

HAROLD H. BISWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Pioneer of Fire Ecology

California High School Seniors and/or College Entry Students

2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION & INSTRUCTIONS



The California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting and facilitating scholarship applications for the **2024 Harold H. Biswell Memorial Scholarship**. The scholarship is available to graduating California high school Seniors or recent high school graduates entering their first year of college **in the Fall of 2024**. Those planning to pursue an education in Forestry and shall be entering a University or College with a Forestry Program accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) **OR** a California Junior College Forestry Program with transferable credits to an accredited Forestry School are encouraged to apply. The application must be sponsored by a voting member of CLFA. The student shall be entry level, either a high school graduate in 2024, or student who will be attending their first year of a college program in the 2024/2025 school year.

The successful applicant will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship. **To receive payment, the successful applicant will be required to submit verification of college enrollment to CLFA for the Fall 2024 school session.**

This scholarship has been named the Harold H. Biswell Memorial Scholarship in honor of Professor Harold H. Biswell, pioneer fire ecologist. To represent all that Harold stood for to all those who were touched by this great man is a humbling experience. The profession of fire management underwent a paradigm shift in the 1960's, and the man who, more than any other, actually shifted the focus of the fire culture was Harold Biswell. Professor Biswell pioneered much of his fire ecology work while at the University of California, Berkeley. The idea of under burning forests to prevent more destructive wildfires was a revolutionary idea in California at the time, although fire was routinely used in some shrublands. Despite Dr. Biswell's contributions to our profession, he was initially widely criticized for those ideas, for which he received so much favorable response later in his career. Though some of his monikers, like "Harry the Torch" or "Dr. Burnwell", were acquired during the early days of controversy he nevertheless pursued his passion despite the odds against him.

Complete the following Application Form and return to CLFA postmarked no later than **April 30, 2024**. A notice of receipt will be sent upon CLFA's receipt of your scholarship application. The successful applicant will be notified in May 2024.

Electronic application forms are available from CLFA at www.clfa.org. Applications must be submitted in paper form to:

**MAIL TO: California Licensed Foresters Association
Scholarship Application Committee
2149 Carson Mesa Road
Acton, CA 93510**

2024 HAROLD H. BISWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name:		Date:
Address:	City/State/Zip:	
E-Mail Address:		State of Residency:
Daytime Phone:		

- 1) Name, address and website of the college, university or trade school you plan to attend or are attending:
 Name:
 Address:
 Website:
 Intended Major: _____ Student ID (if available): _____
 Have you contacted this school’s representative about your desired program?
 Yes No
 Have you been accepted? Yes No

- 2) Name and RPF No. of CLFA member sponsoring your application:
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Any current voting member of CLFA is eligible to sponsor your scholarship application. You are encouraged to contact CLFA for information regarding local member contacts.

- 3) Provide a write response to the following:
- a) Briefly describe yourself, your interests, hobbies, academic activities, and successes, etc.
- b) Describe what precipitated your interest in becoming a forester (ex., wanted to work in an outdoors, random chance, raised on a ranch, your uncle is/was a logger, mentor was a forester, exposed to Forestry in a 4-H program, etc.).
- c) As in the medical and engineering fields, there are a myriad of disciplines within forestry, what is your chosen area of interest and why?

Use as many pages as needed. You may include letters of recommendation, documentation of any awards or achievements earned both in and out of school.

I hereby certify that the above and attached statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____