

Joanne Ward Memorial Scholarship

An invitation to All Stars in the California 4-H North Central Section

This \$500 scholarship is given in memory of Joanne Ward, a long time 4-H volunteer from Sacramento County. She was a dedicated leader and advised many All Star teams during her lifetime. Her devotion and motivation to teaching young people made her a valuable asset to the community. Her ideals are applied to this scholarship selection: leadership, community involvement, integrity, and personal growth.

Selection criteria:

- Must be a current 4-H member in good standing in a county of the North Central Section and have served as an All Star.
- Must be a graduating high school senior or have passed the CHSPE or GED. Current 4-H members who meet all the criteria and are currently enrolled in a community college or institution of higher learning are also eligible to apply.
- Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must plan to study full time at a college/university, community college, or vocational school of applicant's choice.

Complete Application to Include:

- Completed Joanne Ward Memorial Scholarship Application
- Application signed by a staff person at the applicant's 4-H county office who can verify the applicant is a 4-H member in good standing.
- A commentary of your reasons for applying for this scholarship including career plans, goals, objectives, how 4-H has influenced this choice, and how you think your 4-H experience will help you achieve your educational goals. Point out how being an All Star enriched your 4-H experience. Maximum of four (4) pages, typed, double-spaced, at least 11 point font. Please include your name on each page.
- A summary of the your activities/projects, leadership, and citizenship.
 - Summarize your most meaningful 4-H activities throughout your years in 4-H. Limit 1 page.
 - Summarize your leadership both in and outside of 4-H. Limit 1 page.
 - Summarize your citizenship activities, both in and outside of 4-H. Limit 1 page.
 - Summarize your All Star projects and experiences. Limit 1 page
- Three letters of reference:
 - One from a 4-H Volunteer Leader unrelated to applicant.
 - One from your All Star advisor unrelated to applicant.
 - One from a teacher, counselor, or other person within the community unrelated to applicant.
 - Each letter of reference must be in a sealed envelope, signed by the writer along the seal.
- A copy of applicant's high school transcript. It may be an unofficial copy.

Send completed application with all required forms by April 28 to:
Sonoma County 4-H Office
C/o North Central Section 4-H Council Scholarship Committee
133 Aviation Blvd, Suite 109
Santa Rosa CA 95403

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Judging Criteria:

The primary criteria for this scholarship are level, quality, and quantity of 4-H participation and community involvement.

The Selection Committee will consider the following:

- Leadership and Citizenship exhibited both within the 4-H program and the community
- Level of 4-H participation (project, club, county, section, state).
- Participation in the county All Star program
- Evidence of personal growth and striving towards personal goals

Application Deadline:

This application must be completed in full and received by 5:00 PM on April 28, 2014 along with all required documents to be considered by the North Central Section 4-H Council Scholarship Committee. An application and/or accompanying documents received after 5:00 PM on April 28 will not be considered.

Disqualifying factors include

- Failure to provide a required element
- Inclusion of extra pages not requested
- Receipt of any part of the application packet after the deadline

Scholarship awards

Scholarships will be announced by May 30. The checks will be awarded after receiving official verification of full time college/university or vocational school enrollment. (Full time is as defined by the institution.) Scholarships will not be held beyond one school year of the date awarded unless prior committee approval has been requested and approved.

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Recommendation Form

Applicant: Give a copy of this page to a 4-H Volunteer Leader and other reference person to complete. Include these pages with your scholarship application packet. One additional page may be accepted from each reference, such as a letter.

Reference Person Instructions: This form is to be submitted to the **North Central Section 4-H Council Scholarship Committee** in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. It will not be given to or discussed with the 4-H member. Your honest opinion is important to the selection committee. Thank you.

Applicant's Name: _____ (Print Name)

Recommendation by: _____ (Print Name)

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

Circle one: 4-H Leader Teacher/Counselor/Community Person

How would you rate him/her:

	Outstanding	Strong	Average	Poor	Unknown
1. 4-H Program participation					
2. Leadership capabilities					
3. Self confidence					
4. Ability to work with others					
5. Involvement in school/community activities					
6. Maturity					

To help in our selection process, please tell us why you would or would not recommend this applicant for a North Central Section 4-H Council scholarship. If more space is required, one additional page may be attached.

I recommend this candidate: _____
Very strongly Strongly With reservations Not at all

Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____