

California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare & Attendance

-- A special message to CASCWA San Joaquin members --

Our <u>Anthony Brucia Success Awards</u> announcement is now available. It is a \$1000 *cash award* that is intended for a comprehensive or alternative high senior who has overcome adversity. Five to seven will be awarded. The winners usually have low grades in middle school or as a H.S. freshman, but show great improvement by graduation. They all have one thing in common—someone who guides them through the application process.

As many of our winners do not normally look for, or apply for scholarships, it would be greatly appreciated if you could help in identifying eligible seniors who have turned-it-around. Both comprehensive and alternative high school seniors are eligible. Attending a college is not a requirement. Our winners are always supported by caring staff counselors, coaches, special education, shop, ROP, Ag, or other staff who know their personal history. With their urging and assistance the student candidate has a greater chance of winning one of the cash grants.

It is our request that you give, or email this memo to those staff members who might assist in identifying the type of senior eligible for this award. In addition to the official announcement, our WEB page has many examples of winning essays along with the application, deadline date (March 29th) and mailing address. Just do an internet search for "Anthony Brucia Success Awards" or hit this link:

https://cascwa.wildapricot.org/Anthony-Brucia-Success

With last year's winners, we surpassed \$250,000 in awards to deserving students. Our winners can even receive additional CASCWA grants by continuing their education. For the right student, this is an easy award to win! Perhaps, you can locate a winner!

Thank you,

Sharma Uma

President, San Joaquin Section of *CASCWA* Anthony Brucia Success Awards Foundation

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