



Dear Scholarship Coordinator:

**First, please discard any “Anthony Brucia Success Award” applications you may have collected previously.** The three most critical changes are the address to which the applications are to be sent, the number of awards that will be given, and the amount of money for each award.

**The San Joaquin Section of CASCWA is pleased to announce the new scholarship award format and amount. Five (5) awards will be given out this year. Each successful applicant will be awarded an amount of \$1,000.00, and have the ability to receive an additional \$1,000.00 per year for up to three years depending upon the type of post high school program or school the student is attending.**

As CASCWA is a nonprofit organization future awards are based upon available funding of the organization. If funding is not available future year’s awards will not be distributed. Additional information on subsequent years funding will be provided to the successful applicants.

**Make sure your applicants are expected to graduate at the end of the 2016-2017 school year from a high school located within the San Joaquin Section of CASCWA,** that is, the school public or private must be located within any of the following counties: *Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne.*

**Make sure your applicants meet the profile of intended “Anthony Brucia Success Award” recipients.** The award is intended for resilient students who have made a turn-around in their lives. The kind of student we want to recognize and honor is the student who most likely did not have a 4.0+ throughout high school. We’re looking for a student who has had to overcome lack of success early on due to a variety of reasons, including but not limited to personal or family problems. We want to acknowledge and support those students who may have been burdened by “at risk” circumstances and/or may have “hit bottom” but are now putting things back together and show future promise.

**Please down load and distribute to likely candidates the two attachments: (a) a letter of explanation to the student applicant and (b) an application form.**

**Note that applicants must submit all of the following items to be eligible for consideration:**

1. A current “Anthony Brucia Success Award Application”
2. A personal letter/statement describing the obstacles the applicant has faced, the progress the student has made despite adversity, and the applicant’s future goals and plans
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Activities record and employment history
5. Transcript – freshman through first semester of your senior year
6. Attendance record for the first semester of your senior year

**Must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2017 and sent to:**

Sergio Mendoza  
Director of Assessments and Accountability  
Porterville Unified School District  
600 W. Grand Ave Porterville, CA 93257

If you have questions, please email me at [smendoza@portervilleschools.org](mailto:smendoza@portervilleschools.org) or call me at 559-793-2445.

**Thank you for your continued support of San Joaquin CASCWA and its activities.**