

Merced County 4-H Youth Development Program
4-H Sponsoring Committee
4-H SCHOLARSHIP
for
High School Seniors - 2026

Please keep this form for your records.

Date application is due to 4-H Office: April 1 of the current year.

Eligibility for Senior Student Scholarship

- Currently a high school senior.
- Currently an **Active** 4-H member (MUST attend a minimum of 6 community club meetings).
- Has been a 4-H member for three consecutive years in high school.
- Must enroll in a minimum of 12 college units.
- Must complete all application requirements.

For consideration, the following items must be completed and submitted:

Please submit originals, no photocopies.

____ **Cover letter**

This letter should be a short account highlighting your **4-H experiences**. Provide a one-to-two-page narrative on yourself. How has 4-H helped you prepare for college?

____ **Application**

Please submit current application. Be sure application is complete and neat.

____ **Transcripts**

Please submit official transcript that includes grades for the most recent semester (quarter). Transcripts must be submitted with application.

____ **Three Letters of Recommendation (At Least Two must be from a 4-H Leader)**

- Submit letters of recommendation from three different individuals. Letters must be submitted with application.
- Letters should be addressed to the *4-H Scholarship Committee*.
- Letters must be written no more than three months prior to the scholarship application due date.
- A total of three letters must be submitted (no more, no less).

____ **Signatures - Applicant, parent, and 4-H Community Club Leader (Club Leader signature will be verified).**

Completed applications must be received at the 4-H office prior to 5 p.m. on April 1, 2026:

UCCE Office
4-H Scholarship Committee
2145 Wardrobe Avenue
Merced, CA 95341



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
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For Selection Committee use:

- ☐ Cover Letter
- ☐ Application
- ☐ Transcripts
- ☐ Letters of Recommendation (3)
- ☐ Signatures

Date Submitted _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email address: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Name of 4-H Club you belong to: _____ Number of years: _____

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

GPA: _____

National Testing Scores: SAT: Verbal _____ Math _____ Date Tested _____

ACT: _____ Date Tested: _____

Section A: Study/Career Plans

1. Name and address of college/university you plan to attend:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Major: _____

2. Why are you interested in pursuing a college education?

3. Outline your reasons for choosing your field of study.

Section B: Financial Need

Please explain your need for financial assistance.

Section C: Experiences in 4-H

List your major 4-H projects and events attended. Include the number of years in each project.

Project	Years	Jr/Teen Leader

2. 4-H Honors/Awards Earned (ex. Communications Day, Memorial Award, Record Book Awards)

Year	Type	Reason	Jr/Int/Senior

3. 4-H Office/Positions held (ex. Club officer, committee chair, camp staff)

Year	Position

Section D: 4-H Citizenship/Leadership Experience

1. List, in chronological order, your 4-H citizenship/leadership experiences. Include things that contribute to the welfare of others (in 4-H or your community), and indicate the size and scope of what you accomplished.
2. What have you gained from these experiences?

Section E: Citizenship/Leadership Experience other than 4-H

1. List, in chronological order, non 4-H citizenship/leadership experiences and activities in which you have participated.
2. What have you gained from these experiences?

Section F: **Community Service- 4-H and non-4-H**

Section G: **Signatures**

Applicant

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

4-H Community Club Leader

Date

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