



Monterey County Farm Bureau



Central Coast Young Farmers & Ranchers
2024 Agricultural Scholarships Application

Check all Scholarships you are applying for (may apply for only one Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship):

- Monterey County Farm Bureau Four-Year University Scholarship
Central Coast Young Farmers & Ranchers Junior/Community College Scholarship
Central Coast Young Farmers & Ranchers Four-Year University Scholarship
American AgCredit Four-Year University Scholarship

Name: Last First Middle Birth Date: Month Day Year

Mailing Address: E-mail:

City/St/Zip: Phone:

High School Attended

School Name: Dates Attended:

Cumulative G.P.A.: SAT or ACT (circle one): Graduation Date:

College - Enrolled or Intended to be Enrolled for Fall 2024

School Name: Dates Attended:

Cumulative G.P.A.: Major: Minor/Concentration:

College Level Fall 2024: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Expected College Graduation Date: If entering Freshman, college acceptance received?

If you are currently attending college, please indicate the number of units you will have completed by June 2024:

Quarter System Units: Semester System Units:

Please send this application with the attached & supporting documents to the address below, postmarked by: March 29, 2024

Monterey County Farm Bureau, Att: Scholarships, 1140 Abbott St., Ste. C, Salinas, CA 93901

Please call (831) 751-3100 or email administration@montereycfb.com for further information or questions.

Checklist for Scholarship Applicants

Before sending your application to the above address, make sure you have included:

- Agricultural Scholarship Application
Certificate of Application
Statement of Educational and Career Goals
Essay, maximum of 500 words
Recommendation Forms from TWO Individuals
Resume of Scholastic and Community Activities
Official High School or College Transcript (current)
Photo of Applicant (JPG or PNG format, high quality)



MONTEREY COUNTY FARM BUREAU & CC YF&R AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The following elements of the application are to judge writing skills, personal goals, and understanding of issues affecting production agriculture in Monterey and San Benito Counties.

STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

On a separate page attached to this application, please type a few paragraphs describing your goals while attending college as well as your future goals after completing your higher education. Explain how your career goals could benefit Central Coast agriculture and the areas of focus that most interests you.

AGRICULTURE-FOCUSED ESSAY

On a separate page attached to this application, please type a well-developed, but concise essay answering the question listed below. Decisions will be based on content and not on personal opinions. The entire statement should consist of no more than 500 words.

Farmers and ranchers have been challenged to share their stories of success in managing their working environments with younger generations that have never seen a farm. What strategies do you like that best tell the Agricultural perspective and the importance of local food production within your generation?

APPLICANT RESUME

As an exercise for future job seeking, please attach a resume of your educational and community activities, honors you have earned, and work experience in which you have been involved. Please include dates of participation, awards won, and offices held.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Please request an Official High School or College Transcript to be included with this application or mailed under separate cover, clearly indicating student's name and school attended. Transcript must show the most recent semester enrolled. Copies and screenshots are not acceptable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Note that two recommendation forms are required to be submitted *separately* from the application documents; these forms may be submitted by e-mail to administration@montereycfb.com if desired.

PHOTO OF APPLICANT

Please submit high-quality photo file (JPG or PNG format) that features mostly facial area; graduation pictures are suitable (submit by email to administration@montereycfb.com noting applicant name).



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CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

I hereby certify that I have completed all of the information on this application, and to the best of my knowledge it is correct and accurate. I acknowledge that all information on this application may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of scholarship award consideration. If I am selected for a scholarship award, I will notify the Monterey County Farm Bureau and/or Central Coast Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship Committees promptly of any change in major, college residence, or enrollment that would affect my eligibility for this award.

Applicant's Name

Signature

Date

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants may be incoming college freshmen, starting or continuing students at a Junior College, Community College, or four-year University, or transferring to a four-year college or university.
2. Must have attended and graduated from high school within Monterey or San Benito Counties.
3. Collegiate curriculum area of study and expected degree must be in Agriculture / AgriBusiness / Ag Education / Ag Technology.
4. Strong consideration is based off the essay question and statement of educational purpose.
5. Grade point average, extra-curricular activities, and financial need will be considered.
6. Recipient must show proof of enrollment and maintain 12 units or more each semester/quarter during the 2024-2025 academic year to receive funds. Funds will be distributed upon proof of enrollment during the first semester or quarter (due no later than September 1, 2024).

AWARD AMOUNTS

- Monterey County Farm Bureau Scholarship(s): minimum \$1,500 award for four-year universities
- Central Coast Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship(s): minimum \$1,000 award for Junior or Community Colleges, minimum \$1,500 award for four-year universities
- American AgCredit Scholarship(s): minimum \$1,500 award for four-year universities

All applications will be reviewed by a Committee of both Monterey County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and Young Farmers & Ranchers. Decisions on scholarship awards will be announced by late-May or early June 2024 (estimated, depending on the number of applications that are submitted). Award notifications will be made by letter to the contact address listed by the applicant. If an award is received, the recipient will need to provide a Fall 2024 Semester schedule of classes, including units taken for each course, no later than September 1, 2024. Award recipients will also appear on the Monterey County Farm Bureau website and be recognized in publications and on social media. Awards are made directly to the applicant (not the educational institution) upon completion of the requirements in the scholarship award letter.

Late submissions or incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration; the application deadline date is the latest date that applications and recommendation forms must be postmarked. Photo files should be e-mailed to administration@montereycfb.com when application is submitted.

Monterey County Farm Bureau is a non-profit IRS-registered 501(c)(5) corporation; Central Coast Young Farmers & Ranchers is a committee of Monterey County Farm Bureau. American AgCredit is an independent lender servicing the agricultural community.

Scholarship recipients will also receive a one-year Collegiate membership in Farm Bureau as part of the scholarship award. Recipients are encouraged to maintain this membership during their entire collegiate experience.



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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Must be submitted separately from Application form documents.

*Please make copies of this form for all persons giving you a recommendation,
or they can include a letter on their own letterhead.*

Name of Applicant: _____

Your Relation to Applicant: Teacher/Counselor Employer Other (Non-Relative)

How well do you know the Applicant: Very Well Fairly Well Somewhat Well

Please give a concise, confidential statement based on your knowledge of the applicant. Please indicate your association with the applicant and specific reasons why you believe that he/she would be a worthy candidate for the Monterey County Farm Bureau and/or Central Coast Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship. Please state how you visualize the applicant's future in Agriculture.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please mail completed recommendations directly to:
Monterey County Farm Bureau
Att: Scholarship Chairperson
1140 Abbott St., Ste. C, Salinas, CA 93901
OR e-mail to administration@montereycfb.com

Important Deadline: All letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than **March 29, 2024.**
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