



The Youth Ag & Leadership Foundation of Sonoma County, a non-profit 501c (3) corporation, was established in 1982, today our mission is to empower and support youth agricultural education and leadership development in Sonoma County. Through the Foundation we hope to promote and inspire Sonoma County youth participation in agriculture, leadership, and educational activities through scholarships, grants, and a place for youth to meet.

2024 Scholarships Available

Richard M. Kunde Scholarship

Available to Sonoma County 4-H or FFA youth. The Richard M. Kunde scholarship is for a high school senior attending a 4-year California college majoring in **Viticulture**. The scholarship will be up to **\$20,000 over 4 years** depending on continued eligibility.

Saralee McClelland Kunde Scholarship

Available to Sonoma County 4-H or FFA youth. The Saralee McClelland Kunde scholarship is for a high school senior attending a community college or 4-year college in California majoring in any field of Agriculture. The scholarship will be up to **\$20,000 over 4 years** depending on continued eligibility.

Dr. Fred Groverman, DVM Scholarship

Dr. Fred Groverman Scholarship - \$1,000, is available to Sonoma County 4-H members who have been active in 4-H for a minimum of 4 years, including his/her Junior and Senior years of high school. Dr. Groverman is looking for an individual who has experience in agriculture and leadership. Applicants must be entering or attending a college or accredited trade school and majoring in Agriculture or a form of leadership.

Beverly C. Wilson Scholarship

Available to Sonoma County 4-H or FFA youth. The Beverly C. Wilson Scholarship will grant \$3,500 annually to a Sonoma County graduating high school senior or college student attending a four-year accredited university, preferably to study Business or Agricultural Business. Eligible applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. The young person selected for the scholarship will have a balanced history of community service, dedicated leadership, and a motivated work ethic in the spirit of Beverly C. Wilson.

Men's Garden Club Scholarship

The Men's Garden Club Scholarship – Two scholarships (\$1500 each) are available to Sonoma County residents pursuing a career in agriculture or Agri-Business. Applicants must be entering or attending a college or accredited trade school.

The Saralee Community Service Scholarship

Available to Sonoma County 4-H or FFA youth. The Saralee Community Service Scholarship will grant \$2,500 annually to a young person 21 years or younger who has demonstrated excellence in volunteerism and leadership and who is committed to making a difference in our community.

The Dempel Scholarship

A \$2,000 scholarship is available to Sonoma County residents pursuing a non-agricultural career. Applicants must have been active in 4-H for a minimum of 4 years, including his/her junior and senior years of high school. They must be entering or attending a four-year university or college. This scholarship is available to applicants who have received other 4-H Foundation scholarships but may receive this scholarship only one time.



American AgCredit Scholarship

The American AgCredit Scholarships are intended to support future farmers and ranchers. Two scholarships (\$1,500 each) are available to Sonoma County residents pursuing a career in Agriculture or Agri-Business. American AgCredit offers college scholarships to graduating high school seniors going into college, community college transfer students moving to a 4-year accredited university, and college juniors and seniors.



Youth Ag & Leadership Foundation of Sonoma County

Available to Sonoma County 4-H or FFA members who have been active a minimum of 4 years in his/her Junior and Senior years of high school. Applicants must be entering or attending a college or accredited trade school.

Youth Ag & Leadership Foundation Directors Scholarship

Available to Sonoma County 4-H or FFA youth. Applicants must be High School Seniors and entering or attending a college or accredited trade school. Recipients will be selected based on their ongoing commitment to leadership in their field(s) of interest.

Scholarship Criteria/Requirements:

- All scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors, junior college students, continuing four-year college students, or trade/vocational school students.
- All applicants must have been in Sonoma County 4-H or FFA depending on the scholarship award eligibility.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 is required for all Youth Ag & Leadership Foundation Scholarship applicants and a 3.50 is required for the Richard M. Kunde & Saralee McClelland Kunde Scholarship applicants.
- Applications must be complete and signed.
- Recommendation letters must be written within the calendar year, (January 2024)
- **Official High School or Official College transcript is required, due by mail or official email.**
- Photo of Applicant – Digital high-resolution jpeg file emailed to: office.youthagleadership@gmail.com **(Please no printed photos)**
- All completed applications must be received by the deadline indicated below.
- Applications that are incomplete or fail to meet the deadline will be disqualified.

How to Apply:

- There is one common application for all scholarships administered by the Youth Ag and Leadership Foundation of Sonoma County.
- Applications **must be typed** and signed.
- A checklist of the additional application materials for a complete application is included.
- All completed applications must be received by the deadline of **5pm March 8, 2024**.
- **Mail/email completed application and required documents to:**
Youth Ag & Leadership Foundation, PO Box 1283 Rohnert Park, CA 94927, or to
office.youthagleadership@gmail.com

Process:

- Applications will be reviewed for requirement compliance to determine the finalists for interviews with the Foundation scholarship selection committee.
- **ALL finalists must participate in a mandatory oral interview** (in-person interviews are preferred, but if a candidate has a hardship that prevents them from an in-person interview, a Zoom interview may be scheduled) on one of the pre-scheduled days: Friday, April 19, 2024 and/or Saturday, April 20, 2024.
- Interview date(s) will depend upon how many finalists and the need for an additional day.

If Selected:

- Proof of enrollment and a copy of the “thank you” letter written to the scholarship donors must be received before issuing a check to the scholarship recipient.

Scholarship Check-Off Cover

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

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (Due by 5pm, Friday, March 8, 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 calendar year (January 2024), including applicant's name and may not be written by a parent or close relative).

TRANSCRIPT

Most recent **Official** High School or **Official** College transcript is required.

PHOTO OF APPLICANT

Digital high-resolution JPEG file is required. (Can be emailed to office.youthagleadership@gmail.com or submitted with the application on a flash drive.) Please, no printed photos)

PERSONAL STATEMENT

No more than two pages, typed and double-spaced.

ACADEMIC RESUME

(list of achievements, community service, etc.)

4-H RECORD BOOKS AND/OR SENIOR PAGES (OPTIONAL)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Received by: _____

Date Application Received: _____

Notes: _____



Please Type

FULL NAME: _____ DATE: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

HOW LONG AT THIS ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CUMULATIVE HIGH SCHOOL GPA:

CUMULATIVE COLLEGE GPA:

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S NAME(S) AND WHERE EMPLOYED:

FATHER'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN IN 4-H? (If none write N/A and skip the next 2 questions):

WHAT YEARS WERE YOU A MEMBER OF A SONOMA COUNTY 4-H CLUB?

WHAT 4-H EVENTS/ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN?

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN IN FFA? (If none write N/A and skip the next 2 questions)

WHAT YEARS WERE YOU A MEMBER OF A SONOMA COUNTY FFA CHAPTER?

WHAT FFA EVENTS/ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN?



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: _____

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: _____

IN 250 WORDS OR LESS EXPLAIN HOW YOU ARE PAYING FOR COLLEGE:

PLEASE ATTACH TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION from a teacher, 4-H leader, FFA advisor, school principal, or employer (must have been written within the calendar year, including applicant's 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 due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2024

All the information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I am applying for full-time enrollment to either a four-year College or University, a two-year Community College, or a Vocational/Trade School. I have read and understand the criteria of this scholarship program. I have included a complete set of the application and required documents. I understand that the selection of scholarship recipients is at the sole discretion of the Youth Ag & Leadership Foundation of Sonoma County.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____