

Scholarship Information

OBJECTIVE

To recognize and financially assist 4-H members who have demonstrated the highest of achievements in scholarship and active 4-H leadership within the county. Members must indicate their willingness to contribute time to the 4-H program as adults.

County Council Scholarships: Supported by the Calaveras 4-H Council, the County Council Scholarships recognize deserving young persons who exemplify leadership, civic engagement, and service through their involvement in 4-H. *Up to two (2) County Council Scholarships may be awarded.*

Jennifer Goerlitz Memorial Scholarship: Jennifer Goerlitz served as the Calaveras 4-H Program Representative for more than 30 years, dedicating her career to mentoring, motivating, and educating youth throughout the county. She was a steady presence in the 4-H community and was widely known for her leadership, kindness, and deep commitment to youth development. Jennifer exemplified the values of civic engagement, service, and care for others, leaving a lasting impact on countless young people and volunteers. This memorial scholarship is awarded to a deserving young person who demonstrates these same qualities. *Up to one (1) Jennifer Goerlitz Memorial Scholarship may be awarded.*

GUIDELINES

1. Have/will have completed two years of 4-H club work by their last year of 4-H.
2. Have/will have graduated from a Calaveras County High School, being up to 24 years of age.
3. Award amount is \$1000.00 each for up to three (3) recipients. Two (2) County Council Scholarships and one (1) Jennifer Goerlitz Memorial Scholarship. A 4-H member can receive a County Council Scholarship or the Jennifer Goerlitz Memorial Scholarship.
4. Recipients must enroll full-time and attend a post-secondary education school or training program within one year of having received notification of their award.
5. Applicants are required to come before the selection committee for an oral interview on the first Saturday of May. Bringing your 4-H Record Book is recommended, but not required. The selection committee, determined by the 4-H Office, shall include any combination of three 4-H volunteers and/or community members.

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6. Applications forms will consist of the following:

- 4-H Scholarship Application Cover Page
- 4-H Information Sheet
- Two (2) Essays
- Current 4-H Resume
- High School Transcript (Comparable records for Home-Schooled)
- Two (2) recommendation letters from 4-H Leaders (One from Project Leader and one from the Community Club Leader, if not related.) Failure to have any of these application forms will forfeit any chance to have your application accepted and approved for a scholarship by the Scholarship Committee.
- Application and statement must be in the possession of the 4-H office by the third Friday in April by 4:30 p.m. **Drop off:** 423 E. Saint Charles St., San Andreas, CA 95249, **Mail:** 891 Mountain Ranch Rd. San Andreas, CA 95249, **or Email:** calaveras4h@ucanr.edu.

7. Qualified applicants will be contacted and interviewed by the 4-H Office on the first Saturday of May.

8. The UCCE Office will issue a check to the recipient(s) when notification of enrollment is received from the institution. Failure to enroll within one year of award notification voids the award and the amount shall remain in the scholarship account.

9. After all eligible applicants have been interviewed, scholarship recipients will be notified via email and/or USPS.



Application Cover Page

Instructions: This application form is to be completed by applicant, signed, and submitted to the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE), Calaveras Office (**Drop off:** 423 E. Saint Charles St., San Andreas, CA 95249, **Mail:** 891 Mountain Ranch Rd. San Andreas, CA 95249, **or Email:** calaveras4h@ucanr.edu.) along with the applicant's essays, 4-H Information Sheet, 4-H Resume, and two (2) recommendation letters from 4-H leaders. Applicants must request a transcript of High School records be sent to the UCCE Office before the deadline.

Scholarship(s) I am applying for (please indicate by checking the box):

- County Council Scholarship
- Jennifer Goerlitz Memorial Scholarship

Applicant's Name: _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

Overall GPA: _____ Graduation date: _____

School/Program planning to attend: _____

Major subject to be taken: _____

Signature of Student

Date



Essay Information

Complete all essays to meet the requirements for this scholarship. Be as specific as possible.

Pro tip: The candidate that uses the most words usually gets more points.

Essay Requirements:

Times New Roman or Arial 12-point font, 1.5 or 2.0 spacing, no less than .5 margins.

Essay Prompts:

1. If not selected as a scholarship recipient, how might this affect your ability to attend college? Be as specific as possible. (Maximum: 250 words)
2. Describe the field in which you are currently pursuing or will pursue a degree or certification, and how 4-H has prepared you to enter this field. What skills are necessary for this field? What skills did 4-H help you acquire? (Maximum: 500 words)



4-H Information Page

Please be brief and selective; use only the space provided.

Summarize outstanding honors earned (4-H and others):

Major contributions or help given to others in 4-H:



Major contributions or help given in school, community, etc.:



4-H Resume Information

A resumé is an opportunity to show your strengths, skills, talents and creativity. You want to stand out and be remembered and at the same time, present yourself professionally. Here are some tips for a successful resume design:

- Use no more than 2 different fonts and no more than 3 different sizes of fonts.
- Follow a pattern of font use, heading use and description format.
- Leave plenty of white space on the page, consider 1-inch margins all around.
- Use bullet points and phrases, except in the Personal Development Statement, use complete sentences.
- Maximum of 2 pages. Each side counts as a page.

Highlight your 4-H experiences and touch on your involvement outside of 4-H. Highlight the most significant skills you have gained and the ones you are most proud of.

Information to Include

- Name, Address, Phone, Email in a heading
- Personal Development Statement: One to three sentences that describe what you stand for and what you aspire to become as a human being. It is not a statement of what you want to do, but rather how you want to be in the world.
- Education and Professional Development: Highest grade achieved so far; trainings; specialized course work.
- Leadership Skills: Describe skills you have gained through significant leadership roles you have filled. Include date range of experience.
- Other Skills: Skills and expertise in specific areas like musical instruments, work experience, dance training, etc.
- Certificates & Honors: List title of certificate and who issued it.

Applicants may use the UC 4-H Record Book [4-H Resume Template](#).

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