



# 2025 Napa County 4-H Scholarship Application

**DUE: Friday, March 21, 2025 by 5:00pm**

**Deliver or Mail to: UCCE Napa 4-H Office, 1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite 4, Napa, CA 94559**

Please put in a manila envelope and turn into the 4-H office by the deadline. Postmarks of March 21, 2025 will not be honored – must be in the office by 5:00pm on March 21, 2025 so please allow for mailing time to ensure you make this deadline. Late applications will not be accepted. **Interviews will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 beginning at 5:30pm.** The 4-H Office will contact you via phone or email to schedule your interview time. You must participate in the scholarship interview in order to be considered as a scholarship recipient.

Available scholarships include:

- ☘ NAPA COUNTY 4-H MANAGEMENT BOARD SCHOLARSHIP
- ☘ ED WEBER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- ☘ POLLY WAGENKNECHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- ☘ JOHN WAGENKNECHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- ☘ GRACE METHVEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- ☘ PAULETTE CORMACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- ☘ PETER GERLACH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The candidate for a 4-H scholarship must be:

1. Graduating seniors living within Napa County currently enrolled in the Napa County 4-H Youth Development Program as an “active” member.
2. Complete a minimum of four (4) years in a 4-H Club within Napa County including all (4) years of high school.
3. Graduate from an Accredited School (GED, Alternative, Public, Private, Home School, Etc.) within the Napa County Office of Education.
4. All recipients must verify full-time enrollment (12 credits) in a Community/Junior College, State College, University, or Trade School before receiving the scholarship money, unless a special circumstance is approved by the selection committee. Selection is not based on financial need.

☘ **4-H COURAGEOUS HEART SCHOLARSHIP (new!)**

This scholarship category is for graduating seniors living within Napa County currently enrolled in the Napa County 4-H Youth Development Program as an “active” member that have overcome extreme obstacles related to medical, family, and/or education. While these obstacles may have prevented them from completing the “minimum of four (4) years in a 4-H Club within Napa County including all (4) years of high school” requirement, applicants should be able to demonstrate a high level of 4-H involvement – both in their club and at county, regional, and/or state level events – during the time they have been enrolled in the 4-H program. • At least one (1) of the required three (3) letters of recommendation should outline in detail the obstacle and how the applicant has overcome the situation. • One (1) additional essay narrative explaining their circumstances will be required by the applicant. • Applicants may be asked to provide additional documentation of obstacles related to health, education, and/or family situation where applicable.

The amount and number of scholarships awarded will be based on the number of applications received, the merits of each application, and amount of available funding.

Questions? Contact Suzanne Amaral at (707) 253-4146 or [suzanne.amaral@countyofnapa.org](mailto:suzanne.amaral@countyofnapa.org).





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## PART 2: 4-H RESUME

- Submit a 4-H resume highlighting your personal development, education, leadership skills, community service, citizenship skills, and other honors. **Maximum 2 pages.** Find formatting instructions and examples at:  
[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member\\_Resources/4-H\\_Resumes/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member_Resources/4-H_Resumes/)

## PART 3: ESSAY

Write an essay that focuses on *how the 4-H program has helped you to prepare for your future.* Please include the following when writing your essay:

- Give a brief statement of your reason for applying for this scholarship; including future career plans, goals, objectives, how 4-H influenced this choice, and how you think your 4-H experience will help you achieve your educational goals.
- Summarize your 4-H activities including major achievements within the program, involvement in community service, and involvement in leadership.
- Summarize your involvement outside of 4-H, such as in school, clubs, your community, other organizations, etc.
- What makes you a viable candidate for financial assistance from this organization? Describe how you would spend the scholarship money.

**Your essay is limited to four (4) typed or printed, double spaced pages. Please use 12-point font with 1” margins if typing. Must be typed or printed neatly in black or blue ink.**

## PART 4: ATTACHMENTS

Please include with your application:

- A 7<sup>th</sup> semester grade report (Freshman year through first semester of Senior year).
- Home Schooled Youth – please provide documentation indicating completion of a high school course of study, and grade report as appropriate. If not available, some form of written explanation as to why it cannot be included.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation from any source, such as 4-H volunteer/leader, teacher, counselor, community member, or coach/mentor. Letters of recommendation will not be accepted from applicant’s relatives. **The recommendation template form on the next page may be completed in lieu of a formal recommendation letter if desired.**  
Tips: Give the person plenty of time to complete your letter, provide them with a resume or written summary that includes your activities and achievements, supply a stamped self-addressed envelope so they may mail the letter directly to the 4-H office, and express your appreciation.
- Current photograph
- Additional Essay Narrative (4-H Courageous Heart Scholarship Applicants Only)

## SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

4-H Scholarship Application (Parts 1-4).....	40 points
4-H Scholarship Interview.....	30 points
Letters of Recommendation.....	20 points
School Records.....	10 points



## Napa County 4-H Scholarship Application Letter of Recommendation Form

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant Advocate \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation with Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Time Knowing Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe in detail what you know about the applicant's work ethic, motivation, goals for the future, and why you feel they deserve to be awarded this scholarship. *You may attach a separate page if needed.*

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