

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **For Immediate Release**

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

## **Tulare County College Night Makes New Scholarship Available**

6:30 – 9:00 pm Monday, September 12, 2005  
Visalia Convention Center

*Visalia:* Students visiting the annual Tulare County College Night, Monday, September 12, will have the opportunity to pick up some preliminary information on a new scholarship program available next year to graduating seniors. The Tulare County College Night Committee is pleased to announce the availability of an ongoing college scholarship program for Tulare County students. Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak says: “The scholarship will award one student \$1,000 per year for up to four years based on academic and personal accomplishments. It is through the generous support of many local businesses, service organizations and individuals that we can make this scholarship available.”

Applications, including qualification requirements and instructions, will soon be available on-line through the College Night website ([www.tcoe.org/collegenight](http://www.tcoe.org/collegenight)), or through Tulare County high school counselors. The application deadline for the College Night scholarship is February 1, 2006.

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The annual Tulare County College Night on Monday, September 12, 2005, is designed for high school students and parents who want to learn more about preparing for and applying to colleges. The Visalia Convention Center's Exhibit Hall will be filled with more than 75 university and college representatives who will answer questions about entrance requirements, tuition and housing. Financial aid and scholarship information will also be available. Admission is free to the event, which is open from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Throughout the evening, visitors may attend presentations and panel discussions to learn about financial aid opportunities, college admissions and transfers and campus life. Select presentations will be offered for Spanish speaking parents. Students and parents may access [www.tcoe.org/collegenight](http://www.tcoe.org/collegenight) for links to university web sites, financial aid and test preparation sites. College Night is complemented by an event designed specifically for middle school students, College Offers Opportunities for Life (COOL), which is held in Visalia and Porterville in April of each year.

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