

Scholarship Programs for Yolo County 4-H'ers Adreon Johnston Memorial Scholarship MaryAnn Wegener Memorial Scholarship



Date: Annually in February

Dear Yolo County 4-H High School Senior,

You are invited to apply for the Adreon Johnston Memorial Scholarship and the MaryAnn Wegener Memorial Scholarship. Each of these scholarships is given independently to a graduating high school senior that has been active in Yolo County 4-H programs. If you are interested in applying, applications with scholarship qualifications and information are enclosed.

The Adreon Johnston Memorial Scholarship is given annually to 4-H members that have been active in any 4-H projects or programs, demonstrated leadership, provided support, and have contributed back to their club and community. In 1984, the scholarship was created to honor Adreon Brent Johnston who was a member of the Willow Oak 4-H club. If you have any questions you may call Brooke Santoni (530) 681-0978.

The other scholarship is the MaryAnn Wegener Memorial Scholarship, administered through the Yolo County 4-H Post-secondary Scholarship Program. This scholarship is in memory of MaryAnn Wegener, who was a very active 4H adult volunteer in roles ranging from Club to County All Star Advisor. She loved watching 4-H members grow, mature, and pursue their life dreams. Scholarships have been awarded annually since 2002. Priority is given to those 4-H'ers that need financial assistance in order to meet their vocational, two- or four-year college goals. For additional information call Gary Wegener, 530-666-4098. Questions regarding the Yolo County 4-H Post-secondary Scholarship Program may be directed to the 4H Leaders' Council President, Melissa Bain.

Each application is due by **April 1** to their respective sponsors. All graduating seniors are encouraged to apply.

Sincerely,

Brooke Santoni Willow Oak 4-H Adreon Johnston Memorial Scholarship

Enclosures a/s

Cc: 4H Leaders' Council President

Sincerely,

Gary Wegener MaryAnn Wegener Memorial Scholarship

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ADREON JOHNSTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY WILLOW OAK 4-H

INFORMATION SHEET: NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____TOWN: _____ CONTACT PHONE: NAME OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS: NAME OF 4-H CLUB:_____ COMMUNITY LEADER: NAME OF 4-H PROJECTS AND YEARS IN PROJECTS: NAME OF COLLEGE OR SCHOOL PLANNING TO ATTEND: _____ WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER PLANS: _____ QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS... 1. A Yolo County High School Senior actively involved in 4-H and any project. 2. A 4-H senior continuing their education. 3. Complete 4-H Record Book through last year.

- Two (2) letters of recommendation-first from your community or project leader, the second from a person of your choice.
- 5. Personal interview with a 4-H scholarship selection committee during April.

These two pages to be filled out and returned by **April 1** to Brooke Santoni 18030 Ruddy Street, Woodland CA, 95695. For additional information, contact Brooke Santoni...530-681-0978.

1. MAJOR 4-H EVENTS YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED:

2. WHY DO YOU FEEL YOU WOULD LIKE OR NEED THIS SCHOLARSHIP?

3. SUMMERIZE ONE EXPERIENCE IN A 4-H RELATED PROJECT, NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE:

4. SUMMARIZE OUTSTANDING HONOR/HONORS (4-H AND OTHERS):

5. MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS OR SUPPORT GIVEN TO OTHERS IN 4-H:

6. MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS OR SUPPORT GIVEN IN SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, ETC.:

Yolo County 4-H Post-secondary Scholarship Program MaryAnn Wegener Memorial 4H Scholarship Application

Applicant Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Phone number:	Email:	
High School & mo./yr. of graduation: _		
Club and years in 4-H:		
Club Leader (Name/phone):		

- 1. Have you been accepted to a vocational or trade school, junior college or 4 year college? Yes/No. If yes, please list the school(s) you are planning on attending. If not, please list any pending applications.
- 2. Have you submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Yes/No.
 - a. If yes, have you received a Student Aid Report (SAR)? Yes/No
 - b. If yes, please attach a copy. If no, when was your FAFSA submitted?
- 3. Please attach Financial Aid Award Letters you've received for institutions you intend to attend (see reverse).
- 4. Have you applied through your high school for financial aid? Yes/No If no, please explain why.
- 5. Do you authorize your high school to validate financial need through any scholarship applications and financial need documentation they hold? Yes/No. Release transcripts? Yes/No.

Signature/date: _____

On separate paper (please limit application to maximum of 3 pages, plus this cover sheet):

- 1. Please describe your educational goals and plans after high school.
- 2. Please describe your 4-H experience, what you have learned from 4-H, and what you feel you have contributed to the 4-H program.
- 3. Please explain how this scholarship is important to your post-graduation plans. (This scholarship is intended to help those that otherwise might find it difficult financially to realize their vocational or educational plans after high school.)

Please include two letters of recommendation-including one from your community or project leader.

Mail the application by <u>April 1</u> to Gary Wegener, 30 Roman Court, Woodland, CA 95776

Financial Aid Award Letter provided by your college or vocational school (Please attach a copy of the Financial Aid Award Letter to your application.)

Colleges use **financial aid award letters** to notify families about the types, amounts and sources of financial aid available to the student. This collection of financial aid is often referred to as a financial aid package. You should receive the financial aid award letter by mid-April, with enough time to review it before the May 1

deadline. (This assumes, of course, that you met the college's deadlines to file its financial aid application forms and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).) May 1 is known as the national candidate's reply date or the common reply date. It is the deadline for accepting offers of admission at most colleges. Most colleges send out offers of admission in late March or early April. The financial aid award letter should arrive at the same time or a few days later.

Colleges that provide earlier admissions notifications often wait until a set date to mail the financial aid award letters. Even though colleges start putting together financial aid packages in mid-February, they often wait until the March/April timeframe to mail the financial aid award letters to reduce the uncertainty associated with some forms of financial aid. For example, some states might not finalize the state grants until later in the spring.

If more than two weeks have passed since you filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and you have not yet received the Student Aid Report (SAR), check the status of your FAFSA on the <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u> web site. Applicants who submitted the FAFSA online should receive email about how to access the SAR in 3-5 days. If you did not include an email address on your FAFSA or you filed a paper FAFSA, you should receive your SAR by mail in 7-10 days.

After you receive the SAR, your FAFSA may be selected for verification. It is important to return the verification paperwork as soon as possible, or you risk delaying your financial aid award letter. Some colleges have secure online portals they use to deliver the financial aid award letter instead of sending it by mail. Login to the portal to check whether there are any messages waiting for you. Login instructions may have been included with the admissions packet.

If you are worried, or if you have not received the financial aid award letter by mid-April, call the college's financial aid office to ask when you should expect to receive the financial aid award letter. Some colleges will include this date in a financial aid timeline on the college's web site.

After you receive the financial aid award letter, check whether you have to return a signed copy to the financial aid office. Some colleges require you to sign and return the letter within a week or two to accept the financial aid offer. Others do not.

Evaluate the financial aid award letters by calculating the out-of-pocket cost for each college. This is the difference between the full cost of attendance and the gift aid (e.g., grants, scholarships, tuition waivers and housing waivers). Be sure that the cost of attendance figure is complete and that the various allowances for textbooks and travel are reasonable. The out-of-pocket cost is the amount you will have to pay or borrow to send your child to the college. It is an accurate measure of your bottom line cost and a good basis for comparing college costs among different colleges.

Students who are wait-listed may have to wait until after the May 1 reply date to hear about offers of admission and financial aid. You must reapply for financial aid every year. In subsequent years the financial aid award letter may come later because there is less pressure to make a decision by the admissions deadline.