

## North Central Section 4-H Council Scholarship

An invitation to graduating 4-H members in the California 4-H North Central Section

The North Central Section 4-H Council has budgeted \$250 each for four (4) scholarships to be awarded to selected North Central Section 4-H members only. The counties from which members are eligible are: Alameda, Amador, Calaveras, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Marin, Napa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Mateo/San Francisco, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Yolo. A member may be awarded the scholarship once.

### Qualifications:

- Must be a current 4-H member in good standing in a county of the North Central Section.
- Must be a graduating high school senior or have passed the CHSPE or GED.
- Must plan to study full time at a college/university, community college, or vocational school of applicant's choice.
- Must have a minimum of four (4) years of active participation in 4-H, at least two (2) of which must have been during high school.

### Complete Application to Include:

- Completed North Central Section 4-H Council 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. 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.
  - The summaries should be in this order:
    - Projects/activities
    - Leadership
    - Citizenship
- Two letters of reference:
  - One from a 4-H Volunteer Leader 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 transcript from each high school attended. An unofficial photocopy is acceptable.

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

## **North Central Section 4-H Council Scholarship**

### **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).  
(North Central Section participation and leadership is desirable.)
- Consistent dedication to activities while progressing in personal development.

### **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:

	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Strong</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
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: \_\_\_\_\_