



**2026 YUBA-SUTTER FARM BUREAU FUND FOR AG EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES, POLICIES & APPLICATION
READ REQUIREMENTS – APPLICATION OPEN TO ALL MAJORS**

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2026 Scholarship Program Guidelines

The Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau is a non-profit trade organization whose mission is to represent Yuba and Sutter counties' agriculture through public relations, education, and public policy advocacy in order to promote the economic viability of agriculture balanced with appropriate management of natural resources. Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau is associated at the state level with the California Farm Bureau Federation, and at the national level with the American Farm Bureau Federation. Working together, the members of Farm Bureau make up an organization that is actively promoting agriculture and to make sure that our nation is provided with safe, wholesome, and domestically produced food. Government officials, at all levels, consider Farm Bureau to be "the voice of agriculture." When it comes to America's true grassroots, member-driven organizations, it's tough to rival the effectiveness of Farm Bureau.

As part of our on-going educational programs in Yuba and Sutter counties, the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Board of Directors has established an annual Scholarship Program made possible through the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Fund for Ag Education (YSFB FAE). The goal of the Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance to qualified, graduating high school students from the Yuba and Sutter counties by supporting their college education. Over the past twenty-two years, we have given more than \$350,000 to deserving students from our community. In order to support farm families and our communities, the Board of Directors is committed to promoting the availability of these scholarships, as well as recognizing the outstanding students who win each year.

Open to high school seniors from Yuba and Sutter counties, the Scholarship Program awards one-time gifts to a minimum of four students annually. To qualify, the student must be a senior currently enrolled in a public or private high school in either Yuba or Sutter County, must have an average to above-average academic record, and plan to enroll as a full-time student at an accredited school.

Members of the immediate families of members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible for Scholarship Program awards.

Applicants will be evaluated on their high school records, standardized test results, extracurricular activities, application, and interview. All applications must be received – electronic submissions are allowed – to the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau office or emailed to ysfb@ysfarmbureau.com on or before **4:00 PM, Thursday, March 19, 2026**. The Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee will review all scholarship applications, and is solely responsible for determining the suitability of each application for consideration. Submitting an application does not guarantee an interview with the committee. The decision of the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee, to recommend or not recommend any applicant to the Board of Directors for a scholarship award, is final.

All inquiries should be directed to:

YSFB FAE
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Eligibility: Eligibility to apply for a YSFB FAE scholarship is based on the following:

- A. Student must live in either Yuba or Sutter County;
- B. Student must be a senior currently enrolled in a public or private high school in Yuba or Sutter County;
- C. Student should have an average to above-average academic record; and
- D. In the fall of the next academic year, student plans to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.

Members of the immediate families of members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible to apply. If applicants are in doubt about their eligibility, they should apply and allow the Scholarship Committee to make the determination.

Applications: The Scholarship Committee will make applications available to graduating seniors who reside in Yuba and Sutter counties on-line at www.ysfarmbureau.com. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED.** Within the application time frame, in order to have their applications considered, applicants must provide the Scholarship Committee with the following:

- A. Completed YSFB FAE Application Receipt, Application and essay.
- B. Three (3) letters of recommendation.
- C. Sealed copy of high school transcript.

Failure to provide **ALL** documents listed in the application by the deadline will automatically result in the application being rejected. All applications and required documents must be received – electronic submissions are allowed – to the YSFB FAE office or emailed to ysfb@ysfarmbureau.com on or before **4:00 PM, Thursday, March 19, 2026**. The Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee will review all scholarship applications, and is solely responsible for determining the suitability of each application for consideration. **Submitting an application does not guarantee an interview with the committee. The decision of the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee, to recommend or not recommend any applicant to the Board of Directors for a scholarship award, is final.**

Selection: An impartial committee composed of Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau members, and area business and community leaders select the recommended recipients beginning annually in April/May. In evaluating the applications, the Scholarship Committee will ensure applicants first meet all of the eligibility requirements. Thereafter, all YSFB FAE scholarship recommendations will be based on the following criteria:

- A. Scholastic Achievement
- B. Career Goals
- C. Leadership Skills and Community Involvement
- D. Writing and Communication Skills
- E. Interview

Awards: One-time awards will be presented to a minimum of four high school seniors who meet the eligibility requirements. These awards are not based on financial need. Recipients of awards are allowed to:

- A. Apply funding toward tuition and fees, room, board, books and supplies.
- B. Transfer from one accredited institution to another.

Conditions: Upon being awarded a scholarship, a recipient must:

- A. Enroll as a full-time student in the fall of the year in which the scholarship was awarded.
- B. Provide proof of enrollment at an accredited university, college, or school to the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee before receiving the scholarship check.
- C. Sign and return the Acceptance Agreement form.
- D. Complete the entire academic year without interruption, barring illness, emergency or military service.

Payments: All scholarships are provided as cash awards in the form of a check payable to the recipient, and will be issued in the fall. Scholarship checks are mailed after the Scholarship Committee receives the signed Acceptance Agreement form, and a copy of the official class schedule that shows that the recipient is a full-time student for the first term in school.

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2026 Scholarship Committee Policies

Scholarship Committee:

The president of the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau (YSFB) appoints the chair and all members of the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee is comprised of a minimum of three (3) members of the YSFB Board of Directors, and area business and community leaders, and should reflect our diverse agricultural community.

Conflict of Interest:

Members of the immediate families of members of the Scholarship Committee are ineligible to apply for consideration.

Scholarship Committee Responsibilities:

The Scholarship Committee will be responsible for:

- A. A thorough review of all applications.
- B. Notifying students who submit incomplete applications.
- C. Notification of time and place of interview for students who meet all requirements.
- D. Establishing a list of questions to ask all scholarship applicants.
- E. Interviewing scholarship applicants.
- F. Any other thing deemed necessary by the Board of Directors or the Scholarship Committee in order to achieve the goals of the YSFB FAE Scholarship Program.

Criteria: Committee members shall base their recommendations on the following criteria:

- A. Scholastic Achievement
- B. Career Goals
- C. Leadership Skills and Community Involvement
- D. Writing and Communication Skills
- E. Interview

Release of Scholarship Results:

Scholarship Committee Chair will be responsible for:

- A. Presenting winners to Board of Directors for approval.
- B. Notifying each scholarship winner by mail within three (3) working days of the next Board of Directors meeting.
- C. Notifying remaining scholarship applicants of the status of their application by mail within five (5) days of the next Board of Directors meeting.
- D. Notifying the media of the scholarship winners through a written release.

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2026 Scholarship Application Receipt

I have read and fully understand the Scholarship Program Guidelines, Policies and Application for the YSFB FAE 2026 Scholarship Program. This receipt shall be part of my application. My completed application is attached hereto.

If my application is deemed by the Scholarship Committee to be incomplete, I understand that my application will be disqualified, and I will not be scheduled for an interview. If any information contained in my application is inaccurate, my application will be disqualified, and I will not be scheduled for an interview. If any information contained in my application is later found to be inaccurate or contrived, after I have been awarded a scholarship, the award will be cancelled, and I hereby agree to immediately repay any funds dispersed to me by YSFB FAE.

I understand that my application will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. **I understand that submitting an application does not guarantee an interview with the committee. The decision of the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee, to recommend or not recommend any applicant to the Board of Directors for a scholarship award, is final.**

If my application is complete and determined to be acceptable by the committee, I will be notified by email of the date and time of my interview with the committee. If I am not available at the scheduled date and/or time, I will notify the YSFB office at (530) 673-6550 as soon as possible. I understand that the Scholarship Committee will try to accommodate a change in the interview schedule, however, if not possible by the committee, my application will be disqualified, and I will not be scheduled for another interview.

I have read, understand, and agree to the foregoing:

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Name (*Printed*)

Parent's Signature

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

APPLICATION POSTMARKED/RECEIVED: Date: _____ Time: _____

YUBA-SUTTER FARM BUREAU By: _____

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2026 Scholarship Application – APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED

1. Full Name: _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

2. Permanent Address: _____
Street _____ City _____

County _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Telephone # of applicant _____

Email of applicant _____

3. Are you or your parents current Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau (YSFB) Members?
_____ Yes _____ No If yes, please provide membership # _____

4. If applicable, how long a member of YSFB? _____

5. Are you pursuing a college degree in agriculture? _____ Yes _____ No

6. Student's School: _____

7. _____ Male _____ Female

8. U.S. Citizen? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Permanent Resident Birth Date: _____

9. Father/Step-Father/Guardian name: _____

10. Father/Step-Father/Guardian occupation: _____

11. Mother/Step-Mother/Guardian name: _____

12. Mother/Step-Mother/Guardian occupation: _____

13. What recognition honors have you received in high school?

14. What leadership offices have you held?

15. In what special activities (such as 4-H, FFA, Clubs, Societies, Churches, Athletics, etc.) have you participated?

16. What college, university or vocational pursuit do you plan to enter? _____

City _____

17. What degree/certification do you intend to obtain? _____

18. Major field of study?

19. For what occupation are you preparing?

20. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Applicant must submit three (3) letters of recommendation giving information about his/her character, abilities, and intent to continue his/her education. The names and occupations of the persons (relatives excluded) who are writing the letters of recommendations are:
A. _____ Occupation: _____
B. _____ Occupation: _____
C. _____ Occupation: _____

21. Do you have brothers or sisters currently in college? [____] Yes [____] No

22. Write a paragraph explaining why the Scholarship Committee should select you for a scholarship:

23. **ESSAY:** Write a 500-word essay on topic below. Your essay MUST be typewritten, and a minimum of 500 words, not to exceed 600 words. Your essay should be included as an attachment to the application.
TOPIC: *What does agricultural advocacy mean to you, and why is it important for the future of farming in California?*

SEALED COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS MUST ACCOMPANY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS.

ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED ON THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY YSFB FAE AT ITS OFFICE AT 475 N. PALORA AVENUE, SUITE A, YUBA CITY, CA 95991, OR VIA EMAIL AT ysfb@ysfarmbureau.com (electronic submissions are allowed) **ON OR BEFORE 4:00 PM, March 19, 2026.** IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO ENSURE RECEIPT OF APPLICATION (electronic or mail) HAS BEEN MADE. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. STUDENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF INTERVIEW DATES AND TIMES.**

Scholarship recipients agree to the use of their names, likenesses and information contained in their application packages for advertising and promotional purposes for the YSFB FAE Scholarship Program without further compensation or notification.

"I certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by these signatures. I understand that all information contained on this application is subject to verification and that false information will lead to disqualification."

Applicant's Signature (Required) _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature (Required) _____ Date: _____
(Parent's signature is only required if applicant is under age 21 or claimed as a dependent.)

PREVIOUS YUBA-SUTTER FARM BUREAU FUND FOR AG EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

2010-2011

Amanda Bradshaw, Wheatland High School
Michael Bradshaw, Wheatland High School
Baljot Dhoot, Yuba City High School
Kyle Filter, Yuba City High School
Jimmy Gutierrez, New Life Christian School
Tyler Niesen, Sutter Union High School
Sydney Reese, East Nicolaus High School

2011-2012

Michael Bryant, Yuba City High School
Rumyn Purewal, Yuba City High School
Morgan Reese, East Nicolaus High School
Jennifer Tarke, Sutter Union High School
Courtney Taylor, Faith Christian High School

2012-2013

Gage Willey, East Nicolaus High School
Robert DeValentine, East Nicolaus High School
Karen Judge, Yuba City High School
Karendip Cheema, Yuba City High School
Ragvir Dhoot, Yuba City High School
Raveen Grewal, Yuba City High School
Raeann Magill, Yuba City High School
Bianca Almeida, Sutter Union High School
Matthew Oki, Christian Brothers High School

2013-2014

Bearson Smith, Yuba City High School
Elan Nelson, East Nicolaus High School
Kaitlin Wanner, East Nicolaus High School
Kelly Hatamiya, River Valley High School
Colin Taylor, Sutter Union High School
Kendell Cheim, Yuba City High School
Kerstyn Stass, Wheatland High School

2014-2015

William Pearce, Sutter Union High School
Nicole Helms, East Nicolaus High School
Mitchell Gander, East Nicolaus High School
Jacob Bradley, Sutter High School

2015-2016

Lauren Danna, Yuba City High School
Caroline Van Ruiten, Yuba City High School
Lacey DeSalles, Sutter Union High School
Logan Taylor, Sutter Union High School
Rajhanah Bath, Sutter Union High School
Alfredo Arias, Sutter Union High School
Samuel Akin, Sutter Union High School
Savannah Herald, Lindhurst High School
Sunny Sanford, Wheatland High School
Arjan Heer, River Valley High School
Madison Goss, East Nicolaus High School
Alisha Smith, East Nicolaus High School

2016-2017

Harrison Cheim, Yuba City High School
Clayton Chipchase, River Valley High School
Julia Damborienna, Sutter Union High School
Abigail Davis, Live Oak High School
Kyle DeRee, Sutter Union High School
Emma Garcia, Wheatland High School
Anu Gill, Yuba City High School
Inderjit Gill, Yuba City High School
Preya Gill, River Valley High School
John Keeley, Sutter Union High School
Myah Mashhadialireza, Yuba City High School
Colin Minard, Yuba City High School
Nathan Romness, Sutter Union High School
LJ Smith Jr., Yuba City High School
Zachery Thompson, Wheatland High School

2017-2018

Marifer Barriga, Marysville Charter Academy Arts
Ashley Conner, Lindhurst High School
Caleb Crother, Sutter Union High School
Haley Duenas, Yuba City High School
Robert Gander, East Nicolaus High School
Gursimran Kaur, River Valley High School Kaitlyn O'Dell, Marysville High School
Carla Cortes, Marysville High School
Harrison Pearce, Sutter Union High School
Skylene Sanford, Wheatland High School Sarina Sohal, River Valley High School Mickenna Turner, Sutter Union High School Taylor Upton, Lindhurst High School

2018-2019

Elyssa Alvarez, Yuba City Charter
Juliana Capaul, Sutter Union High School
Janet Enriquez, Live Oak High School
William (Blake) Gouker, East Nicolaus High School Preslie Hewitt, East Nicolaus High School
Jasjeet Kaur, River Valley High School
Justyne Lindley, Wheatland High School
Chloe Minard, Sutter Union High School
Macey Reinthaler, East Nicolaus High School Lidia Segoviano, Yuba City High School
Ajeet Sohal, River Valley High School Husandeep Toor, River Valley High School Lucas West, River Valley High School

2019-2020

Crystal Alvarez, Marysville High School
Simranpreet Buttar, Live Oak High School
Amandip Chauhan, River Valley High School
Linzee Degriff, Marysville High School
Atticus Driver, Yuba City High School
Caeley Jackson, Sutter Union High School
Faith Marie Lyles, Wheatland High School
Calista Martin, Yuba City High School
Justin Navarrot, Sutter Union High School
Hannah O'Connor, East Nicolaus High School
Mixtli Rodriguez, Wheatland High School
JT Stinson, East Nicolaus High School
Jack Swartz, Sutter Union High School Montana Williamson, River Valley High School

2020-2021

Delaney Amarel, Yuba City High School
Emma Cucchi, Sutter Union High School
Reagan Denny, Yuba City High School
Brynn Lauppe, East Nicolaus High School
Mary Green, Yuba City High School
Harjot Kaur, Yuba City High School
Shaan Sandhu, Yuba City High School
Jackson Foster, Sutter Union High School
Amelia Adamson, Marysville High School
Emma West, River Valley High School
Elizabeth Ramirez, Sutter Union High School

2021-2022

Hannah Bains, Yuba City High School
Isabel Boardman, Sutter High School
Caleb Eberhardt, East Nicolaus High School
Madison Escheman, Marysville High School
Lyndsey Foster, Marysville High School
Muskan Gill, Yuba City High School
Jorge Gomez, Live Oak High School
Remington Hewitt, East Nicolaus High School
Brandon Knox, Sutter High School
Jade Lassaga, Marysville High School
Yasmine Pacheco, Sutter High School
Hannah Taylor, Sutter High School
Hayden Webb, Wheatland High School

2022-2023

Joseph Contreras, Live Oak High School
Makenzie Gardner, Wheatland High School
Hailey Hicks, Marysville High School
Meika Lauppe, East Nicolaus High School
Lorelai Miller, Yuba City High School
Mia Minard, Sutter High School
Nicholas Moody, Sutter High School
Jack Munger, Sutter High School
Reed Scott, Sutter High School
Ashley Skutley, Sutter High School
Cade Stafford, Sutter High School
Kiana Walton, Wheatland High School
Alexandra White, East Nicolaus High School

2023-2024

Brady Amarel, East Nicolaus High School
Gurkeerat Dhillon, Lindhurst High School
Lauren Fales, East Nicolaus High School
Claira Goss, Marysville High School
Taylor Hauck, East Nicolaus High School
Drew Johnson, East Nicolaus High School
Meah Jung, Marysville High School
Blake Lauppe, East Nicolaus High School
Abbi Oliver, Wheatland High School
Nevin Purewal, Yuba City High School
Muskaan Rai, Live Oak High School
Quinn Stafford, Sutter Union High School
Charlise Steuer, Marysville Charter Academy
Lizbeth Topete, Live Oak High School

2024-2025

Madeline Bole, Live Oak High School
Giovanni Briceno, Lindhurst High School
Conrad Burrow, Wheatland Union High School
Lacie Correll, Sutter Union High School
Adiba Dakhunda, Lindhurst High School
Lane Dunbar, East Nicolaus High School
Kenzie Garramore, Sutter Union High School
Jack Henderson, East Nicolaus High School
Sofia Laney, Sutter Union High School
Lily Miller, Sutter Union High School
Victoria Moody, Sutter Union High School
Jonathan Munger, Sutter Union High School
Elizabeth Silva, Lindhurst High School
Sureena Sutphin, River Valley High School
Riley Wheaton, East Nicolaus High School
Alanna Whitlock, Lindhurst High School