

Candidates must submit the above documents by FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019. Packages can be given to school counselors or directly mailed to: Zak Ford, P.O. Box 878, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741. Completed packages submitted by scholarship candidates will be reviewed by members of the Ford family. In addition to the quality of the documents, financial need will play a role in the selection of a winner. The scholarship winner will be notified by the beginning of May and will be recognized at their school's "Awards Night." A \$1,000 check will be disbursed upon verification of enrollment in a two-year or four-year college or university.

For more information, please contact Zak Ford at 916-813-6658 or ZakFord@gmail.com.

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Financial Information Requirement

How much money have you and your family currently saved for your higher education expenses?

How much money annually (outside of student loans) will your family provide you with for higher education expenses?

What is your family's annual household income?

Student Signature

Student Name

Date

Guardian Signature

Guardian Name

Date