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The Farm Bureau of San Diego County is pleased to announce its 2016 scholarship program. Through the generosity of San Diego County farmers, ranchers, and nursery operators, over \$267,150 has been awarded to 265 deserving students since the program's inception in 1999.

In order to award these scholarships we need your help reaching qualified students. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Student is entering or attending a two-year or four-year college or university;
- Student is pursuing a course of study in agriculture or a closely related field; and
- Student has a permanent residence in San Diego County.

Please assist us by making the enclosed scholarship application available to agriculture students at your school. This application can also be downloaded from our website at [www.sdfarmbureau.org](http://www.sdfarmbureau.org). We invite you to link to our website and/or make hard copies available to your students.

Scholarship awards have ranged from a minimum of \$500 up to \$5,000 in past years. Funds awarded in 2016 must be applied to the 2016-2017 academic year. Completed applications must be **postmarked or emailed by April 4, 2016**.

Thank you for your assistance!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Rathbun  
Program Coordinator



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## 2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Farm Bureau of San Diego County is committed to assisting students to complete their education in agriculture/horticulture or a closely related field. Each year scholarships are awarded to worthy students. Primary criteria for awards are career goals, work experience, financial need, grades and written expression. Secondary criteria are extracurricular activities and academic honors.

### Eligibility requirements:

Any student entering or attending a two-year or four-year college or university is eligible. Applicants must be pursuing a course of study in agriculture/horticulture or a closely related field, and they must have a permanent residence in San Diego County. Membership in the Farm Bureau is not required.

### General Information:

Scholarship award amounts have ranged from \$500 to \$5000 in past years. Funds awarded in 2016 must be applied to the 2016-2017 academic year. Each student who wins a scholarship will be notified by mail.

Scholarship awards will be based on information provided in the completed application form. Previous applicants and former scholarship recipients may re-apply in future years by submitting an updated application, transcript, and recommendations.

Scholarship funds will be deposited at the educational institution in the recipient's name and applied by that institution to the student's expenses.

### Required Supporting Documents:

1. A recommendation from a teacher/academic advisor at your school evaluating you as a student (*please use enclosed form*). A recommendation from a parent is not acceptable. The teacher or applicant should mail or fax the completed form to the Farm Bureau office. \*
2. A recommendation from a current or former employer or community service organization evaluating you as a worker or volunteer (*please use enclosed form*). A recommendation from a parent is not acceptable. The recommender or applicant should mail or fax the completed form to the Farm Bureau office. \*
3. A transcript of grades from your most recent school. Grade point average must be calculated to a 4.0 scale. Photocopies are acceptable. Include transcript with completed application form. \*

### Deadline:

Applications must include responses to all essay questions and be postmarked by **April 4, 2016**.

If mailing please use a large envelope, if possible, to avoid folding.

### **Preferred Method**

Email PDF form to: [kathy@sdfarmbureau.org](mailto:kathy@sdfarmbureau.org)  
(recommendations and transcripts can be sent by post)

Mail to: Scholarship Application  
San Diego County Farm Bureau  
1670 East Valley Parkway  
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***\*Your application will not be considered complete without one recommendation from a teacher/academic advisor and one employer recommendation and a transcript of your grades. Please call (760) 745-3023 if you have any questions or would like to confirm that Farm Bureau has received your application and supporting documents.***

## **Instructions for filling out application**

This application is designed as a PDF form that can be filled out on your computer. You can work on the form and come back to it, just be sure to save each time you work on it. The text boxes for the essay questions are designed to accommodate the maximal allowed word count. You will find separate recommendation forms for teachers and employers on <http://sdfarmbureau.org/AgintheClassroom/Scholarships.php>. Please open these forms and save on your computer, you can then email to teachers or employers who can either email them to [kathy@sdfarmbureau.org](mailto:kathy@sdfarmbureau.org) , print and mail to address below or fax to (760) 489-6349.

## **Signature**

You can apply a digital signature on Adobe or print and sign the document and either create a PDF of the signature page to attach to your email or mail the signature page in to the address below

## **Submit saved applications and supporting documents:**

(preferred method) Email application to [kathy@sdfarmbureau.org](mailto:kathy@sdfarmbureau.org) with ***Scholarship Application*** in the subject line. Supporting documents (transcripts and recommendations) can be saved as PDF files and emailed or mailed to address below. Once received, you will receive a confirmation email.

**Submission Deadline is April 4, 2016.**

Print and mail to:

*Scholarship Application*  
*San Diego County Farm Bureau*  
*1670 E. Valley Parkway*  
*Escondido, CA 92027*



## San Diego County Farm Bureau 2016 Scholarship Application

**Student Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID # (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years at permanent residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Address: (if enrolled in school):**

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and address of parents/guardians (if you are not self-supporting):**

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Are you or anyone in your family a Farm Bureau member?    No    Yes    Member Name or #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information:**

***School you now attend:***

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

***School you will attend in Fall 2016***

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Class standing in Fall 2016:    Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    Senior    Graduate Student

Fall 2016 attendance:    Full time    Part-time    Anticipated college graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree sought: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of concentration, crop focus, or special interest: \_\_\_\_\_

For what business or profession are you preparing? \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative overall GPA (4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

*All information provided on this application is true and correct. I grant the San Diego County Farm Bureau permission to reprint my responses to the essay questions for publicity purposes.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## San Diego County Farm Bureau 2016 Scholarship Application

Please fill out the following information completely. If your resume answers some of these questions fully, it may be attached and used in place of filling out that particular section. Be sure to indicate which sections are contained in your resume.

*List high school, junior college, and college/university previously attended.*

Name of School	City/State	Dates Attended	Major	Graduate?
				yes no
				yes no
				yes no
				yes no

*List any academic honors or scholarships you have received. (Attach additional page if necessary.)*

High School	College/University

*List your work during the past four years, starting with the most recent.*

Name of Employer	Position	Duties/Project	Dates

*Do you expect to work this summer or during the coming school year?    No    Yes    If yes, please indicate:*

Name of Employer	Position	Duties

*List Ag experience and/or ag enterprise/FFA projects. (Attach additional page if necessary.)*

Organization	Projects	Dates

*List the extracurricular activities (school and community) in which you participated without pay during the past four years, e.g. church, clubs, sports, volunteer work. (Attach additional page if necessary.)*

Organization	Activity	Honors/Awards	Dates

## San Diego County Farm Bureau 2016 Scholarship Application

Respond to the following questions:

1. *Explain in detail your career goals and why you wish to pursue a course of study in agriculture. Include the reason you became interested in agriculture. If you are a previous SDCFB scholarship recipient, please explain what you have done this past year to help you achieve your career goals. (250 word maximum)*

2. *If you were in a group of non-farmers and someone asked you: "How does farming in San Diego benefit me? I live in the city, why should I care?" How would you respond? (350 word maximum)*

**3. Please detail the sources of income that will cover your college expenses during the upcoming year. Explain how you plan to make up the difference if your expenses exceed your revenues. ( 150 word maximum)**

[Empty response box]

# San Diego County Farm Bureau Teacher or Academic Advisor Recommendation

The following will be reviewed by the San Diego County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee. Please return to the applicant or directly to the Farm Bureau office (listed below) no later than **April 4, 2016**. Faxed copies are acceptable.

*A recommendation from a parent is not acceptable.*

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please comment on your opinion of the applicant's:*

Scholastic Aptitude:

Personality:

Leadership:

Responsibility:

Additional Comments:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Employer (current/former) or Community Service Organization Leader Recommendation

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Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please comment on your opinion of the applicant's:*

Work Place Skills:

Attitude:

Initiative:

Dependability:

Additional Comments:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organiation: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_