

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Bob Pickard  
PHONE: 966-3222

**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Adopt a Resolution naming Marcus Holland and Josh Boucher as the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) and Rural Alliance, Incorporation (RAI) Rural Scholarship Program recipients for 2003; Authorize staff to send a letter with the Resolution directing RCRC to route the scholarship checks through the Mariposa County Schools Foundation. The Mariposa County Schools Foundation agreed to select, award, and administer the scholarship program on behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, and has selected two Mariposa County High School seniors to equally share in the \$1,000 Rural Scholarship Program with each receiving \$500.

Before RCRC and RAI will award the scholarship money, a county wishing to participate in the Rural Scholarship Program must adopt a Resolution with the recipient's names and addresses.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

On March 18, 2003, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 03-77 that approved Mariposa County's participation in the RCRC and RAI Rural Scholarship Program. The Board also directed staff to request the Mariposa County Schools Foundation select, award, and administer the scholarship program. The Mariposa County Schools Foundation agreed to administer the scholarship program.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively _____
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		Resolution _____
Source:		Letter from RCRC _____
Internal Transfer _____		_____
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		_____
( ) General ( ) Other _____		_____

**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**

Res. No.: 03-195 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

Requested Action Recommended  
 No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
 County of Mariposa, State of California  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy

CAO: [Signature]

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 03-195

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PARTICIPATION OF  
MARIPOSA COUNTY IN THE  
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF RURAL COUNTIES AND  
RURAL ALLIANCE, INCORPORATION  
RURAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Rural Alliance, Incorporation (RAI) has created a scholarship program to advance better education for rural California residents; and

**WHEREAS**, each county that is a member of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) will be allotted up to a total of \$1,000 for up to two scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors has read and agrees to abide by the scholarship program guidelines adopted by the RCRC Board of Directors and the RAI Board of Directors.


**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the following individuals are selected to receive the 2003 Regional Council of Rural Counties, Rural Alliance, Incorporation and Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Rural Scholarship.

\$500 to Marcus Holland, 3895 Bronco Hollow Road, Mariposa, CA 95338

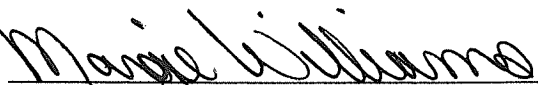
\$500 to Josh Boucher, Post Office Box 217, La Grange, CA 95329

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2003, by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County by the following vote:

AYES:	STETSON, BALMAIN, BIBBY, PARKER, PICKARD
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAINED:	NONE

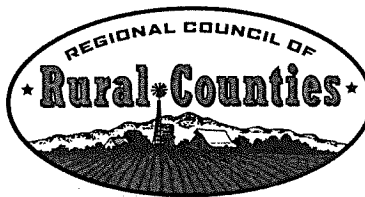
  
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BOB PICKARD, Chairman  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
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MARGIE WILLIAMS  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFFREY G. GREEN  
County Counsel

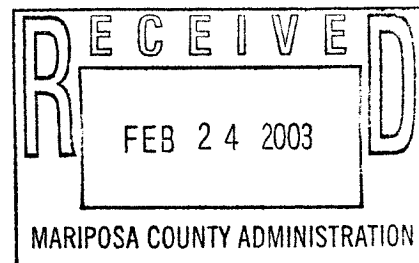


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February 21, 2003

The Honorable Bob Pickard, Supervisor  
Mariposa County  
PO Box 784  
Mariposa, CA 95338



RE: Student Scholarships

Dear Supervisor Pickard:

During the preparation of the 2003 budgets for RCRC and its associated entities, including Rural Alliance Inc. (RAI), a local scholarship program was created for member counties. This will continue a program created in 2002. The idea was to utilize funds generated by RAI, which is legally separate from RCRC, and to provide those funds to deserving students in each member county. The RAI budget included \$29,000 for such purposes, with \$1000 allocated to each RCRC member county.

The intent of a scholarship program is twofold:

- An increase in education for rural residents is a benefit for rural California. College and trade schools are increasingly expensive, and financial aid is needed by virtually all rural students.
- The scholarships are a way to “give something back” to our member counties in furtherance of RAI’s charitable, educational and scientific purposes.

The RCRC Board and the RAI Board have jointly adopted a standardized set of rules to administer this program. The adopted rules are as follows:

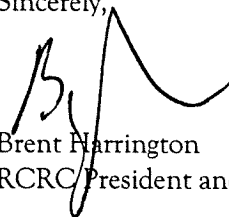
1. Scholarship funds of up to \$1,000 will be available for every member county of RCRC as of January 1 for use during the ensuing 12-month period.
2. In the event that a county does not utilize its full share of \$1,000, unused funds will NOT be reallocated to other counties or carried over into future years.
3. The RCRC President and RAI President will jointly administer the scholarship program. They will notify the Board of Supervisors of each county regarding availability of the scholarships, and keep a record of recipients named by the counties by program year. Actual disbursements will be made from RAI funds.
4. Students attending a college or trade school of any type and for any type of study are eligible for scholarship funds.

5. Each Board of Supervisors will decide, in any manner it deems appropriate, who from their respective counties is to receive the funds, except that no more than two scholarships not exceeding a total of \$1,000 may be awarded by a county. The Board of Supervisors must notify RCRC/RAI of its decision on scholarship recipient(s) and their addresses by passage of a Board Resolution or Minute Order and transmittal of the same to RCRC/RAI for the current program year, whereupon funds designated will be sent directly to the recipient(s).
6. RCRC/RAI will not require verification of student attendance at an educational institution as a condition of the award. It is assumed that the Board will verify or is otherwise satisfied that the recipient designated by the Board will use the funds for qualified educational purposes.
7. The scholarship shall be awarded as the "Regional Council of Rural Counties and Rural Alliance, Inc. Rural Scholarship Program", and in the name of the respective county's Board of Supervisors.

We hope your county will participate in this scholarship program. To participate, your Board must adopt a resolution in substantial compliance with the attached draft resolution. We will also need the full name and address of the recipient(s). If you would prefer that we route the check through an organization or foundation, we will do that in lieu of a direct check to a recipient(s).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brent.

Sincerely,



Brent Harrington  
RCRC President and CEO

Marcia Basque  
RAI President

cc: Mariposa County CAO

