



California Association of Supervisors of
Child Welfare & Attendance

Dear Scholarship Coordinator:

First, please discard any “Anthony Brucia Success Award” applications you may have collected previously. The most critical change is our email address which is now <https://cascwa.wildapricot.org/Anthony-Brucia-Success>. You can also find it on a Google search for “Anthony Brucia Success Awards” or through the CASCWA website at cascwa.wildapricot.org.

Second, note that the San Joaquin Section of CASCWA has set the amount of each “Anthony Brucia Success Award” to \$1,000.00 and the student can continue to receive \$1,000.00 per year for up to an additional three years as long as they continue to be in school and in good standing.

Third, make sure your applicants are expected to graduate at the end of the 2021 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, Monterey, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Tulare or Tuolumne.*

Fourth, 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 a lack of success or who struggled to maintain academic progress due to a variety of reasons, including but not limited to personal or family stress or 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.

Fifth, please inform staff of these likely candidates by email, download or distribute of the two attachments: (a) the student applicant letter of explanation (or announcement), 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 from someone aware of the applicant’s turn around.
4. Activities record and employment history
5. Transcript – freshman through first semester of your senior year
6. **Make sure phone number and email address are in good working order for student.**

Must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 9, 2021 and sent to:

Sergio Mendoza
Superintendent
Burton Elementary School District
264 North Westwood Street, Porterville, CA 93257

If you have questions, please email me at sergio.mendoza@burtonschools.org or call me at 559-781-8032.

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