

Scholarship Application

2026 Tehama County 4-H Scholarship Guidelines & Application

Deadline for applying is Wednesday March 25, 2026, at 5pm

Tehama County 4-H Council will be awarding scholarships again this year. Potential scholarships awarded will be in increments of \$1,000.00, \$750.00, \$500.00, and \$250.00. Applicants will be selected based on cumulative results of the application and their growth in the 4-H program. Amounts awarded will be decided amongst the scholarship committee. **Scholarship distribution will be given in one payment at the beginning of the first semester once the recipient has sent their class schedule or military acceptance to the Tehama County UCCE Office.** Scholarship awards will not be held beyond one school year of the award date.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CRITERIA

- Graduating high school senior
- Currently, an active 4-H member with at least three years of active 4-H member in high school
- Achieved a minimum 2.0 accumulative grade point average and meet entrance requirements to a university, community college, vocational school, or military service.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ ☐ Completed and signed application
- ✓ ☐ Resume (see [4-H Resume Template](#) for ideas, not required to follow this format)
- ✓ ☐ Letters of recommendations
 - One 4-H Adult Volunteer reference
 - One non 4-H related reference (i.e., teachers, employer, coach, church or school official)
- ✓ ☐ Current photo for publicity purposes
- ✓ ☐ Current unofficial high school transcripts
- ✓ ☐ Essay or short answer prompts relevant to the requirements
(See essay/short answer question details on the back).

All the above items must be completed and received at the UC Cooperative Extension-Tehama County Office by mail or hand-delivered no later than Wednesday March 25, 2026, for consideration. Post marks will not be accepted, must be at the Tehama Count UCCE office by Wednesday March 25, 2026, by 5pm.

Mail the Application to:

Tehama County 4-H Council
1754 Walnut Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Hand Deliver the Application to:

UC Cooperative Extension, Tehama County
1754 Walnut Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Awards will be announced at the April Leaders' Council Meeting and in the May "The Clover" newsletter.

Recognition is planned for at students' high school senior awards night and at the Tehama County Beef Carcass Contest & Agricultural Scholarship Ice Cream Social, dates to be announced.

4-H Scholarship Application

Applicant Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Total years in 4-H: _____ Total in High School: _____ Club: _____

Name of High School: _____

Name of college or vocational school you plan to attend or branch you plan to enlist in the service:

Major subject to be studied and brief career path plans:

Please include the following in your essay or short-answer questions:
(reference your 4-H story for content)

1. Introduce yourself.
2. Describe your experiences volunteering in the community, inside and outside of the 4-H Youth Development Program. How did these experiences help shape you as a young person?
3. How have your 4-H experiences influenced your career aspirations and desire to pursue post-high school education or service?
4. What strengths and leadership skills have you gained through the 4-H Youth Development Program?
5. In the future, how will you utilize what you have learned in the 4-H Youth Development Program?

I verify that the information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Scholarship evaluators will use this rubric to score your application.

Tehama County 4-H Scholarship Evaluation

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

	Needs Improvement 1	Satisfactory 2	Very Good 3	Excellent 4	Score
Application Evaluation					
Application and Resume	Resume does not document examples of leadership, citizenship, or personal/professional development.	Resume documents at least 1 entry each for leadership, citizenship, and personal/professional development.	Resume documents at least 2 entries each for leadership, citizenship, and personal/professional development.	Resume documents at least 3 entries each for leadership, citizenship, and personal/professional development.	
Essay Questions	Applicant shows no interest.	Applicant shows interest in program but provides no reasons or goals.	Applicant shows clear interest in program and outlines goals.	Applicant shows passion for county 4-H program and leadership; details appropriate goals in essays.	
Letters of Recommendation	The letter(s) recommend this applicant.	The applicant meets the basic qualifications, but the letter(s) have hesitations about recommending them.	The letter(s) recommend the applicant as they have demonstrated good leadership skills and works well with a team.	The letter(s) highly recommend the applicant and is an excellent candidate as they have met and/or exceeded all qualifications.	
Growth in 4-H	Little involvement within the 4-H program throughout their 4-H career.	Minimal evidence showing leadership ability, commitment to community service, experience in event/program planning at club/county level and continued involvement after achieving higher 4-H accomplishments.	Moderate evidence showing leadership ability, commitment to community service, experience in event/program planning at club/county level and continued involvement after achieving higher 4-H accomplishments.	Has demonstrated leadership ability at the club/county level, has shown commitment to community service, has continued with 4-H involvement after achieving higher 4-H accomplishments, is able to express the knowledge they have learned their 4-H career, has served as a role model for others.	

Comments: