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## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL CAREER DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Santa Cruz County 4-H Club Council based on the amount allocated for that year for Career Development Scholarships. Scholarships will be divided up equally amongst all applicants being awarded a scholarship for that year.

The scholarships are to be used for career development expenses. This will include college, trade school, an apprentice program or other specific program designed to prepare you for a career.

- Applicants must be enrolled in 4-H Club work for the current year in a Santa Cruz County 4-H
   Club and live within the Club's boundaries.
- You must have **completed** your sophomore year in high school.
- Selection will be based on your application, current 4-H record book OR typed resume, essay typed 500 words maximum, and 2 sealed letters of recommendation and an interview.
- Essay is to include leadership and community service.
- Interviews and selection will be by three persons familiar with 4-H. No member of the interview panel may be a parent/ legal guardian or 4-H leader of the applicant.

Considerations that will be used to determine recipients:

- Character (may include attitude, responsibility, maturity, moral values)
- Citizenship
- Leadership
- Service (to your 4-H Club, community, or to individual members concern for others)
- Scholarship (grade point average will not in itself determine your standing)

Scholarships may be used up to four years after high school.

Questions regarding eligibility will be determined by the Santa Cruz County 4-H scholarship Committee.

## Tips to Applicants

- You will be meeting someone who will be evaluating you as a person, as well as for what you
  have done. Try to make it easy for them to do this. A poor attitude or appearance can be
  distracting.
- Have your application neat and easy to read.

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Submit 2 sealed letters of recommendations. One reference may be your 4-H leaders, parents of members you have helped, etc. and one reference from outside of 4-H.

• Be at ease. This committee will be evaluating you based on positive impressions. They are your "friends".

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