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Office of the Dean
College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
University of Arizona
Forbes Building, Room 306
Tucson, AZ 85721

Dear Office of the Dean:

The Farm Bureau of San Diego County is pleased to announce its 2015 scholarship program. Through the generosity of San Diego County farmers, ranchers, and nursery operators, over \$221,150 has been awarded to 232 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 is also available as an interactive pdf and can be downloaded from our website at 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 2015 must be applied to the 2015-2016 academic year. Completed applications must be **postmarked or emailed by March 30, 2015**.

Thank you for your assistance!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Rathbun
Program Coordinator



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2015 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 2015 must be applied to the 2015-2016 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 **March 30, 2015**.

Please use a large envelope, if possible, to avoid folding.

Preferred Method

Email pdf form to: kathy@sdfarmbureau.org
(recommendations and transcripts can be sent by post)

Mail to: Scholarship Application
San Diego County Farm Bureau
1670 East Valley Parkway
Escondido, CA 92027-2409

**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 accomodate the maximan allowed word count. You will find separate reccomendation forms for teacher and employer 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, 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:

(prefered method) email application to kathy@sdfarmbureau.org with *Scholarship Application* in the subject line. Supporting documents(transcripts and reccomendations) can be saved as pdf files and emailed or posted to address below. Once received you will receive a confirmation email. **Submission Deadline is March 30, 2015**

print and mail to:

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

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

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: _____

Respond to the following essay 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 words maximum)*

- 2. Agriculture cannot survive without a reliable and economical source of water for crops and livestock. Describe what you think should be done to ensure the flow of water to our farms, ranches and nurseries.(350 words maximum)*

2015-2016 School Year Budget

Please itemize and total the various revenues and expenses you expect to incur for your education next year below.

Revenue

Earnings during summer 2015: _____

Earnings during school year: _____

Total Earnings: _____

Spouse's Earnings: _____

Savings to be Spent: _____

Source of Loan	2015-16 Loan Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total Loans: _____

Name of Scholarship	Amount of Scholarship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total Scholarships: _____

Aid from other sources:	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total aid from other sources: _____

TOTAL REVENUE _____

Expenses

Tuition and/or Fees: _____

Room and Board: _____

Books and Supplies: _____

Social: _____

Total School Expenses: _____

Credit Card or loan Payments	Yearly Payment
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total Debt Payments: _____

Car Payments, Gas, Insurance, etc	Yearly Expense
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total Transportation Expense: _____

Misc Expenses (specify)	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total misc expenses: _____

TOTAL ALL EXPENSES: _____

NET AMOUNT (Revenue - Expenses): _____

Explain how you plan to make up the difference if your expenses exceed your revenues. (100 words maximum).

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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 **March 30, 2015**. 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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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:

Work Place Skills:

Attitude:

Initiative:

Dependability:

Additional Comments:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company/Organization: _____ Daytime phone number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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