

## Barona Sustainable Environment Scholarship

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*The Barona Band of Mission Indians' reverence for the environment spans thousands of years since the time their ancestors moved throughout the region, living in harmony with nature's bounty. The Barona Tribe continues this respect by practicing energy and resource conservation throughout the reservation and resort property.*

Application Deadline: July 15

Return completed applications to:

Barona Resort & Casino  
c/o Barona Sustainable Environment Scholarship Program  
Scholarship Selection Committee  
1932 Wildcat Canyon Road  
Lakeside, California 92040  
Phone: 619-443-2300  
1-888-7- BARONA ext. 3388  
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## Information for Applicants

### General

The Barona Sustainable Environment Scholarship was developed by the Barona Band of Mission Indians and Barona Resort & Casino to assist students who are pursuing careers in the horticulture, turf grass management, natural resources, or environmental sciences industries. **One of the primary goals of the program is to seek out promising students with a passion for the environment and the drive to create a sustainable future for the world around us.**

Four finalists will be selected from all applications, and will each receive a \$1,000 award as a means to supplement costs incurred through tuition, books, and living expenses. Scholarships will be awarded based on the student's application, references, and recommendations. Based on the personal interview, one of the four finalists will receive an additional \$1,000.

Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee consisting of representatives from the Barona Band of Mission Indians and Barona Resort & Casino. All decisions of the committee will be final. Applicants will be notified by mail of their status by August 1. All scholarship award checks will be made payable to the applicant and their educational institution.

### Eligibility

1. Applicants must be studying a field related to the horticulture studies, turf grass management, natural resources management or environmental sciences at a two or more year accredited college or university located in Southern California.
2. Student must have successfully completed a minimum of 30 semester units, in which a minimum of 15 semester units of coursework must be completed in the field of study related to horticulture studies, turf grass management, natural resources management, or environmental sciences.
3. Staff members of those employed by the Barona Band of Mission Indians or Barona Resort & Casino are not eligible for this program.
4. Past winners are eligible to apply the following year, up to a maximum of two years.
5. Must be a legal resident of the United States.
6. The applicant must be a full-time student with a minimum of 12 credits per semester and an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### Criteria for Selection

The Scholarship Selection Committee evaluates each applicant on:

1. Academic achievement
2. Extracurricular activities
3. Potential to become a leading professional
4. Application presentation
5. Essay responses
6. Letters of recommendation
7. Personal interview

Additional consideration may be based on the applicant's financial need.

## How to Apply

Students must complete and submit the attached application form and supply the following under one cover:

1. Transcripts from all universities and post-secondary schools attended.
2. Two letters of recommendation from an instructor, academic advisor and/or employer.
3. One character reference letter.
4. Copy of the last two Federal tax returns or most recent financial aid forms.
5. All applications must be POSTMARKED by July 15.
6. Send the packet to:

**Barona Resort & Casino**  
c/o Barona Sustainable Environment Scholarship  
Scholarship Selection Committee  
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Lakeside, California 92040

Your scholarship application will be judged by its appearance. It is important to remember the following tips:

1. The application must be completed in its entirety.
2. Provide all information and references required. Do not submit an incomplete application.
3. Request information from others early. Give advisors and employers ample time to complete a recommendation for you. If your school will be sending your transcripts directly to us, follow up with the school after you make your request to ensure the transcripts have been sent.
4. Submit your application as early as possible.
5. Do not include extra items.
6. Proof all materials. Have one or two other people proof your essays. Use spell check.
7. It is preferable that you type your application. However, if you do not have a computer or a typewriter, you may also print legibly.
8. Use white paper. Do not use staples.
9. Make copies of your finished application for reference.

### Checklist for a Complete Application

- Carefully complete each question in the application.
- Sign where indicated.
- Attach transcripts from all universities and post-secondary schools that include grades from the last completed semester. These do not need to be official transcripts.
- Proofread your essay answers carefully.
- Attach two letters of recommendation from instructors, academic advisors, industry or personal contacts, and/or employers.
- Attach one character reference.
- Attach all necessary financial documentation.
- Attach your resume, if necessary.

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## Application Form

*It is important that you type or print legibly on this form.*

### Section 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ SSN or Student I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 2

Male  Female

Are you a Southern California resident?  Yes  No

If yes, how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a US citizen?  Yes  No

If no, what is your citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_

*Cultural Background:*

African-American

Asian-American

Caucasian-American

Hispanic-American

Native American

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 3

List in chronological order high schools attended, then colleges. It is very important that this information is correct. (Note: You must provide school transcripts from colleges and universities only.)

<i>Name/Location of Institution</i>	<i>Dates Attended</i>	<i>GPA (4.0 scale)</i>	<i>Date of Graduation</i>

**Section 3** *continued*

What school are you currently enrolled in or plan to attend this fall?

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Have you been accepted to attend?  Yes  No

What is your current major? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current program?  Associates Degree  Bachelors Degree

What date do you plan to receive the degree (Month/Year)? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your advisor (if applicable)? \_\_\_\_\_

What will your academic status be this fall?  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

List your non-academic school and community activities (clubs, organizations, outside interests and hobbies, civic programs, volunteer efforts, etc.) and any awards or offices you have held:

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List any academic honors and/or scholarships: (Please provide years earned.)

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List any offices held in school or community organizations:

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**Section 5** *continued*

3. Please describe your personal and/or academic strengths and weaknesses. (250 words or less)

4. How has your background influenced your choice of career? (250 words or less)

By my signature, I confirm that all information provided in this application is true and accurate. Furthermore, if selected as a scholarship recipient, I agree to the use of photography for public relations, testimonials, and promotional purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**All materials must be postmarked on or before the application deadline of JULY 15.**