



## Tulare County 4-H Carla Sousa Scholarship Guidelines

### Purpose

The Tulare County 4-H Carla Sousa Scholarship is offered to encourage 4-H members to continue their education beyond the high school level.

### Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a current high school senior, graduate, or equivalent who is already enrolled in or accepted to an institution of higher education. Institutions of higher education include accredited vocational schools, colleges, or universities.
2. Enrolled in the California 4-H Youth Development Program at the time of high school graduation or equivalent, such as receiving a General Education Diploma (GED).
3. Enrolled or planning to enroll in at least half of the full-time course load as defined by the applicant's institution.
4. Not older than 25 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the application year.
5. Recipient may receive the Tulare County 4-H Carla Sousa Scholarship only one (1) time.

### Directions:

1. Complete the application and return it to the Tulare County 4-H Office by due date, same date as record book due date.
2. Submit a copy of Academic Transcripts.
3. Submit Proof of Enrollment in or acceptance to an institution of higher education.
4. Submit a 4-H Resume (Guidelines available at: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member\\_Resources/4-H\\_Resumes/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member_Resources/4-H_Resumes/)).
5. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation:
  - a. 4-H Adult Volunteer project leader
  - b. Professional reference outside of 4-H (community, work or school related)
6. Answer the following essay related to the intent of the award (500 words maximum).

**What 4-H Means to Me** – Include 4-H project, leadership, and citizenship experiences. How has 4-H influenced your future plans? What things have you done as a 4-H member that have given you the greatest sense of enjoyment and satisfaction? In what ways have you helped the county and local 4-H Youth Development Programs?

## **Award Information**

\$300 scholarship

One (1) per year

## **Distribution of Award Monies**

Recipient of the Scholarship must (within 12 months of the date the scholarship was awarded) submit proof of enrollment and a thank you note to the Tulare County 4-H Office before a check will be issued.

## **Distribution of Guidelines**

Guidelines shall be posted annually on the Tulare County 4-H website and sent to community club leaders, interested 4-H'ers, and members of the selection committee.

## **Review**

Guidelines for the Tulare County 4-H Scholarship shall be reviewed and updated as necessary by the 4-H Staff, Incentives & Recognition Committee, and Leader's Council Executive Board.

## **Mail Completed Applications and Letters of Recommendations:**

Tulare County 4-H Office  
Attn: 4-H Incentives & Recognition Committee  
4437-B S. Laspina Street  
Tulare, CA 93274

*Funds for qualified educational expenses (e.g., books, tuition, other required fees) that are provided to scholarship awardees, are not taxable for the recipient. When scholarship awardees receive funds that may be used for nonqualified expenses, then the recipient is responsible for reporting to the IRS the amount of funds received as taxable income. Please consult with a tax professional regarding your individual tax situation.*

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Print or Type in Black Ink

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (one that you will check) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club/Participation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of higher education institution you (plan to) attend \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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