

San Mateo County 4-H Club Council

Scholarship I Fund

January 16, 2014

Dear 4-H Member:

As administrators of the San Mateo County 4-H Scholarship Fund, we have been given your name as a 4-H member who will be eligible to compete for one of the 2013 4-H Scholarships. This year our committee will give several scholarships to deserving 4-H members to further their education. We hope that you will take the time to apply and compete for one of the awards.

The number and amounts of the scholarships vary each year, depending on the findings of the judges. In the past, we have given as many as fourteen awards in one year, in amounts ranging from \$300 to \$2,500 per person.

The procedure is simple, and well worth the time and effort it takes to apply. You must bring your 4-H record book up to date. The more you put into your record book and story, the better off you are, for then the judges can see how you have grown in the 4-H program and how you have helped your club and community along the way. Any stories, personal development sheets, project sheets, pictures, etc., that you have from past years may be put into your book for these scholarships, as they are a way for the judges to evaluate your progress through the years.

You must be currently enrolled in the 4-H program to apply. HOWEVER, your past years in 4-H are most important.

You must have your last school transcripts and three (3) recommendations in the County Office by 5:00 PM, on Thursday, March 27, 2014.

Applications and record books are due in the County Office by noon, Friday, March 28, 2014.

Your application and record book are judged by a panel of men and women not involved in the 4-H program, however, they work with young people every day at Stanford University and Cañada College. They are real “fans” of 4-H and enjoy working with the scholarship judging. The judges read each page of your record book and know all about you when you come for your interview, which will be held by appointment. You will be notified of your interview time after record books have been turned in. Let your teachers and employers know **now** that you will have an interview on April 30, 2014.

Judging is done on a percentage basis as follows: Leadership and Achievement in 4-H – 20% (this they find from your records); Scholarship Record – 20%; Recommendations – 20%; Oral Interviews – 15% and 4-H Record Book and Story – 25%. So, if you are low in one area, you can make it up in another. The judging is completed on a point system and is extremely fair and unbiased. ***Be sure to include your past years records in your record book when applying for Scholarship I.***

Take the time to apply for one of these scholarships. Call Angie Papangellin, at 650-799-1273, and I will be happy to give you any help or information that you might need. We look forward to meeting you at the interviews. Mark your calendars now. You will receive your interview time several days before then, so clear that afternoon with your teachers and employers very soon.

Time Line

March 27, 2014 – School transcripts and three (3) letters of recommendation due

March 28, 2014 – Record book and applications due

April 30, 2014 - Interviews (you will be notified with your timeslot)

Sincerely,

Lois Muphy
Administrator

Angie Papangellin
Chair

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