



January 1, 2012

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Sacramento County Farm Bureau, Young Farmers & Ranchers Agricultural Scholarship is designed to give financial aid to students residing in Sacramento County with a desire to pursue an education in the field of agriculture. This scholarship is based on scholastic achievement, leadership skills and agricultural involvement. You must be enrolled in a two or four year college of your choice.

When you send your application, it should be accompanied by the following items:

- **Un-official** high school transcript
- A **one-page typed essay** on the applicant's "interest in agriculture and future intentions to work in the field of agriculture" (*see below for details*)
- Three (3) **sealed letters** of recommendation (*relatives cannot be considered*)

If for some reason any of these items cannot be sent in with your application, but are **postmarked by April 1, 2012**, they will automatically be included in your application packet for consideration.

IF ANY ITEM, OR YOUR APPLICATION PACKET, IS POSTMARKED AFTER April 1, 2012, IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

PERSONAL ESSAY: A **one-page** typed essay explaining the applicant's interest in agriculture must also be submitted. The essay should include:

- The field of agriculture in which you are interested.
- Extracurricular activities
- Awards or honors received
- A brief summary why Young Farmers & Ranchers should consider you as a scholarship recipient. Please be as specific as possible.

INTERVIEW: A group of finalists will be selected and contacted for interviews by the Young Farmers & Ranchers Interview Committee. These interviews will take place in April. Finalists will be notified of the date, time and place of the interview. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2012.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Any high school senior residing or attending school in Sacramento County, entering a two or four year accredited college or university majoring in agriculture or an agricultural-related field. The student must enroll in at least twelve (12) academic units in their first semester or quarter during the year of the scholarship award. You do not need to be a Farm Bureau member to be eligible for this scholarship.

CRITERIA USED TO SELECT A WINNER: Awards are made based on agricultural involvement, leadership skills, career goals, scholastic achievement and a personal interview.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE? All information requested in the application packet must be **postmarked** or delivered by April 1, 2012. **Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.**

HOW SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED: Scholarships will be issued to the recipients upon Sacramento County Farm Bureau, Young Farmers & Ranchers receiving a copy of each of the recipients' class schedule. This schedule must confirm an agricultural-related major and a total of at least 12 units in the 1st semester or quarter.

INSTRUCTIONS: The scholarship application and all the required material must be submitted to:

SACRAMENTO COUNTY FARM BUREAU
YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
8970 Elk Grove Blvd.
Elk Grove, CA 95624

If you have any questions, please contact the Farm Bureau office at (916) 685-6958. **For ease of completion, the scholarship application is available in Word format on the Sacramento County Farm Bureau's website www.sacfarmbureau.org/programs.**

Good Luck!

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY FARM BUREAU
YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS
AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP**



APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED & POSTMARKED BY April 1, 2012

NAME IN FULL _____
FIRST M.I. LAST

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
STREET NUMBER STREET

CITY STATE ZIP TELEPHONE

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

NAME OF COLLEGE YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING _____

ADDRESS OF COLLEGE _____

WHEN ATTENDING? _____ MAJOR _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

HAVE YOU TAKEN ANY COLLEGE COURSES? _____ IF YES,
WHERE? _____

LIST YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

EMPLOYER / POSITION	DATE FROM (MO/YR)	DATE TO (MO/YR)	HOURS PER WEEK

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION - APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. PLEASE LIST YOUR REFERENCES:

NAME	TITLE	PHONE NUMBER

IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE TO ANSWER ANY OF THE QUESTIONS, PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL TYPED PAGES

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____