



SAN DIEGO COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline: April 24, 2026

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 **must have a permanent residence in San Diego County**. 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 2026 must be applied to the 2026-2027 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 **April 24, 2026**.

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
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Student Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Student ID # (if known): _____
Permanent Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____ Home Phone: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student Address: (if enrolled in school):

Student Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name and address of parents/guardians (if you are not self-supporting):

Name: _____ Name: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Are you or anyone in your immediate family a Farm Bureau member? No ☐ Yes

Member Name or Member # (to be verified by Farm Bureau): _____

Academic Information:

School you now attend:

School Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

School you will attend in Fall 2026

School Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Cumulative overall GPA (4.0 scale): _____

Class standing in Fall 2026: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Postgraduate Student

Fall 2025 attendance: Full time Part-time Anticipated college graduation date: _____

Degree sought: _____ Major: _____ Minor: _____

Area of concentration, crop focus, or special interest: _____

For what business or profession are you preparing? _____

Are you the first person in your family to go to college? No ☐ Yes

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

Have you received a San Diego Farm Bureau Scholarship in the past? _____

****If additional space is needed please attach separate sheet with information. Do not 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: _____

Date: _____

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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 the coming school year? No Yes If yes, please indicate:

Name of Employer	Position	Duties

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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) We want to get to know you through these short essays. Please answer in your own words, without the use of AI for writing or editing.

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2. Share a meaningful hands-on experience you've had in agriculture or other ag-related field (such as working on a farm, participating in FFA/4-H, or an internship/job). What did you learn from that experience, and how will it help you in your future career? (350 word maximum) We want to get to know you through these short essays. Please answer in your own words, without the use of AI for writing or editing.

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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) We want to get to know you through these short essays. Please answer in your own words, without the use of AI for writing or editing.

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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 24, 2026**.

Email (admin@sdfarmbureau.org) or faxed copies (760) 489-6348 are acceptable.

Name of applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____ Relationship to applicant: _____

Please comment on your opinion of the applicant's:

Scholastic Aptitude:

Communication Skills:

Leadership & Collaboration:

Responsibility & Work Ethic:

Additional Comments:

Name: _____ Title: _____

School: _____ Daytime phone number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Employer (current/former) or Community Service Organization Leader Recommendation

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Please comment on your opinion of the applicant's:

Work Ethic:

Maturity & Professionalism:

Initiative & Independence:

Reliability & Accountability:

Additional Comments:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company/Organization: _____ Daytime phone number: _____

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