

# Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Program Scholarship Application Process

Mariposa 4-H Council has budgeted \$1000 for scholarships that will be awarded up to \$250 to the selected Mariposa County 4-H members. A member may only be awarded the scholarship once.

***Due in UCCE office by 5:00p.m.: April 5, 2024***

***Tentative Interview Date: April 19, 2024***

## **Qualifications:**

1. Must be a Mariposa County 4-H Member graduating senior
2. Must have a 2.0 or above grade point average.
3. Must study in his/her chosen field at a college/university or vocational school of applicant's choice.
4. Must be currently enrolled in 4-H.
5. Attend 80% of current year club and project meetings at time of application.
6. Must have participated in Community Service, Leadership, or Citizenship (4-H, school, community or other).
7. Must have ongoing participation in 4-H fundraisers and 4-H events (county, regional, or state).

## **Application Includes:**

1. Mariposa County 4-H YDP Scholarship Application.
2. A 3-5 page, typed, double-spaced essay written by the applicant addressing the following questions:  
**What has 4-H YDP done for you and how has it prepared you for college and your future years as a responsible citizen?**
3. List your most significant honors and recognitions received in 4-H.
4. Applicant must include 3 recommendations. Two of the recommendations must come from 4-H Volunteer Leaders unrelated to applicant. Others may be either teachers, counselors, or other persons within the community. **Letters of recommendation MUST be included with application in a sealed envelope with reference person's name written across.**
5. **An official transcript of each high school attended mailed directly to the UCCE office must be received by April 5, 2024.**

## **Interview Process Includes:**

An interview tentatively on April 19, 2024 at the UCCE office beginning at 3:30p.m.

## **Judging Criteria:**

The primary criteria for this scholarship are level, quality, and quantity of 4-H participation.

## **Selection Committee will consider the following:**

### **Application, essay, and record book:**

- Leadership and Citizenship exhibited both within the 4-H program and the community
- Achievements within 4-H and beyond
- Level of 4-H participation (project, club, county, region)
- Consistent dedication to activities while maintaining or progressing in personal development.

### **Interview:**

- Ability to formulate a clear answer.
- Attitude (manner) towards questions asked.
- Self-confidence
- Neatness of appearance

### **When are Scholarships Awarded?**

**Mariposa County 4-H YDP Scholarships will be announced by May 3rd. The checks will be awarded to the recipients after receiving official verification of college/university or vocational school enrollment. Scholarships will not be held beyond one school year of the date awarded.**



10. What 4-H offices have you held? \_\_\_\_\_

11. In what non 4-H activities such as clubs, societies, churches, athletics, have you participated? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Have you participated as a 4-H Jr./Teen Leader? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ If yes, please list your Junior/Teen Leader involvement below. If more space is needed, please use back side of this form.

Project	Years Served	Number of members led	Responsibilities

13. What college, university, or vocational school do you plan to enter? \_\_\_\_\_

14. When? \_\_\_\_\_ Major course of study? \_\_\_\_\_

15. What occupation are you preparing for? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Will you work while attending college? \_\_\_\_\_

17. **Letters of Recommendation:** Applicant must provide 3 sealed recommendation letters (See Letters of Recommendation page)

18. Are you willing to attend the 4-H Achievement Night in October to share something about your college experience and to encourage younger members to stay involved in 4-H in order to achieve their goals? \_\_\_\_\_



# INTERVIEW ASSIGNMENT

Tentative Interview Date: April 19, 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of interview is approximately 15-30 minutes.  
Announcement of Scholarships will be by May 3rd.

## Tips for A Successful Interview

- Wear complete 4-H Uniform
- Be neat
- Arrive 15 minutes early
- Know the route and time of travel to interview location
- Take a copy of your application with you to review prior to interview
- Do not have any distractions in your hands or lap during interview
- Speak clearly, and at a normal speed. Introduce yourself and shake all the judges hands
- Be thorough and elaborate on your outstanding accomplishments
- Thank the judges for their consideration and time
- Remember, eye contact

## Mariposa County 4-H Council Scholarship Evaluation Form

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Member's Score</b>
<b>4-H PARTICIPATION AND ACHIEVEMENT*</b> (Growth and Knowledge of Projects- Levels of Participation- Club, County, Regional, State)- Highest Star Rank Earned- Individual Achievement.  *Refer to Personal Development Report- Personal Development Report Summary, Project Report Forms, and 4-H Story.	<b>35</b>	
<b>4-H CITIZENSHIP/COMMUNITY PRIDE-</b> What Roles- Community Service, Participation Other Than 4-H	<b>10</b>	
<b>4-H LEADERSHIP ROLES *</b> *(PDR- Offices held- Section M, Committee Chairs-Section F, Jr./Teen Leadership- Section K, Planned Group Activity- Section T, Level of Participation- Club, County, Regional and State)	<b>20</b>	
<b>HIGH SCHOOL G.P.A.</b> (4.1 and above= 5 points, 4.0-3.6 = 4 points, 3.0-3.5 = 3 points, 2.5- 2.9 = 2 points, 2.0-2.4 = 1 point)  Use G.P.A. as an indication of balance between 4-H and school.	<b>5</b>	
<b>INTERVIEW</b> (Ability to formulate a clear answer, attitude/manner towards questions asked, self-confidence, neatness of appearance, speaking skills, projection, and self-introduction)	<b>30</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	

### COMMENTS:

4-H Scholarships are unique in that G.P.A. is not the primary consideration. When determining the award, the level, consistency, progression of achievement in 4-H, school, and extracurricular activities should determine monetary awards.