

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.
- Also include:
 - A summary of your most meaningful 4-H activities throughout your years in 4-H. Limit 1 page.
 - A summary of your leadership both in and outside of 4-H. Limit 1 page.
 - A summary 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

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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).
(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, 2015 along with all required documents, including the letters of recommendation, 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.

Dual Applications - Special Notice

If you are submitting applications for both the Joanne Ward Memorial Scholarship and the North Central Section 4-H Leaders' Council Scholarship, you may use the application for the Joanne Ward Memorial Scholarship and submit only that one to cover both applications.

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APPLICATION

Year: 2015

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number: () _____ Email: _____

County: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

4-H Club: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Highest Star Rank attained: _____

Name and address of high school: _____

_____ GPA _____

Graduation Date: _____ CHSPE or GED Exam (mo/yr) _____

For what business or profession are you preparing? _____

To which college, university, or trade school have you applied? _____

In which subject do you plan to major? _____

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____
Signature

The applicant is a current 4-H member in good standing.

4-H Staff: _____ Date: _____
Signature

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Recommendation Form

Applicant: Please give a copy of this page to a 4-H Volunteer Leader and other reference person to complete. Include this recommendation in its sealed envelope with your scholarship application packet. One additional page may be accepted from each reference, such as a letter.

Reference Person Instructions: Please return this completed form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. The applicant will submit it to the Selection Committee in the application packet. It will not be shown 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: _____