

# HUMBOLDT COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

## High School Seniors & FIRST-TIME College Applicants

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

The following documents must be delivered or postmarked by April 1, 2026.

1. **Humboldt County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application** - Official Application Form – Page #1 and Page #2 for First-time applicants.
2. **Cover Letter** – Describe your background, goals, involvement in Agriculture and Forestry (if any), and plans. Type on one side of the paper only (2 pages Maximum). Use the questions on page 2 as prompts for your cover letter.
3. **Official High School Transcript SEALED in envelope** – 1st-time applicants. Graduating High School Seniors, send a full Official High School Transcript, including your most recent quarter/semester grades.

First-time applicants who have already graduated from high school must include a full official transcript showing high school graduation.

5. **Two letters of recommendation** – 1st-time applicants only.
6. **A RECENT PICTURE OF YOURSELF IS REQUIRED** – email .png or .jpg file. The Scholarship Committee does not view photos; these are for promotional purposes only. Please do NOT include a printed photo; we need a digital copy.
7. **NOTE** – If you submit your application electronically, ensure your documents are saved as PDF files to ensure they print clearly for our scholarship committee. Google documents will not be accepted.

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

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**Humboldt County Farm Bureau**  
**5601 So. Broadway**  
**Eureka, CA 95503**  
**[jfulton@humboldtcountyfarmbureau.com](mailto: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. Scholarships range from \$400 to \$1,000.

### **QUALIFICATIONS for Rousseau Memorial 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.
- Graduate from Humboldt County High School.
- May be a continuing college student who graduated from a Humboldt County High School within 7 years.
- 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 College Scholarship(s) for students pursuing a career in Production Forestry or Natural Resources which supports production forestry. A long-term Humboldt County Farm Bureau Board member, Mr. Gene Whitney, established this scholarship. Scholarship amounts will vary.

### **QUALIFICATIONS for Forestry Scholarship:**

- Graduate from Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Trinity, Lake, or Napa County High School
- Attending College of the Redwoods, Humboldt State University 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**

The **Sterling F. Paddock Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2009. Mr. Paddock grew up in Kneeland, CA., and spent most of his life as a caretaker /cowboy on ranches in Humboldt. Students interested in agriculture (***whose family is a Humboldt County Farm Bureau Agriculture member***) can receive special recognition in scholarship awards. Scholarship amounts may vary *and be reapplied annually for up to four scholarship awards.*

### **QUALIFICATIONS for Paddock Memorial Scholarship:**

- Major or minor must be in agriculture, agricultural fields, vocational training, or general education with the intent to pursue agriculture as a career.
- Graduate from Humboldt County High School and attend 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)
- For more information on becoming a Humboldt County Farm Bureau Member, please contact the HCFB office at (707) 443-4844 or 5601 So. Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503.

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

The Humboldt County Wool Growers Association was established in the early 1920s. While the sheep population in Humboldt County has declined, the Association remains dedicated to promoting and preserving the industry, including meat, wool, pelts for textiles, and milk from an emerging dairy-sheep industry. Scholarship amounts will vary.

### **QUALIFICATIONS for HCWGA 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.
- May be a continuing college student who graduated from a Humboldt County High School within 7 years.
- 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 plan to attend or already attend the College of the Redwoods.
- 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 to respect the land and the abundance of natural resources. 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:**

- Applicants were raised in Humboldt County
- Graduating High School and Current Undergraduate Students may apply
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Plan to attend any vocational/technical school, community college (2-year), or university (4-year)
- Full Time (12 or more units)
- Vocational/Technical (diesel mechanics, heavy equipment operator), Forestry,
- Natural Resources or related fields of study.
- Students may reapply for up to four scholarship awards

## **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 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 Ag.
- Graduate from a Humboldt County High School and plan to attend College of the Redwoods, a four-year college/university or trade school.
- Continuing college students who graduated from Humboldt County High School will be considered.
- Full-time student (12 Units) and a Humboldt County Farm Bureau Agriculture member.
- In the Cover Letter, applicants must express their intent to return to Humboldt County after college and establish a career in agricultural production.

## **American AgCredit Scholarships**

American AgCredit has been supporting agriculture for many years, and HCFCB is pleased to be able to facilitate its scholarship program. American AgCredit is sponsoring four scholarships as follows:

**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.

**AAC College of the Redwood Scholarship** - \$1,000 for a student pursuing Agriculture, Natural Resources, or Agri-business coursework. Eligible applicants are graduating high school seniors enrolling full-time (12+ credits). This scholarship is non-renewable.

**AAC Agriculture Scholarship** - \$2,500 for a student pursuing a major in agriculture or an ag-related field, including, but not limited to, veterinary care, animal husbandry, crop science, food science, natural resource management, viticulture, dairy science, watershed development, soils, etc. Other business majors, including finance, economics, accounting, marketing, etc., with a focus on ag, would be eligible. Eligible applicants are graduating high school seniors enrolling full-time (12+ credits) in a 4-year university program. This scholarship is non-renewable.

**AAC Agriculture Certificate or Trade Scholarship** - \$2,500 for a student pursuing a 2-year or trade program connected to an ag-related field. Eligible applicants are graduating high school seniors enrolling in a 2-year school or trade program. This scholarship is non-renewable.

## **KARL GIACOMINI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Karl Giacomini was born in Eureka, CA, on March 9, 1977, to Clint and Pam Giacomini. He grew up in a large family involved in dairy farming and ranching. From showing Jersey cows with Grandpa John, riding and roping with Grandpa Mickey, or hauling rodeo stock with his dad, Karl was never far from a cow or a horse. He was active in 4-H and FFA and competed in High School Rodeo. After graduating from Ferndale High School in 1995, Karl attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and was part of the Cal Poly Mustang Rodeo Team. Karl competed in both Calf Roping and Team Roping events. After earning a B.S. in Animal Science in 2000, he joined Cargill Animal Nutrition.

Karl was an example to everyone around him; he was honest, hard-working, and the first to lend a hand to someone who needed help. He demanded the best effort from those around him and gave his best in return. Karl was a mentor to many and strove to help others rise. Karl focused on helping those around him elevate their game to a higher level. The Karl Giacomini Memorial Scholarship will be granted to a current Humboldt County High School Senior who is involved in agriculture and/or rodeo and exhibits Karl's qualities and attributes of putting their best effort forward and helping those around them succeed. Karl left a big hole in the hearts of many, especially for his wife, Stephanie, and daughters, Clara and Karly. His friends and family started the Karl Giacomini Memorial Scholarship to continue Karl's legacy of selflessness and determination.

### **QUALIFICATIONS for Karl Giacomini Memorial Scholarship:**

- Rodeo and/or High School Rodeo background
- Demonstrate the qualities and attributes that Karl valued and emulated.

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☐ Henri & Lanette Rousseau  
☐ Sterling F. Paddock  
☐ Wool Growers  
☐ Gene Whitney Production Forestry  
☐ Ike Moxon Memorial Scholarship  
☐ Cottrell Scholarship Fund  
☐ Gene & Betty Senestraro Fund  
☐ American AgCredit  
☐ Karl Giacomini

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 High School Attended

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 Year of Graduation

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 Academic GPA

## HUMBOLDT COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Application for High School Seniors and First-Time Applicants*

Due April 1, 2026

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending / Have Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Total GPA (9-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you or your parents a Voting Farm Bureau Agricultural Member (\$300 membership yearly)?

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

- Not a member? We would love to have you join! [www.humboldtcountyfarmbureau.com](http://www.humboldtcountyfarmbureau.com)

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

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

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

In priority order, list colleges where you have submitted applications for the coming year.

College	City/State	Accepted? (Yes or No)
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a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Scholarship payouts may be adjusted based on the college you ultimately attend. For example, 2-year and 4-year schools have different payout levels.

Which school will you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

# HUMBOLDT COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## Page 2 for First-Time Applicants Only

### Cover Letter Instructions:

**Print on one side of the page only.**

**2 pages MAXIMUM. The committee will not view extra pages.**

**Consider including the following information in your cover letter.**

1. Include your school, religious, and/or community activities you have participated in. Include any personal activities and accomplishments that have been meaningful to you.
2. Write a brief paragraph explaining why you have selected the Major you plan on studying and how it relates to your career objectives and future goals.  
*(If you are applying for the Forestry Scholarship, please explain your career objectives in the Forest Products Industry.)*
3. List jobs (including summer employment) you have had in the past three years. Include dates, employers, type of jobs, and hours worked per week.
4. Explain why you chose the college/university you plan to attend next year.
5. Describe your involvement in agriculture, what influence agriculture has had on you, and what part of agriculture you plan to participate in (if any). Please explain.
6. What are your future career goals, and how do you see yourself making it to Farm Bureau organizations?

I certify that the information on my scholarship application is true and correct.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE REVIEW THE CHECKLIST ON THE COVER SHEET TO BE SURE ALL  
INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.**