

# FRIEDBERGER EDUCATION FUND

William Friedberger, M.D., a prominent Stockton Physician and long-time Medical Director at San Joaquin General Hospital, established the Friedberger Education Fund in June 1963, in memory of his father and mother -Arnold and Lotta Friedberger.

In creating the Education Fund, Dr. Friedberger instructed that it be devoted “exclusively to the charitable and educational uses and purposes of scholarships and grant-in-aid to graduates of schools in San Joaquin County, thereby to bring the recipients of the awards under the influence of education, and its benefits, and also to assist them to establish themselves in life and to lessen the burdens or make better the conditions of the general public.”

Since May 1964 when the first Friedberger Education Fund scholarship recipients were selected, more than 400 graduates of public and private high schools in San Joaquin County have received annually-renewable awards for higher education. Since its inception, the fund has paid out more than \$2.6 million.



## • A Legacy of Giving

To understand Dr. Friedberger’s enduring legacy of providing student scholarships and caring for society, it is important to trace his family history in the United States.

His father, Arnold, was born in Laupheim, Germany, in 1830. He left his native land at age 18 and went to Paris, France, to learn the millinery trade. In 1852, he left France for the United States, crossed over Panama and located in Stockton.

Arnold Friedberger followed the migration of miners to the Mother Lode region and sold general merchandise out of a store in Stockton and a similar store in Angels Camp. To be nearer to the actual gold mining sites, he sold his Angels Camp business and opened general merchandise stores in Sheep Ranch and San Andreas.

He became active in civic affairs and fraternal organizations, including the San Andreas Lodge of Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Arnold Friedberger was also a member of the Stockton Royal Arch Masons and the Mokelumne Hill Encampment of the Odd Fellows, and even served as Wells Fargo agent for more than 25 years.

He was frugal. While conducting his stores in Sheep Ranch and San Andreas, he often made trips to Stockton to purchase merchandise. During these trips he rode to Stockton as Wells Fargo “shotgun messenger,” thus saving the fare of \$50.

In 1867, Arnold Friedberger married German-born Lotta Kaiser. The ceremony took place in the Weber House, located on the corner of Main and Center Streets in Stockton. Following his marriage, he took his bride to his home in San Andreas, where they had six sons – Leo, Alexander, Maurice, Joe, Ray, and William.

In 1882, Arnold Friedberger moved his wife and sons to Stockton, where he felt the environment and school facilities would be more advantageous. William and his brothers were impressed early-on of the importance of a good education.

Seven years later, he sold his stores in Sheep Ranch and San Andreas with profitable results, and opened a general merchandise store in Lodi, one of the largest in the area.

After Arnold Friedberger’s death in 1908, his sons purchased the property in San Andreas, where their father’s store had stood, converted the land into a small park, dedicated a fountain to their parents, and deeded it to Calaveras County for public use and enjoyment.

## • William Friedberger, M.D.

Dr. Friedberger learned from his civic-minded, hard-working parents. He seemed old-fashioned in many ways. He dressed conservatively, never married, and was known as a “very fair, extremely private” individual.

He held education in the highest regard and attended Oxford University in Great Britain, earning a medical degree and specializing in gynecology. He returned to practice in Stockton and at the time, he was the only Doctor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the United States.

He served as Medical Director at San Joaquin General Hospital for nearly 35 years, while gaining the reputation as a loner, with very little contact with the other members of the medical profession. No one was allowed into his operating rooms. He would have felt insulted by any intrusion.

Dr. Friedberger didn't work with other assistants except for a nurse name Lucille Carey, his secretary confidant for 45 years.

He lived frugally, never owning a house and preferring to rent. For seven years he lived in a suite of rooms at the Yosemite Club. During his free time, he invested in real estate and the stock market. He was the oldest living stockholder of Standard Oil.

At San Joaquin General Hospital, Dr. Friedberger was known for his honesty and strict working habits, which he insisted that others follow. He often would wear a pair of white gloves and inspect the facility for dust. Not surprisingly, he wasn't involved with medical politics or staff functions. He was seen by many as an "isolated island" – just him, Miss Carey, and his patients.

He did have an alter-ego, however. His so-called "greatest feat" was racing horses down Weber Avenue and getting stopped by the police for speeding.

After leaving San Joaquin General, Dr. Friedberger went into private practice. He did what no other physician has even done, before or since – taking patients to St. Joseph's Hospital for six months of the year, and then switching to Dameron Hospital for the next six months. He was that fair-minded and impartial, and refused to show favoritism.

He brought his own instruments and Miss Carey would arrive ahead of him in the operating room to prepare. Dr. Friedberger charged two prices for surgical procedures - \$250 for minor operations, \$500 for major operations. He performed mostly women's surgery and treated each patient sweetly, with good bedside manner.

Dr. Friedberger remained in private practice until his later years, when he began losing his vision. He purchased a duplex on Walnut Street in Stockton. Miss Carey lived on one side, Dr. Friedberger on the other.

As Blindness overtook him, Miss Carey was there, faithful to the end.

## •Friedberger Education Fund

Money to start the Education Fund came from the sale of the William F. McKee Building (Sterling Department Store) in 1961-62, a downtown Stockton property at Hunter and Main streets, owned by Dr. Friedberger.

Sale of the building amounted to approximately \$500,000 and, in keeping with Dr. Friedberger's wishes, were to be used for educational scholarships. The money was placed into a charitable fund put together by Robert Beardsley, a prominent Stockton attorney, and Robert Friedberger, a nephew of Dr. Friedberger, who headed up the Trust Department at the Bank of Stockton.

Today, the fund has grown to close to \$2 million and the Bank of Stockton remains its trustee.

Robert Friedberger said, "We invest in bonds and common stocks so the fund will continue to grow and pay out income for scholarships for needy students. The Friedberger Education Fund is set up to outpace inflation and to grow in perpetuity."

According to Dr. Friedberger's wishes, "the committee shall give due consideration to:

"1. Worthiness and need, character, scholarship record in school, and qualities indicating a capacity for leadership and public service in life.

"2. Genuine need for financial assistance.

"Need for financial assistance shall be an essential qualification, without bona fide existence thereof, in any instance, and award shall not be made. The two shall be considered together. The scholarships and grants-in-aid shall be exclusively for education in universities, colleges, and other similar educational institutions of advanced or higher education in the State of California, or in other states in exceptional cases"

The Award Committee reviews and deliberates upon every filed application. Recipients of awards and their respective schools will be notified as soon after their selection as possible by letter and by telephone.

Recipients are required to provide the Award Committee a written progress report as well as an official transcript of record at the close of each academic year. Receipt of the progress report and transcript of record permits the Award Committee to authorize release of recipient's award.

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## Announcing the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Solicitation of Nominations for Friedberger Educational Fund Scholarships

Each high school, public or private, in San Joaquin County may **nominate one (1) applicant ONLY**.

Applications should be screened by scholarship adviser prior to submission and **must be endorsed in writing by a scholarship adviser**. Nominee's name and completed application may then be forwarded to the Friedberger Educational Fund Committee of Award for consideration.

The Committee of Award includes: County Superintendent of Schools, James Mousalimas or his representative; A representative from the Stockton Unified School District; and member at large, Peter Ottesen.

**Applications and supporting documents must be received by the Friedberger Educational Fund Committee of Award on or before Monday, April 15, 2019.**

Qualifications for nominee:

- Intent to enroll in an institution of higher learning in California except in extraordinary and exceptional cases\*
- Excellent grades over seven (7) semesters of study
- **Demonstrate need for financial assistance**
- Possession of outstanding character traits
- Demonstrate leadership skills
- Evidence of concern for others through public service

The nominee's application must be accompanied by:

- 1) a transcript of record reflecting excellent grades over seven semesters;
- 2) a personal statement no more than 500 words in length using the qualifications above as a guideline;
- 3) a copy of all financial aid and scholarships being received and/or offered by the institution(s) and other agencies to which the applicant has been admitted and/or plans to attend, if applicable; (University Award Letter)

Submit one (1) original copy of the application and supporting documents to the Committee of Award.

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The Committee of Award will:

Screen applications and select finalists, May 2019. Notify award recipients and their nominators of award decisions as soon after as possible.

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Enclosed is an official Friedberger Educational Fund 2019 Application Cover Sheet and Scholarship Application. Please duplicate these for distribution to applicants or for an electronic version, please visit: <http://sjcoe.org/about/scholarships/>.

**All other types or forms of cover sheets and/or applications WILL NOT be accepted.**

Nominee's completed applications and supporting documents may be mailed to:

Friedberger Educational Fund  
P. O. Box 213030  
Stockton, CA 95213

*or hand delivered to:*

Friedberger Educational Fund  
San Joaquin County Office of Education  
Superintendent's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
2922 Transworld Drive  
Stockton, CA 95206

Scholarship advisers who have questions about the application or award process may contact the County Superintendent's Office at 468-4802.

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## APPLICATION COVER SHEET

To be completed by applicant and signed by a school official. Please type or print using black or blue ink ONLY. Use only one side of any page. Do not staple. Completed cover sheet must accompany original application.

**Applications are due on or before Monday, April 15, 2019.**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Adviser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ext: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Checklist (Please initial applicable items below)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. One (1) original of the completed Friedberger Educational Fund Scholarship Application with Friedberger Educational Fund Application Cover Sheet and supporting documents. **All other applications and cover sheets WILL NOT be accepted.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Official transcript of record reflecting excellent grades over seven (7) semesters;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Personal Statement no more than 500 words in length using the qualifications above as listed on page 1.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. University Award Letter: The Award Committee will consider financial need to be the difference between the annual cost of your higher education (including tuition, fees, books and supplies, meals, and housing) and the sum of the resources available to you including grants, scholarships, awards, your contribution, and your family's contribution.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_(applicant), understand that a scholarship awarded by the Friedberger Educational Fund shall be exclusively for education in universities, colleges and other similar educational institutions of advanced or higher education in the State of California, or in other states in extraordinary and exceptional cases. Extraordinary and exceptional cases are deemed to be those where the recipient has demonstrated marked talents in a particular field, which is served with conspicuous distinction by an educational institution outside the State of California.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

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To be completed by Scholarship Adviser:

I have reviewed the nominee's application and found it to be complete.

I endorse \_\_\_\_\_'s application for a Friedberger Educational  
(Nominee's Name)  
Fund Award.

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Scholarship Adviser's Signature

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Date

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Title

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or print using black or blue ink only. Do not use the back of any page. Do not staple the pages of your application. Submit the original of your application and supporting documents.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019**

1. Name (last, first, m.i.): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: **F** **M**
2. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
3. High School: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class: \_\_\_\_\_
5. What institution(s) of higher learning do you plan to attend?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you been accepted to the institution(s)? **Yes** **No**
7. Intended college major: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Is this, according to the institution's catalog, a 2-year, 4-year, or 5-year undergraduate program? (circle one)
9. What career do you think you will pursue? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Father's/Guardian's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Mother's/Guardian's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Number and ages of minor siblings living at home: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Number and ages of adult siblings in college and/or living at home:  
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14. What was your parents'/guardians' gross income as reported on their latest Federal IRS Report? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
15. Do your parents/guardians contribute to your adult siblings' financial support? If yes, how much annually? Yes    No  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_
16. What is the estimated annual cost of your higher education including tuition, books, food, and lodging? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
17. Have you filed a FAFSA? Yes    No  
If so, what is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
18. Have you been offered a financial aid package by the Institution(s) to which you have been admitted? Yes    No  
If yes, attach a copy of the University Award Letter(s).
19. Have you been offered other financial aid/scholarships by other agencies? Yes    No  
If yes, attach a copy of the offer.
20. Write and include with this application a personal statement no more than 500 words in length using the qualifications as a guideline:
- Intent to enroll in an institution of higher learning in California except in extraordinary and exceptional cases\*
  - Excellent grades over seven (7) semesters of study
  - **Demonstrate need for financial assistance**
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