

Application for the **KERN COUNTY 4-H** **LEADER COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Kern County 4-H Leader Council is the governing body of the 4-H program in Kern County. Each year members of the Council, supported by volunteer leaders and members, raise funds to help pay the operating costs of the program. Some of the money generated is used to provide scholarships to deserving 4-H members who are graduating high school seniors or college freshmen.

Scholarships are awarded (depending on the availability of funds and applications warranting) in the following amounts:

- 1) One \$450.00 scholarship.
- 2) One \$300.00 scholarship.
- 3) Two \$250.00 scholarships.

Payment of the scholarship award will be made directly to the financial aid office upon verification of enrollment. Verification must be received within twelve months of the scholarship award date or the funds will revert to the Leader Council.

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

When submitting your application be sure to include the following items:

- Your personal letter of introduction.**
- Kern County 4-H Leader Council Scholarship Application.**
- Two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes.**
- Certified school transcripts of high school and any completed college work.**

No late entries will be accepted. All of the above must be at the Cooperative Extension Office by April 15th. Applications packets may be mailed but they must be postmarked by April 15th.

Your 4-H record book will also be needed for your interview. You will be contacted as to when the record book must be submitted.

STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY AND BASIS FOR SELECTION

1. The applicant must be an active member in good standing of a Kern County 4-H club and a high school senior or college freshman.
2. The applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
3. The applicant must attend a university, college, community college, vocational school, or technical school within one year of receiving his/her scholarship award. If the applicant fails to enroll in school within one year of receiving the scholarship, the scholarship will be revoked.
4. The applicant must submit a certified copy of her/his transcripts from high school and any completed college work along with the application.
5. Two letters of recommendation are required to be submitted along with the application. One letter must come from a present or former 4-H leader who can indicate the applicants level of participation in 4-H. The other letter must come from a teacher, counselor, or other school official. Your family members are not eligible to write letters of recommendation for you.
6. All applications and supporting material (personal letter of introduction, letters of recommendation, and transcripts) must be delivered to the Kern County Cooperative Extension Office by April 15th 5:00 p.m. Applications packets may be mailed but they must be postmarked by April 15th.
7. An applicant may apply more than once for this scholarship as long as s/he is eligible. However, once you have been awarded a scholarship, you may not apply again.
8. Scholarships are awarded on the availability of funds and when the applications are warranted.
9. The applicant must submit her/his record book for review by the interview panel prior to the interview date.
10. Selection of award recipients shall be based on the following:
 - a. Involvement in the 4-H Program 30 points
 - b. Scholastic Record 25 points
 - c. Community Service 20 points
 - d. Application & Interview 10 points
 - e. 4-H Record Book 5 points
 - f. Letters of Recommendation 5 points
 - g. Extra Curricular Activities 5 points

Kern County 4-H Leader Council Scholarship Application

Due at the Cooperative Extension Office (or postmarked) April 15.

Please type or print in dark ink. Additional sheets may be added if necessary.

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School Presently Attending: _____

Name of School You Will Attend Using Scholarship: _____

Field of Study: _____

Name of Your 4-H Club: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ Years in Youth Leadership: _____

Much of what the interviewing committee will learn about your 4-H experience comes from your 4-H Record Book. However, you must provide the interview committee with a personal letter of introduction that explains your future career plans and any other additional information that will assist the committee in making their final selection.

I have read and hereby accept the STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY AND BASIS FOR SELECTION for the Kern County 4-H Leader Council Scholarship and agree to accept the decision of the judges as final. I further understand that it is my responsibility to insure that all the items listed under APPLICANT CHECKLIST are delivered to the Cooperative Extension Office by April 15th 5:00 p.m. or postmarked by April 15th.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

Kern County 4-H Leader Council Scholarship Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

Applicant: Give this information sheet to the person writing your letter of recommendation. One letter must come from a teacher, counselor, or other school official. The other letter must come from a present or former 4-H leader who can indicate your level of participation in the 4-H program. Your family members are not eligible to write letters of recommendation for you.

Instructions For Submitting a Letter of Recommendation

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of the 4-H member who is applying for the Kern County 4-H Leader Council Scholarship. The Kern County 4-H Leader Council awards scholarships to Kern County 4-H members who are deserving of this scholarship and who meet the Standards of Eligibility and Basis for Selection.

Please take the time to tell us about how long you have known the applicant and what your association is with her/him. We would also like to know about the applicant's strengths and weaknesses. Most importantly, we would like you to tell us your opinion regarding whether or not the applicant should receive this scholarship.

When you complete the letter of recommendation, place it in an envelope and seal it. Then sign your name across the seal of the envelope and return it to the applicant. It is important that you return your letter to the applicant so s/he may submit it along with her/his application packet. Letters of recommendation are confidential and will not be seen by the applicant.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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