



San Joaquin Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers 2026 Scholarship

The San Joaquin Young Farmers & Ranchers will fund a minimum of \$5,000 in scholarships ranging from \$1,000-\$2,500 for the 2026-2027 school year. High school and college student applications will be reviewed separately; a minimum of one scholarship will be awarded to a high school student and a minimum of one scholarship will be awarded to a college student. The purpose of this scholarship is not only to reward those who have demonstrated a commitment to agriculture, but also to secure a viable future for the agriculture industry by funding the education of tomorrow's leaders.

San Joaquin Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers are active agriculturists like you - between the ages of 18 and 35 and involved in production, banking, business, and many other areas of the industry. Young Farmers & Ranchers develop leadership skills while volunteering time as active, vital members of Farm Bureau.

Eligibility and Application Requirements

Application *and* supporting documents must be postmarked or physically delivered to the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation office no later than the close of business on Friday, March 27, 2026, by 4:00 pm. Mail / Deliver to: 3290 N. Ad Art Road, Stockton, CA 95215

- Applicants must be entering or attending an accredited junior college or four-year University, enrolled in an undergraduate program and major area of study must be agriculture or related field.
- Do not enclose any material other than the materials that have been requested.
- Print or type legibly.
- Transcripts must accompany each application. If you are a Freshman in college, please also include your high school transcript.
- Each application packet must be complete and submitted in its own individual envelope.

Selection Criteria

The following will be given consideration when selecting a recipient. However, the criteria are considered cumulatively and should not be regarded as individual requirements.

- Demonstrated qualities: career goals, scholastic achievement, determination to succeed, leadership, desire to obtain a higher education, commitment to agriculture.
- Difficulty and achievement level of academic courses.
- Future plans for involvement in the agriculture industry.

Presentation of Award / Distribution of Funds

Recipients will be presented with a certificate recognizing the award at the SJFB's Scholarship Awards Ceremony which will be held at the SJFB Annual Meeting. *The date and location are to be determined.*

Upon receipt of the recipient's enrollment as a full-time student in an accredited junior college or four-year university, the scholarship will be funded directly to the recipient. In addition, San Joaquin Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers will process and pay for one year of Collegiate Farm Bureau membership for each recipient.

Failure to enroll in a junior college or four-year university in the fall of 2026 may result in forfeiture of the award.



San Joaquin Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers

Application for the year 2026

Submission Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2026, by 4:00 pm

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____

MAILING ADDRESS

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip Code: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Father's Occupation: _____ Mother's Occupation: _____

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

List the high school, junior college, and/or university you have attended (please include your present school). Do not include single courses or class studies, i.e. night school.

| School Name | City/ST | Major |
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WORK EXPERIENCE

List your work experience during the past four years. Indicate dates of employment and approximate number of hours worked each week. *Please attach an additional page if necessary.*

| Position/Title | Company | Dates of Employment | Hrs/Week |
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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List all extracurricular activities (school & community) you participated in during the past four years without pay, i.e. Red Cross, church, sports, clubs, volunteer work, etc. *Please attach an additional page if necessary.*

| Activity | Year(s) of Participation | Special Honors/Awards |
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

College/University Will You Be Attending: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Semester: _____

Major: _____ Occupation In Preparation For: _____

Working While In College?: Y N Living Situation: At Home Off Campus On Campus

My Class In Fall 2026 Will Be: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation. The persons writing letters of recommendation are:

| Name | Relationship to Applicant |
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APPLICANT ESSAYS

The California agriculture industry currently faces many challenges. In a one to two page essay, please identify at least one of these challenges, how you personally hope to make a difference, and how your background and education will further your ability to impact the future of California agriculture.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Applicant Name
Please Print

Applicant Signature

Date