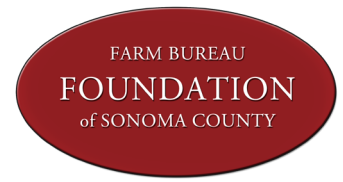




Sonoma County Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County *2024 Scholarship Application*



Due by 5:00 pm April 12, 2024

Farm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County will award scholarships this year to deserving students studying agriculture or an agricultural-related field at a four-year college, junior college, or vocational school. The Farm Bureau Foundation's mission is to encourage and financially assist young people for rewarding careers in agriculture or a closely related field.

Scholarship applications are available online at www.sonomaafb.org or by contacting Sonoma County Farm Bureau at (707) 544-5575 or visiting the office at 3589 Westwind Blvd., Santa Rosa.

Scholarship Requirements:

- Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors, Santa Rosa Junior College students, or continuing four-year college students who have or will have a major in Agriculture or an Agriculture-related field.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 is required for all scholarship applicants.
- Farm Bureau Foundation scholarships are available only to undergraduate students.
- An additional essay, specific major, or registered units may be required depending upon the scholarship.

How to Apply:

- There is one common application for all scholarships administered by Farm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County.
- Applications must be typed, printed, and signed.
- A checklist of the additional application materials for a complete application is included.
- All completed applications must be received or postmarked by the deadline of 5:00 pm April 12, 2024.
- Mail or hand deliver the completed application and required documents to Sonoma County Farm Bureau, 3589 Westwind Blvd., Santa Rosa, California, 95403.

Process:

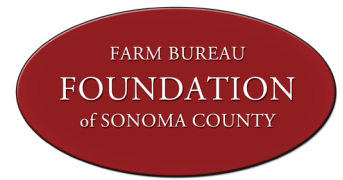
- Applications will be reviewed for requirement compliance to determine the interview finalists.
- Applicants will be first scored based on their written application and then scored based on the oral interview.
- ALL finalists must participate in a mandatory oral interview on one of the pre-scheduled days: Monday, June 3, 2024, or Tuesday, June 4, 2024.
- Interviews will be offered in person or virtually, dependent on applicants' preference.
- An additional interview day may be scheduled depending on the number of finalists.
- Finalists for the Kunde Scholarship will have specific interview times to choose from.

If Selected:

- Proof of enrollment and a copy of the "thank you" letter to the scholarship donor must be received before issuing a check to scholarship recipients.



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Scholarship Check-Off Cover



To ensure that all the materials needed for a complete application are included, please check off this form and include it with your application.

Required Documents (All due by 5:00 pm April 12, 2024)

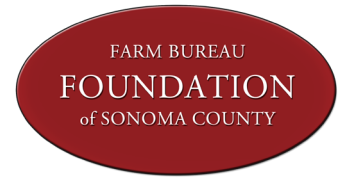
- Scholarship Application**
Please type all the fields and sign the last page to complete the application.
- Two Letters of Recommendation**
From a teacher, 4-H leader, FFA advisor, school principal, or employer (must have been written within the last six months, including applicant's name, and may not be written by a parent or close relative).
- Personal Statement**
Free flow statement about the applicant, their family, and any special circumstances.
At most, two typed pages, double-spaced.
- Transcript**
A most recent official High School or official College transcript is required.
- Photo of Applicant**
A Digital high-resolution headshot is required. Email to samantha@sonomafb.org.

Optional Documents

- Bob & Leslie Kunde Memorial Scholarship Essay**
The Kunde scholarship requires an additional essay. 2-part question: How important is it in today's economic climate for an agriculture-based student to receive a college degree? How will you best utilize your college education to succeed in your future career? The essay should be 300 words and double-spaced. *(This scholarship is awarded in \$2,500 increments over 4 years)*
- Charles Bacigalupi - Russian River Valley Winegrowers**
The Bacigalupi scholarship requires an additional cover letter explaining how the applicant demonstrates the qualities of the late grape grower Charles Bacigalupi who was dedicated to agriculture, had a passion for grape growing, and a commitment to the community. The cover letter should be 300 words and double-spaced.
- Serres Ranch Scholarship**
The Serres Ranch scholarship requires an additional 300-word cover letter answering the following question: As a high school graduate and beyond, what will you do as an individual to help promote agriculture and continue agriculture's longevity for generations to come? How are you planning to give back as a young adult?



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Full Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Zip:** _____

Time at this Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age as of June 1, 2024:** _____

Cumulative High School GPA: _____ **Cumulative College GPA:** _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Name: _____ **Occupation:** _____

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Are you or your family Sonoma County Farm Bureau members? _____

Name of the family that is Sonoma County Farm Bureau members: _____

What Farm Bureau activities have you volunteered/participated with:

(Event, Job, Hours Worked)

List high school, junior college, and college(s) attended (including present school)

**Do not include single courses or night school

High School: _____ **Year Graduated:** _____

Junior College: _____ **City:** _____

College: _____ **City:** _____

Name of college, university, junior college, or technical school you plan to attend:

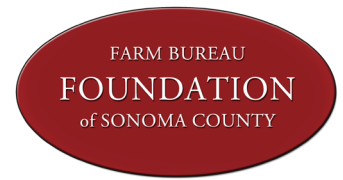
_____ **Year You Plan to Attend:** _____

Intended field of study: _____

For what occupation are you preparing: _____



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Please Type

Please list the amount and names of any grants or scholarships that you have been awarded for the coming school year:

Estimated Cost of School Year:

Tuition: _____ **Books:** _____

Fees & Supplies: _____ **Transportation:** _____

Room & Board: _____ **Personal Expenses:** _____

Total Expense for School Year: _____

Please describe any jobs you have held or work you have performed during the past three years, either for your family, in part-time employment, or for outside employers (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

Employer	Position Held	Hours Spent Per Week	Start and End Date
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Describe your involvement in extracurricular activities in high school

(FFA, 4-H, class or school offices, band, orchestra, athletics, dramatics, debate, oratory, school publications, pep club, etc.) (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

Activity	Position Held	Hours Spent Per Week	Start and End Date
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Describe your involvement in organized community activities

(4-H, FFA, volunteer efforts, church groups, other youth organizations, etc.) (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

Activity	Position Held	Hours Spent Per Week	Start and End Date
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Please list academic honors and awards (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

Please list athletic honors and awards (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

Summary of FFA/4-H Projects (Species, number of animals, or other projects exhibited, etc.):

I will be supporting college expenses through (check all that apply):

Loans

Scholarships

Employment

Parental Support

Other: _____

PLEASE ATTACH TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION from a teacher, 4-H leader, FFA advisor, school principal, or employer (must have been written within the last six months, include applicants name and may not be written by a parent or close relative), **PERSONAL STATEMENT OF NOT MORE THAN TWO TYPED PAGES, DOUBLE-SPACED AND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT.**

Applications are due by 5:00 pm Friday, April 12, 2024

All the information provided on this application is accurate and complete. I certify that I am applying for full-time enrollment in either a four-year College or University or a two-year Community College. I have read and understood the criteria of this scholarship program. I have included a complete set of the application and required documents. I know that the selection of scholarship recipients is at the sole discretion of the Farm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____