

HUMBOLDT COUNTY FARM BUREAU

2027 FIRST-TIME SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION | Deadline: April 1, 2027 | 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time.

Every Humboldt County Farm Bureau scholarship represents a commitment to the next generation. Local families and individuals make these awards possible, and their legacies continue through the students they support.

Our Scholarship Funds

Henri & Lanette Rousseau Memorial Scholarship — Lifelong Farm Bureau members and directors, Henri and Lanette Rousseau left a legacy of educational opportunity. Their fund supports Humboldt County students in agriculture, science, education, and related fields.

Gene Whitney Production Forestry Scholarship — Established by longtime HCFB director Gene Whitney, this fund supports careers in production forestry and natural resources that sustain the forest products industry.

Sterling F. Paddock Memorial Scholarship — Raised in Kneeland, Sterling Paddock worked as a cowboy and ranch caretaker in Humboldt County. His fund supports agricultural education and recognizes students from HCFB agricultural member families.

Humboldt County Wool Growers Association Scholarship — Founded in the early 1920s, the Association works to preserve the region's sheep industry. Its scholarship supports agricultural studies and considers sheep, livestock, and wool experience.

Ike Moxon Memorial Scholarship — Ike Moxon spent 71 years in agriculture on his family's Arcata dairy farm and served on the HCFB board. His scholarship helps Humboldt County students pursue agricultural education.

Cottrell Family Memorial Scholarship Fund — The Cottrell family honors Everett, Barbara, Helen, and Graham Cottrell and their connection to the Bridgeville land. This fund supports forestry, natural resources, and related technical studies.

Gene & Betty Senestraro Scholarship Fund — Gene Senestraro founded HCFB's scholarship program and chaired its committee for many years. This fund supports students pursuing animal science or production agriculture who hope to return to Humboldt County.

Harry & Nadine McWhorter Scholarship — Honoring Harry and Nadine McWhorter, this scholarship supports graduating high school seniors who have been actively involved in beef and sheep production and plan to pursue studies in agriculture. Applicants must maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA.

American AgCredit Scholarships — American AgCredit supports students pursuing livestock production, agriculture, natural resources, agribusiness, and agricultural trades through several distinct awards administered with HCFB.

Karl Giacomini Memorial Scholarship — Ferndale native Karl Giacomini was a rodeo competitor, Cal Poly graduate, and generous mentor. His scholarship honors hard work and supports high school seniors in agriculture or rodeo.

These are brief introductions, not complete eligibility rules. Visit www.humboldtcountyfarmbureau.com for fund-specific qualifications.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY ☐ Rousseau Memorial ☐ Sterling F. Paddock ☐ Wool Growers ☐ Gene Whitney Forestry ☐ Ike Moxon ☐ Cottrell Family ☐ Gene & Betty Senestraro ☐ American AgCredit ☐ Karl Giacomini ☐ Harry & Nadine McWhorter	OFFICIAL USE ONLY Last Name: _____ High school: _____ Graduation year: _____ Verified high school GPA: _____
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Permanent mailing address: _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Personal email (not school email): _____

Parent / guardian name(s): _____

EDUCATION & CAREER PLANS

High school attended: _____

Graduation year: _____ Student-reported cumulative high school GPA (9–12): _____

College/program you plan to attend: _____

Institution type: ☐ Four-year ☐ Two-year ☐ Vocational / trade Accepted? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Pending

Important: Scholarship amounts may vary based on the institution attended. Changes from a four-year to a two-year college may reduce your award. Please notify HCFB of any changes to your college plans.

Declared/intended major or program: _____

Intended career: _____

Planning to become a teacher? ☐ Yes ☐ No

FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP

Are you or your parent/guardian a current Humboldt County Farm Bureau Agricultural Level member?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Member name: _____ Membership number (if known): _____

Agricultural Level membership is required for certain scholarship funds. Applicants who are not members remain eligible for other HCFB scholarships.

For membership information, visit www.humboldtcountyfarmbureau.com.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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Cover Letter — maximum 2 pages

Tell the committee about yourself in your own words. Use these prompts to guide your letter (you do not need to answer them as numbered questions):

- Your school, community, 4-H/FFA, rodeo, religious, or other activities, accomplishments, and leadership.
- Your work experience over the past three years, including summer jobs (employers, dates, duties, and approximate weekly hours).
- Why you chose your field of study and school, and how they relate to your career plans. Forestry applicants should describe their intended role in the forest products industry.
- Your connection to agriculture, forestry, livestock, or natural resources, and your long-term goals.

Submission Checklist — First-Time Applicants

- ☐ Completed and signed application (pages 2 & 3)
- ☐ Cover letter (maximum 2 pages)
- ☐ Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope, including most recent grades; graduates must show graduation
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation
- ☐ Recent digital photo (.jpg or .png) emailed for promotional use only; not reviewed by the committee

Email submissions: attach documents as PDFs (not Google Docs links). The digital photo should remain a JPG or PNG. For sealed official transcripts, coordinate delivery of the original sealed envelope.

Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit by April 1, 2027, at 5:00 P.M.

Completed applications and all required supporting documents must be **received electronically, hand-delivered, or postmarked by April 1, 2027, at 5:00 p.m.**

Submit to:

Humboldt County Farm Bureau - Scholarship Committee
5601 S. Broadway
Eureka, CA 95503
jfulton@humboldtcountyfarmbureau.com | (707) 443-4844

Scholarship award amounts and eligibility vary by fund; the committee determines eligible awards.