



Tulare County 4-H Horse Scholarship Guidelines

Purpose

The Tulare County 4-H Horse Scholarship is offered to encourage 4-H Horse project 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 31st of the application year.
5. Recipient may receive the Tulare County 4-H Horse Scholarship only one (1) time.

Directions:

1. Complete the application and return it to the Tulare County 4-H Office by due date, same 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/).
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 two (2) essays related to the intent of the award (500 words maximum per essay).
 - a. **How has 4-H influenced your future plans?** – Elaborate on leadership and citizenship experiences as part of your overall 4-H experiences, including how those have helped the county and local 4-H Youth Development Programs and affected your career goals.
 - b. **How have you demonstrated a high level of skill and knowledge in the Horse project?** – Elaborate on your involvement in the various levels of the project, including Junior and/or

Teen Leadership, and include any demonstrations or presentations you have given.

Award Information

\$500 scholarship

One (1) \$500 or two (2) \$250 scholarships 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.

Tulare County 4-H Horse Scholarship Application

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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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