



2026 NEIL F. AND LAURA D. HULBERT AWARD APPLICATION PACKET

**Completed Application Packet must be received at the 4-H Office
Postmarked/ Date-stamped by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2026.**

Mail or walk-in to: Placer County 4-H, 2855 2nd St., Auburn, CA 95603

*Applications dropped off at the 4-H office after 5:00 p.m. on 4/17/26 **will not** be accepted.*

ITEMS NEEDED FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET

(Incomplete packets will not be accepted.)

- ➔ This Cover Sheet
- ➔ 2026 Current Application
- ➔ **Essay:** "What my 4-H experiences have taught me." (typed, not more than 2 pages double-spaced)
- ➔ Transcript (current grades)
- ➔ Letters of Recommendation (**THREE: At least ONE from a school teacher, principal, or counselor, and ONE should be from an adult 4-H leader**)

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

*I understand that I must attend the interview on **April 30th** . (initial) _____*

Office Use Only

Items received for 4-H Hulbert Scholarship Award Application Packet

- Cover Sheet
- Current Application
- Essay
- Transcript
- 3 Letters of Recommendation. Each in a sealed envelope.

Date received: _____ BY: _____

Date stamp day received: _____



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**Administered by Placer County 4-H
2855 2nd St., Auburn, CA 95603 (530) 889-7386**

BACKGROUND: Laura D. Hulbert and Neil F. Hulbert, now both deceased, were strong supporters of youth activities and especially respected the young people who were involved in the 4-H Program. They bequeathed a substantial amount of money to be used for awards to youth who had been outstanding participants in the 4-H Program. The first awards were given in 1994. **This year's awards in the amount of \$2,500 each will be given to one male, one female, and up to three additional awards open to either male or female.**

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION: All youth must comply with the following criteria in order to apply for the award.

- Applicant must be a student in Placer County, be at least 14 years old, and not yet 19 by December 31st of the selection year.
- Applicant must currently be enrolled in the Placer County 4-H program.
- Applicant may not have received this award in prior years.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Read through the Application Process completely. **All documents listed must be included in the Application Packet and submitted together.**

- **APPLICATION:** Applicant must complete the current Application Form—2026 (not an old form).
- **ESSAY:** Write a short essay, typed, not more than 2 pages double-spaced. Topic - "What My 4-H Experiences Have Taught Me."
- **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Letters of recommendation from three persons must accompany the application. At least one letter should be from a school teacher, principal, or counselor, and one should be from an adult 4-H leader. Each letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope.
- **TRANSCRIPT:** Applicant must submit a current transcript of grades.
- **COMPLETED Cover Sheet, Application, Essay, Transcript, and three Recommendation Letters must be received at the 4-H office by Friday, April 17, 2026. Items will not be accepted separately.**
- **In person interviews will be held Thursday, April 30, 2026 (no exceptions) starting at 5:00 p.m. You will be contacted with your interview time.**

SELECTION PROCESS: A committee of five community-based persons who are currently not involved directly with the 4-H program or related to the member-applicant will make the selection of recipients based on the following:

- Outstanding personal involvement in civic and community activities.
- Outstanding personal involvement in school activities.
- Outstanding involvement and leadership in 4-H related activities.
- Outstanding record of collaboration and cooperation with diverse groups and individuals.
- Satisfactory record of academic achievement.

SELECTION OF EVALUATORS:

- The evaluators should not be currently enrolled as 4-H leaders and should represent a variety of community-based organizations, groups, business, or schools.
- Recommendations will be submitted to the 4-H Community Education Specialist who will ascertain that all proposed evaluators meet the requirements of non-involvement with program or applicants.
- Evaluators will be approved by the County Director.



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APPLICATION FORM

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Please print or type clearly

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parents' names: _____

High school attended: _____ Grade: _____

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

Age: _____ Birth date: _____

Briefly explain your Post-Secondary Plan

(List college or trade school, etc., and include field and length of study, etc.)



I. CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Include in this section all non-school, non-4-H activities in which you have participated including church, athletics outside of school, other clubs and/or organizations you belong to.

List activities and positions of leadership or degree of participation involved:

Honors and awards received:

Highlight what you have learned from these experiences:



II. SCHOOL AND SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

Include in this section academic, club, athletic, music, and any other extra curricular activities in which you participate or have participated.

List clubs, activities, and offices or positions of leadership held:

Honors and awards received:

Highlight what you have learned from these experiences:



III. 4-H ACTIVITIES

Include in this section, a recap of your 4-H participation:

List major projects and activities:

List offices and positions of leadership:

Honor and awards received:



IV. COLLABORATION & COOPERATION WITH DIVERSE GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS

Describe one of your most meaningful experiences helping others:

Describe a person who has had significant impact on your life:

V. SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Attach a current transcript of high school records.



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- Other. Please note any additional thought you would like to share.

Please return the letter to the youth in a **sealed envelope** in time for him/her to submit it with their completed application packet, which is due by April 17, 2026. Applications not submitted **in full** or by the April 17th deadline **will not** be accepted.

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