

BILL AND JANE FISCHER VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP
Application, 2026-2027 Academic Year

The late Bill Fischer began his career with the University of California Cooperative Extension and was notable for his many accomplishments as a researcher, educator, and author. Bill retired in 1991, as farm adviser emeritus. Family, friends, and colleagues established a Vegetation Management Scholarship to honor Bill and his wife, Jane, and to promote the study of vegetation management as an important aspect of agriculture/plant science. The Bill and Jane Fischer Vegetation Management Scholarship provides an award of \$1,000 each year for individuals enrolled in studies in vegetation management/weed science. One or more awards may be made annually.

Selection criteria:

Students from any accredited California university enrolled for fall 2026 are eligible. **Preference will be given to graduate students.** Successful candidates will have demonstrated an interest in vegetation management (weed control) careers and will have a major or concentration in one of the following areas (listed in order of preference):

- Vegetation management in agricultural crop production; plant science with emphasis on vegetation management in horticultural crops, agronomic, or vegetable crops.
- Soils and plant nutrition with emphasis on field, vegetable crop relationships. Agricultural engineering with emphasis on developing tools for vegetation management. Agricultural botany with emphasis on weed biology and weed ecology.
- Plant pathology with emphasis on integrated vegetation management. Plant protection and pest management with emphasis on field, vegetable, or horticultural crop relationships.
- Agricultural economics with emphasis on vegetation management in field, vegetable, or horticultural crops.

Name _____
Last First Middle

Local Address _____ Telephone _____

Permanent Address _____ Telephone _____

Email: _____

University Attending (Fall 2026): _____

Major: _____

Thesis Topic (if applicable): _____

Expected date of Graduation: _____ Expected Degree: _____

STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE: Write a statement of your educational goals. Indicate your primary area of academic interest, why you chose it, how you feel it meets the scholarship criteria, any special qualifications you may have, and how you plan to use this educational opportunity when completed. Type or print legibly. **Attach another page if needed.**

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: List activities in which you have participated and organizations to which you belong. Indicate offices held, honors received, publications, etc.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that all the information provided is true and correct. If selected for this award, I authorize the release of the above biographical information for use in publicity related to this award.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed application, two letters of recommendation and official transcripts must be submitted by email to apambrose@ucanr.edu (**Preferred**) or by mail, postmarked no later than **Monday, May 4, 2026**. Send to:

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