
***New Officers Elected to
California Wine Grape Growers Foundation***

Sacramento, Calif., December 3, 2009 – The California Wine Grape Growers Foundation (CWGGF), responsible for annually awarding college scholarships to the children of vineyard employees, has elected new officers and trustees.

The new officers are: Chairman J.R. Shannon of Visalia; Vice Chairman Jeff Frey of Santa Maria; Treasurer Steve Schafer of Madera and Secretary David Weiss of Kelseyville. The rest of the board includes: Ben Drake of Temecula; Kim Ledbetter Bronson of Lodi; Jack Roudebush of Modesto; and Steve McIntyre of Soledad.

The scholarship program was created by the California Association of Winegrape Growers in 1998 to promote education for the children of vineyard employees. One year later, CWGGF, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, was created to support and maintain the scholarship program in perpetuity. The Foundation now awards at least seven scholarships annually, three scholarships of \$1,000 per year for four years to any campus in the UC or CSU system and four scholarships of \$500 per year for two years to any California community college.

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