

San Joaquin County 4-H Scholarship Application Instructions

Deadline for submission is **June 16, 2025**

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT THE ONLINE APPLICATION!

Thank you for your interest in applying for a scholarship from the San Joaquin County 4-H Leaders Council and the San Joaquin County 4-H Foundation. Scholarship selections are based on the applicant's achievements, leadership, scholastic record, and financial need.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

All applicants must:

- **Have been a current or former 4-H member who participated in San Joaquin County 4-H,**
- **Have been a 4-H member at the time of their high school graduation or equivalency,**
- **Not be older than 25 by December 31, 2024.**
- **Be seeking to further their education beyond high school.**

The scholarship application has two steps, which are listed below.

STEP 1: The online application

During this first step of the process, you will be required to submit an online application with these items as electronic attachments (**MUST BE A PDF OR WORD DOCUMENT**):

1. **Cover Letter** - A good cover letter should be written professionally. It should introduce yourself, provide the context or background regarding why you feel you deserve a scholarship, and describe how the funds will help you in your education and future career.
2. **Current Official Transcript** - You must obtain an official transcript from your current academic institution and provide a copy. If your school only mails official copies, request that the copy be sent to the San Joaquin County 4-H Office at 2101 E. Earhart Ave., Ste. 200, Stockton, CA 95206. Upload the official copy or a statement that the school is mailing the official copy directly to our office. **Make sure we receive it by June 20, 2025.**
3. **Your Resume** - This should be a standard resume with a section detailing your 4-H experiences including your participation and accomplishments in the 4-H program. The document can be more than one page long and can be separated into two sections (the professional resume on page one and the 4-H resume on page 2). Please make sure both sections are uploaded as ONE electronic document when submitted.
4. **Letter of Recommendation** - This letter should be from an adult, non-family member. The letter must be written within the previous 12 months. A letter used previously or written from before May 2024 will not be accepted.

STEP 2: The Interview

The second step of the process is a mandatory interview with the scholarship judges. The interviews will take place on Thursday, June 26th and Friday, June 27th in person (interviews via zoom will be considered for special circumstances). Please state your preference for interview days and your available times at the end of the application. You will be contacted once the application period ends to confirm your interview date.