

Stanislaus County Young Farmers & Ranchers 2020 Scholarship Program



Program Overview:

Stanislaus County Young Farmers & Ranchers, one of the organizations under the direction of the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, announces the 2020 **Stanislaus County Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship Award**. Under the program, up to \$3,000 will be awarded to seniors attending a high school in Stanislaus County who plan to pursue a career in agriculture.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- Seeking graduating seniors majoring in agriculture who have a record of volunteering in the community, involved in non-school sponsored activities, and participation in extracurricular school activities.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college or technical school with an emphasis in agriculture.
- Interview may be requested for selected recipients.
- Scholarship funds will be paid in October 2020 during the first semester/quarter of the student's first year. Funds will be paid directly to the student. It will be the student's responsibility to submit to the organization at that time an invoice for second semester tuition and fees, student ID number, verification of enrollment and college information.
- Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program. **Stanislaus County Young Farmers & Ranchers strongly suggests that each high school present this opportunity to the strongest applicants that match this program's guidelines.** Application deadline is **Friday March 27th, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.** to be received by the organization. Late applications are not accepted.

Completed application may be submitted by mail or email to:

Stanislaus County YF&R
c/o Scholarship Committee
1201 L Street
Modesto, CA 95354
(209) 522-7278

-or-

Caitie Campodonico
caitiec@stanfarmbureau.org

**Electronic signature constitutes binding affirmation. Unless electronic submission is signed and scanned, a separate email from Guidance Counselor must be sent confirming application support.*

Recipients will be notified in April 2020 for interview or award status. For questions or electronic application: Caitie Campodonico at caitiec@stanfarmbureau.org.

**STANISLAUS COUNTY YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2020**

Please clearly write your answers.	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____
4.	Date of Birth: / / Gender: _____
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.
6.	Are you the first person in your family to go to college: YES ___ NO ___
7.	Name and location of High School attending: _____
8.	A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:
9.	A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name: B. If not, list your top 3 college choices:
10.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): (Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.) Name(s) : _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____ Work phone: _____

11. On a separate sheet please include a short, typed essay (250-300 words each prompt) answering the questions below:

Prompt 1: Utilizing your agricultural experiences, explain what you consider to be one of the main issues facing agriculture.

Prompt 2: Describe your educational goals and why you are choosing to study an agriculturally-related field. Be sure to explain what skills and qualifications you have for your chosen field. Include plans for financing your education.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the organization's scholarship program.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to the Stanislaus County Young Farmers & Ranchers.

Name of Guidance Counselor submitting the application: _____

High School: _____

Contact information (email and phone):

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist

- ___ Application
- ___ Essay
- ___ Resume/Activity Sheet
- ___ Guidance Counselor signature
- ___ School Transcript

REMINDER:

**The deadline for this application March 27, 2020 4:00 p.m.
NO EXCEPTIONS!**