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MCAG scholarship program now accepting applications

Merced, Calif.,— Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) is now accepting applications for the 2016 Anna Maria Fuentes Scholarship. The MCAG Governing Board and staff established this scholarship program in 2010 to honor the memory of Anna Maria Fuentes, Grants Program Manager at MCAG.

The Anna Maria Fuentes Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior in Merced County with a grade point average of 3.8 or higher who has demonstrated a high level of participation in extracurricular activities including positions of leadership. Applicants must also provide a personal essay that describes their need for scholarship in order to pursue higher education goals.

The 2016 scholarship recipient will receive \$1,000 and will be eligible to receive additional awards of \$1,000 each year for three years based on scholastic performance and documentation.

Applications can be mailed or dropped off at MCAG, 369 W 18th Street, Merced and must be received by 3:00pm on Monday, February 29, 2016. The selected scholarship recipient will be notified by May 1, 2016.

Interested applicants can access the scholarship application and instructions at <http://www.mcagov.org/217/Scholarship>. General inquiries can be directed to Christina Smith, Chief Financial Officer, at 209-723-3153 x 304.

MCAG is the regional transportation planning agency and metropolitan planning organization for Merced County. In addition to regional transportation planning, MCAG also manages The Bus, YARTS and the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority. For more information, visit www.mcagov.org.

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