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Scholarships Available to Earn an Accredited High School Diploma at the Yolo County Library

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library continues to offer community members an opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate through Career Online High School (COHS), a program brought to public libraries by Gale, a part of Cengage Learning.

“Earning a high school diploma is a life-changing achievement,” said Yolo County Librarian, Patty Wong. “By offering Career Online High School, we’re empowering our residents to seek new opportunities to transform their lives and increase their earning potential.”

COHS is a pilot project recently signed by Governor Brown with a \$1 million budget aimed at helping as many Californians as possible earn a high school diploma online. The California State Library is assisting with the program’s implementation and working to create partnerships and funding opportunities at the local and state levels. The Yolo County Office of Education and the Winters Friends of the Library have generously donated to this program as the Yolo County Library continues to work with other organizations and partners to raise the remaining funds.

The Yolo County Library still has scholarships to award for COHS to qualified learners looking to earn a high school diploma and advance their careers. An accredited high school diploma is required to receive financial aid through FAFSA for those looking to pursue postsecondary education.

Once enrolled, students will be paired with their own academic coach, who will provide individual career plans, ongoing guidance and encouragement and resources. Students will also receive service and support from library staff. Classes are supported by board-certified instructors and students will have 24/7 access to the online learning platform. Coursework begins in one of eight high-demand career fields (across a wide spectrum from child care and education to certified transportation), before progressing to core academic subjects. Students have 18 months to complete their classes but most students are able to finish in one year or less. Previously earned high school credits are also transferrable.

Interested candidates must first complete a self-assessment by visiting the library website at: www.yolocountylibrary.org/diploma. For additional information, e-mail the library at diploma@yolocounty.org or contact Scott Love at (530) 757-5595.

The Yolo County Library fosters personal and workforce development by providing learning opportunities and offering compelling opportunities to show the community one of the most meaningful ways libraries can change lives. For more information about the Yolo County Library visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org or connect with the Yolo County Library on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

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