

# HUMBOLDT COUNTY FARM BUREAU 2026 RENEWAL APPLICATION

**DEADLINE: APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be a continuing college student who graduated from Humboldt County High School. Recipients may only receive FOUR Scholarships within seven years of graduation.
- Must be a full-time student attending an accredited Junior College, four-year College, or Vocational school.

## **SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION ONLY**

The following documents must be **postmarked, emailed, or delivered by 5:00 pm April 1, 2026**

1. The **Humboldt County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application**
2. **Cover Letter/Essay** - Describe your background, goals, and involvement in Agriculture, Forestry, or Natural Resources, and your plans. Describe how Humboldt County Farm Bureau benefits our agriculture community and what contributions you see yourself making to farm bureau organizations in the future. **Emphasis should be placed on your activities and accomplishments from the past year.** **ONE PAGE ONLY!** Multiple pages will not be accepted.

**NOTE:** Use an original cover letter submitted in the prior year(s) with your scholarship application. (Your application may be declined using last year's cover letter.)

3. **UNOFFICIAL College Transcript(s)** – Complete transcripts from every college you have attended since high school graduation.
4. **A RECENT PICTURE OF YOURSELF IS REQUIRED- email a .png or .jpg**

**MAIL, EMAIL, OR DROP OFF the above information to:**

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
Humboldt County Farm Bureau  
5601 So. Broadway  
Eureka, CA 95503  
jfulton@humboldtcountyfarmbureau.com**

## **HENRI & LANETTE ROUSSEAU MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The late Lanette Rousseau established the Henri and Lanette Rousseau Memorial Scholarship to provide educational opportunities for graduates from Humboldt County High Schools to pursue a field of Agriculture, Science, Education, or Vocational Education.

Henri and Lanette Rousseau were lifelong members of the Farm Bureau, and both were active on the Board of Directors. In 1996, the Rousseau Estate provided a partnership between the Humboldt Area Foundation and the Humboldt County Farm Bureau for this scholarship program. Multiple scholarships range from \$400 to \$1,000 and *may be reapplied annually for up to four scholarship awards.*

### **QUALIFICATIONS for Henri & Lanette Rousseau Scholarship**

- Major or minor must be in Agriculture, Agricultural-related fields, or Science, including Education or teaching courses in agriculture or related fields of science.
- Graduated from Humboldt County High School.
- Full-time student attending an accredited junior college, four-year college, or vocational school.
- Scholarships are limited to FOUR years per student.

## **THE GENE WHITNEY PRODUCTION FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Humboldt County Farm Bureau proudly offers a College Scholarship(s) for students pursuing a career in **Production Forestry or Natural Resources**, which supports the Forest Production Industry. A long-term Humboldt County Farm Bureau Board member, Mr. Gene Whitney, established this scholarship. Scholarship numbers and amounts will vary.

### **QUALIFICATIONS for the Gene Whitney Scholarship**

- Graduate from Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Trinity, Lake, or Napa County High School
- Attending College of the Redwoods, Cal Poly Humboldt, or other Colleges offering forestry classes and institutions of higher learning may be approved by the Scholarship Committee.
- Students must pursue a career in Production Forestry or Natural Resources, which supports the Forest Products Industry.

## **STERLING F. PADDOCK SCHOLARSHIP**

Mr. Paddock grew up in Kneeland, CA, and spent most of his life as a caretaker/cowboy on ranches in Humboldt County. Students interested in agriculture (***whose family is a Humboldt County Farm Bureau member***) can receive special recognition in scholarship awards. Multiple scholarships are awarded, and amounts may vary. *The Paddock Scholarship may be reapplied annually for up to four scholarship years.*

### **QUALIFICATIONS for Sterling F. Paddock Scholarship:**

- Major or minor must be in agriculture, agricultural-related fields, vocational training, or general education with the intent to pursue agriculture at a future college.
- Graduate from any Humboldt County High School, attending College of the Redwoods or a College or University.
- May be a continuing college student who graduated from a Humboldt County High School.
- Full-time student (12 Units)

## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY WOOL GROWERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Humboldt County Wool Growers Association was established in the early 1920s to promote and preserve the industry, which includes meat, wool, and pelts for textiles and milk. Scholarship amounts will vary.

### **QUALIFICATIONS for the Wool Growers Scholarship:**

- Major or minor must be in Agriculture, with consideration given to experience in sheep, livestock, or wool production.
- Graduate from Humboldt County High School.
- Full-time student attending an accredited junior college, four-year college, or vocational school.

## **IKE MOXON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The **Ike Moxon Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2018. Ike grew up on the family dairy farm in Arcata, CA, where he spent 71 years in agriculture. He was incredibly proud of his role in helping agricultural students with educational opportunities in their chosen fields. He strongly supported the Humboldt County Farm Bureau and served as a Board member for many years. The emphasis of this scholarship will be on students majoring in agriculture. Multiple scholarships may be awarded and vary in size. Humboldt County Farm Bureau and the Humboldt Area Foundation are partners in this scholarship program.

### **QUALIFICATIONS for Ike Moxon Memorial Scholarship:**

- Major or minor must be in Agriculture or agricultural-related fields.
- Graduate from a Humboldt County High School and attends College of the Redwoods is a four-year college/university or trade school.
- May be a continuing college student who graduated from a Humboldt County High School.
- Full-time student (12 Units) and a Humboldt County Farm Bureau Agriculture member.

## **COTTRELL FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The **Cottrell Family Memorial Scholarship Fund** is offered in partnership with the **Humboldt Area Foundation**. The Fund was started at the request of C. Graham Cottrell, who was raised on the Cottrell Ranch in Bridgeville, Humboldt County. He learned respect for the land and the abundance of natural resources available. The Cottrell Family established this fund as a memorial honoring their parents, Everett M. & Barbara G. Cottrell, and their Aunt Helen Cottrell Larson. It now includes C. Graham Cottrell himself. It was Graham's wish that any student receiving a scholarship from this fund remember the importance of protecting our natural resources while working harmoniously with landowners who strive to do the same. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Candidates described by the following criteria are eligible:

### **QUALIFICATIONS for Cottrell Family Memorial Scholarship Fund:**

- Graduate from a Humboldt County School
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Any vocational/technical school, community college (2-year) or university (4-year)
- Enrollment: Full Time (12 or more units)
- Vocational/Technical (diesel mechanics, heavy equipment operator), Forestry,
- Natural Resources or related fields of study.
- Students may reapply.

## **GENE AND BETTY SENESTRARO SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Gene Senestraro is the founding member of the Farm Bureau Scholarship Program and has served as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee since its inception. This Scholarship will be awarded to a student who plans to attend college in an Animal Science / Production Agriculture Field, return to Humboldt County, and start their career as a part of our local Agriculture Community. There will be two \$3,000 Scholarships awarded to a High School Senior or a continuing College Student who expresses interest in returning to Humboldt County and working in production agriculture.

### **QUALIFICATIONS for Gene and Betty Senestraro Scholarship Fund:**

- Major or minor must be in agriculture, specifically animal science/production agriculture.
- Graduate from a Humboldt County High School and plan to/are attending College of the Redwoods or a four-year college/university or trade school.
- May be a continuing college student who graduated from a Humboldt County High School.
- Full-time student (12 Units) and a Humboldt County Farm Bureau Agriculture member.
- In the Cover Letter, applicants must mention their intent to return to Humboldt County after college and establish a career in agricultural production.

## **American AgCredit Scholarship**

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**AAC Livestock Scholarship** - \$1,000 for a student with a livestock production background or pursuing a career in Animal Science. Must be a graduating high school senior or a community college transfer student moving to a 4-year accredited university, as well as college juniors and seniors. This scholarship is non-renewable.

**Check Scholarship(s) applying for:**

☐ Henri & Lanette Rousseau  
☐ Sterling F. Paddock  
☐ Wool Growers  
☐ Gene Whitney Prod. Forestry  
☐ Ike Moxon Scholarship  
☐ Cottrell Scholarship Fund  
☐ Senestraro Fund  
☐ American AgCredit

**Official use only:**

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Academic GPA \_\_\_\_\_

**2026**  
**HUMBOLDT COUNTY**  
**FARM BUREAU**  
**RENEWAL APPLICATION**  
Due April 1, 2026

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent** Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parents /Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

High School of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_ Final GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Please check which type of college you will attend: 4 Year \_\_\_\_ 2 Year \_\_\_\_ Vocational \_\_\_\_

Are you planning to become a teacher? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

What College did you attend this year? \_\_\_\_\_

What College will you attend next year? \_\_\_\_\_

Declared College Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative College GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Date of College Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Are you or your parents a Voting Farm Bureau Agricultural Member (\$300 membership yearly)? If not, you can join at [www.humboldtcountyfarmbureau.com](http://www.humboldtcountyfarmbureau.com)

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

If you have earned at least 10 college credits, please list all institutions you have attended with your years in college (based on units completed)

College	Dates Attended	College GPA
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Do you have a degree from any of the above colleges? \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_