

# SAN DIEGO COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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## 2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION Deadline: April 18, 2025

The Farm Bureau of San Diego County is committed to assisting students complete their education in agriculture/horticulture or a closely related field. Each year scholarships are awarded to worthy students. Primary criteria for awards are career goals, work experience, financial need, grades and written expression. Secondary criteria are extracurricular activities and academic honors.

#### **Eligibility requirements:**

Any student entering or attending a two-year or four-year college or university, or first year only of graduate school is eligible. Applicants must be pursuing a course of study in agriculture/horticulture or a closely related field, and <u>must have a</u> <u>permanent residence in San Diego County</u>. Membership in the Farm Bureau is not required.

#### **General Information:**

Scholarship award amounts have ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000 in past years. Funds awarded in 2025 must be applied to the 2025-2026 academic year. Each student who wins a scholarship will be notified by mail.

Scholarship awards will be based on information provided in the completed application form. Previous applicants and former scholarship recipients may re-apply in future years by submitting an updated application, transcript, and recommendations.

Scholarship funds will be deposited at the educational institution in the recipient's name and applied by that institution to the student's expenses.

### Required Supporting Documents: (All three documents are required)

- 1. A recommendation from a teacher/academic advisor at your school that instructed you within the past twelve months, evaluating you as a student (*please use enclosed form*). A recommendation from a parent is not acceptable. The teacher or applicant should email or fax the completed form to the Farm Bureau office.\*
- 2. A recommendation from a current or recent employer or community service organization evaluating you as a worker or volunteer (please use enclosed form). A recommendation from a parent or teacher is not acceptable. The recommender or applicant should email (admin@sdfarmbureau.org) or fax the completed form to the Farm Bureau office.\*
- 3. A transcript of grades from your most recent school. Grade point average must be calculated to a 4.0 scale. Photocopies are acceptable. Include transcript with completed application form. \*

#### Deadline:

Applications must include responses to all essay questions and be postmarked by <u>April 18, 2025</u>.

If mailing please use a large envelope, if possible, to avoid folding.

#### **Preferred Method**

Email PDF form to: admin@sdfarmbureau.org (recommendations and transcripts can be sent by mail/fax) Mail to: San Diego County Farm Bureau Attn: Scholarship Committee 420 S. Broadway, Suite 200 Escondido, CA 92025

\*Your application will not be considered complete without one recommendation from a teacher/academic advisor or one employer recommendation and a transcript of your grades. Please email admin@sdfarmbureau.org if you have any questions or would like to confirm that Farm Bureau has received your application and supporting documents.

## **Instructions for filling out application**

This application is designed as a PDF form that can be filled out on your computer. You can work on the form and come back to it, just be sure to save each time you work on it. The text boxes for the essay questions are designed to accommodate the maximal allowed word count. Your personal resume is encouraged and can be used in place of filling out questions 1-5. Indicate on application which sections are contained in your resume. Be sure to fill out question 6 on the application, regardless.

You will find separate recommendation forms for teachers and employers on https://www.sdfarmbureau.org/ ag-in-the-classroom/scholarships/. Please open these forms and save on your computer, you can then email to teachers or employers who can either email them to admin@sdfarmbureau.org or print and mail to address below or fax to (760) 489-6349.

## Signature

You can apply a digital signature on Adobe or print and sign the document and either create a PDF of the signature page to attach to your email or mail the signature page in to the address below.

## Submit saved applications and supporting documents:

**Email Application** (*preferred method*): admin@sdfarmbureau.org with *Scholarship Application* in the subject line. Supporting documents, transcripts and recommendations, can be saved as PDF files and emailed or mailed to address below. Once received, you will receive a confirmation email.

OR

### Mail Application:

San Diego County Farm Bureau Attn: Scholarship Committee 420 S. Broadway, Suite 200 Escondido, CA 92025

Submission Deadline: April 18, 2025



Student Information:			
First Name:	Last Name:	Student ID # (i	if known):
Permanent Address:		City:	
State: Zip:	_ County:	Home Phone:	
Date of Birth:	Email:	Cell P	hone:
Student Address: (if enrolled	in school):		
	State:		
		-	
Name and address of parents	s/guardians (if you are not self-su	upporting):	
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
City, State, Zip:		City, State, Zip:	
Academic Information: School you now attend:	to be verified by Farm Bureau):		
2		City:	State:
School you will attend in Fall			
2	2025	Citv	State:
Cumulative overall GPA (4.0 s		Ony	otate
	Freshman Sophomore	Junior Senior	Postgraduate Student
Fall 2025 attendance: Full	1		e
	Major:		
	cus, or special interest:		
For what business or profession	on are you preparing?		
Are you the first person in you	ar family to go to college? No	Yes	
How did you hear about this s	cholarship?		
Have you received a San Diego	o Farm Bureau Scholarship in the	past?	
*If additional space is need	ed please attach separate sheet	with information. Do not o	overfill space provided.

All information provided on this application is true and correct. I grant the San Diego County Farm Bureau permission to reprint my responses to the essay questions for publicity purposes.

Signature: _
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Please fill out the following information completely. **If your resume answers these questions fully, it may be attached and used in place of filling out that particular section.** Be sure to indicate which sections are **contained in your resume.** *\*If additional space is needed, please attach separate sheet with information. Do not overfill space provided below.* 

1) List high school, junior college, and college/university previously attended, or attach resume.

Name of School	City/State	Dates	Major	Graduate?	
				yes no	)
				yes no	)
				yes no	)
				yes no	)

2) List any academic honors or scholarships you have received, or attach resume.

High School	College/University

3) List your paid work during the past four years, starting with the most recent, or attach resume.

Name of Employer	Position	Duties/Project	Dates

4) List Agriculture experience or internships and/or ag enterprise/FFA projects, or attach resume.

Organization	Projects/Activity	Dates

5) List the extracurricular activities (school and community) in which you participated without pay during the past four years, e.g. church, clubs, sports, volunteer work, or attach resume.

Organization	Activity	Honors/Awards	Dates

6) Do you expect to work this summer or during	g the coming school year?	No	Yes	If yes, please indicate:

Name of Employer	Position	Duties

### Respond to the following questions:

1. Explain in detail your career goals and why you wish to pursue a course of study in agriculture. Include the reason you became interested in agriculture. If you are a previous SDCFB scholarship recipient, please explain what you have done this past year to help you achieve your career goals. (250 word maximum)

2. What role does agriculture play in San Diego County's economy, environment, and community identity. In your opinion, how do the residents of San Diego County perceive agriculture, and what steps can be taken to enhance their awareness and appreciation of its significance. (**350 word maximum**)

3. Please detail the sources of income that will cover your college expenses during the upcoming year. Explain how you plan to make up the difference if your expenses exceed your revenues. (150 word maximum)

# San Diego County Farm Bureau Teacher or Academic Advisor Recommendation

A recommendation from a parent is not acceptable.

The following will be reviewed by the San Diego County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee. Please return to the applicant or directly to the Farm Bureau office, listed below, no later than **April 18, 2025**. Email (admin@sdfarmbureau.org) or faxed copies (760) 489-6348 are acceptable.

Name of applicant:

How long have you known the applicant?

Please comment on your opinion of the applicant's:

Scholastic Aptitude:

Personality:

Leadership:

Responsibility:

Additional Co
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Name:	Title:
School:	Daytime phone number:
Signature:	Date:
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# San Diego County Farm Bureau Employer (current/former) or Community Service Organization Leader Recommendation

A recommendation from a parent or teacher is not acceptable.

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Name of applicant:		
How long have you known the applicant?	Relationship to applicant:	
Please comment on your opinion of the applicant's:		
Work Place Skills:		
Attitude:		
Initiative:		
Dependability:		
Additional Comments:		
Name:	Title:	
Company/Organiation:	Daytime phone number:	
Signature:	Date:	

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