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SUBMISSION DEADLINE BY 5:00 PM ON JULY 26, 2024

Please read the instructions below or you can find them online on our county website:

https://ucanr.edu/sites/smsf4h/Star Ranks Awards and Scholarships/Scholarship II/

Applicant's Eligibility:

- May not be enrolled as a 4-H youth (this scholarship is for 4-H alumni)
- Must be age 19 or older by 12/31/2023.
- Must be a college freshman or above.
- Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.

You need to address all five (5) criteria to be considered for a scholarship. Each applicant must include:

- 1. Complete the online application (you should have all your information ready to upload and complete).
- 2. **Essay Questions*** covering the following topics (max 500 words per question; spelling and grammar will be taken into consideration. Please also have your name AND date on the document):
 - a. How did your 4-H experiences influence your career aspirations and desire to pursue higher education?
 - b. Describe in detail the community service, volunteer and/or extra-curricular activities you have performed in the last 12 months, inside and outside of the 4-H Youth Development Program.
 - c. What strengths and leadership skills have you gained through the 4-H Youth Development Program?
- 3. **Transcript*:** most recent transcript (downloaded unofficial transcript is acceptable).
- 4. **Resume*** (4-H or another format) Find the 4-H template here:
 - https://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member Resources/4-H Resumes/
- 5. At least three Letter(s) of Recommendation. Please provide this link to your recommender:
 - https://ucanr.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_OHVhYnRgPUkfyKO
 - o College related teacher, professor, counselor, or staff member, someone familiar with the student's current schooling.
 - Community related 4-H leader, community service advisor, etc.
 - o A personal reference from a non-related adult.
- 6. Upload essay responses, transcript and resume via the online application. Acceptable format PDF or WORD DOC ONLY. In general, scholarships are awarded based on achievement (both academic and contributions to the community as demonstrated by the student's work, 4-H ideals, and goals) and capacity for learning from experience, hard work, and perseverance. Scholarships are not awarded on financial need. First time applicants and re-applicants who have not received a Scholarship II Award previously will be considered first for funding. Then, re-applicants who have previously received a Scholarship II Award will be considered, subject to funds available. Re-applicants must apply in full each year.

Scholarships will be awarded on:

- 30% Essay questions
- 20% Resume
- 20% Letters of Recommendation
- 25% Community Service and Volunteerism over the last 12 months
- 5% Transcripts (High grade point average is not essential)

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Garcia, Scholarship II Administrator, susan.m.garcia@comcast.net

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