

Fresno County 4-H Scholarships

***SUBMIT:**

1. One application. You will be considered for all scholarships for which you are qualified based on your 4-H participation and chosen course of study.
2. Essay – What 4-H Means to Me. (Include 4-H project experiences, leadership experiences, citizenship/community service experiences and how 4-H affected your career goals.) 3 to 4 pages typewritten, double spaced using a regular 12-point font.
3. Letter of recommendation from a 4-H Leader. (Parents, guardians, close relatives or participants in the selection process may not write letters of recommendation.) All letters of recommendation must be sealed in an envelope, signed across the flap by the writer, and included with the completed application.

Highly Recommended:

4. Last year's 4-H Record Book including: PDR, current Project Reports, and 4-H Story OR a Sectional/State application format. **Optional – You may consider Submitting a resume in lieu of the record book.** You will not be docked for not submitting a Record Book. Resume should reflect all 4-H years through current.

*Place items 1 through 4 in a folder.

CRITERIA FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS

1. 4-H Member in Good Standing
2. Senior in high school or equivalent examination.
3. Applicant planning to enroll in Jr. College, College, University, or Trade/Technical School.
4. Scholarship funds will be awarded upon written request, submitted with proof of enrollment and copy of award letter, in the FIRST semester/quarter of school. The Joe Souza Memorial Scholarship, Rotary Scholarship and Ermoian Scholarship will also require proof of major.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

Selection will be based on the efforts of the applicant to help others through 4-H Leadership and Community Service. Items which may be considered include but are not limited to: serving as a Jr./Teen Leader, Jr. 4-H Camp Counselor, or All Star; committee leadership (club, county or sectional activities) and participation in club or county community service activities.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO FRESNO COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS

Homer Williams Scholarships (\$100-\$500 per selected applicant, total of \$1000 per year)

This was initially established as a single scholarship in 1999 to honor Homer Williams, a 45 year leader in the Fresno County 4-H program. They will be awarded based on overall 4-H participation and leadership. Each selected applicant will receive a minimum award of \$100. The committee may increase the amount of a scholarship given to a single applicant in increments of \$50 based on available funds and merit of the applicants. A maximum amount of \$1000 will be awarded each year.

Cynthia Frame Memorial Scholarship (\$500 total split between two or all to one applicant)

Sponsored from an endowment from the Frame Family to honor Cynthia Frame and her 48 years of 4-H service to Fresno County 4-H members and leaders, especially through the 4-H Camp Program. This scholarship will be awarded to a Fresno County 4-H member who has exhibited leadership in the presentation of the Fresno County 4-H Camp. The member must have participated at least one year as a Junior Camp Counselor in the Fresno County 4-H Camp Program. Written request with college enrollment verification required for funding.

Ermoian Scholarship (\$250 to one applicant, renewable for an additional 3 years)

Established in 2002 by a donation from the Ermoian Family Foundation. The scholarship will be awarded to the most qualified applicant planning a career in the field of (human) Health Care. The initial scholarship will be awarded to the successful applicant upon receipt of written request with proof of enrollment and major (related to human Health Care). The scholarship can be renewed for an additional \$250 upon the fourth, sixth, and eighth full time semester with proof of enrollment and major.

Joe Souza Memorial Scholarship (\$500 awarded to one applicant)

The Joe Souza Memorial Scholarship was founded in 1996 in honor of Joe Souza, long time Fresno County dairyman and farmer. He was an avid believer of education since he did not have the opportunity to finish high school. This scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in Agriculture with dairy project members given first consideration. Funds will be awarded to the successful applicant upon receipt of written request including proof of enrollment in an Agriculture-related major.

Rotary Club of Fresno Scholarship (\$1000 awarded to one applicant)

Awarded to an applicant pursuing a degree in Agriculture or Agriculture-related major. Applicants applying to a four-year school will be first consideration, however, two-year applicants are not disqualified. Funds will be awarded to the successful applicant directly from Rotary Club of Fresno upon written request including proof of enrollment in an Agriculture-related major.

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Small Animal Scholarship (\$250 to two applicants or \$500 to a single applicant)

Established in 2011 and funded by the Fresno County Leader's Council Small Animal Funds. The small animal scholarship will be awarded to an applicant with a minimum of four years of active participation in one or more small animal projects (Cavy, Rabbit, Poultry, Dog Care, and Pygmy Goat.) The maximum amount awarded each year is \$500 and can be awarded to one applicant or divided between two highly qualified applicants. Written request required for funding.

Color Me Green Run Scholarship (\$2,000 awarded may split between two or three applicants)

Established in 2016 and funded by the annual color run hosted by Fresno County 4-H. In addition to the requirements listed on page 1 of scholarship instructions, records should reflect active participation in 4-H all four years of high school. What 4-H Means to Me essay to reflect how "healthy living lifestyle" benefits combine with 4-H participation and how you've incorporated them for yourself. Funds will be awarded upon receipt of written request from the recipient which must include valid proof of college enrollment.

My Job Depends on Ag (\$500 awarded may split between two applicants)

Established in 2017 and funded by MJDOA, their vision is to show how many people's lives are related, connected and, most importantly, **dependent** on agriculture. Their goal is to illustrate just how massive the fraternity of Ag really is, as well as educate and inform the public on the importance of Ag. The creation & generation of the MJDOA decal has served as a tool to bring forth awareness and all monies raised through sales are donated to scholarships in various schools and organizations. Applicants applying to a four-year school will have first consideration, however two year applicants are not disqualified. A degree in any form of Agricultural related fields qualify. Funds will be awarded in the second semester/quarter upon written request of the recipient which must include valid proof of enrollment.

Clover Fest Scholarship (\$3,000 awarded may split between two, or three) Established in

2024 and funded by the annual Clover Fest fundraiser dinner hosted by Sanger Masonic Lodge. In addition to the requirements listed on page 1 of scholarship instructions, records should reflect active participation in a minimum of two years of high schools as a 4-H member. Those with an emphasis in leadership and strong community service will have first consideration. Funds will be awarded upon receipt of written request from the recipient which must include valid proof of college enrollment.

