



SAN MATEO COUNTY 4-H CLUB COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP I APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

4-H scholarships awarded by the San Mateo County 4-H Club Council Scholarship I will range in amounts of \$250 to \$2,500 and will be judged on the basis of:

- 20% Leadership & Achievements in 4-H
- 20% Scholastic Record
- 25% 4-H Expression
- 20% Recommendations
- 15% Oral Interview

Please read the instructions below or you can find them online on our [county website](#).

Applicant's Eligibility:

- Must be a graduating high school senior or above.
- Must be presently an active youth member and a [member in good standing](#) in the San Mateo/San Francisco Counties 4-H program. (Member in good standing must complete the enrollment process, be enrolled in at least one project, and comply with the [4-H Member Code of Conduct](#) .
- Pursuing a higher education after graduating high school.
- May reapply for a scholarship if you have not previously received one.

You need to address all four (4) criteria to be considered for a scholarship. Each applicant must include:

1. Application: Complete [online application](#)
2. Transcript(s): Provide current transcript(s) - downloaded unofficial transcripts are acceptable this year and may be uploaded in the online application.
3. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation: [online recommendation portal](#).
Required one to be your current or former 4-H leader.
Others may be teachers, counselors, employers, or other non-family references.
4. 4-H Expression of your choice that can help us know you as a 4-Her, including your experience in 4-H, how you have benefited from the program, and how you have in turn given back to 4-H. This expression can take whatever form you like, such as an essay, a short story, a video, a display board, etc. You may wish to showcase skills you are proud of, your leadership experience, citizenship and service to others, including younger members. **Digital format is preferred. If you are unable to submit your 4-H Expression digitally, please inform us immediately to make alternate arrangements for drop off.**
5. Please also upload a photo of yourself, preferably a headshot.

Online Deadline: April 4, 2025, no later than 11:59 PM PST

- [Online application](#)
- Transcript(s) – upload file(s) in online application
- 4-H Expression - upload file in online application
- [Online letters of recommendation](#)

Oral interviews will be held in late April 2025. You will be notified by April 11, 2025, via email your interview time slot and Zoom information. The interviews will occur during school or work hours (mid-afternoon). Please notify your teachers or employers.

Announcements: Scholarship I recipients will be announced at the San Mateo County 4-H Council meeting on May 19, 2025. Your scholarship will be mailed to you in June.

Please direct any questions to Dan Hogan, Scholarship I Administrator, dhogan19@comcast.net, 415-987-3503 or T’Nay Pham, 4-H Program Coordinator, tnypham@ucanr.edu.