



4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

2026 Mac McElduff/Plumas Bank/ Plumas & Sierra 4-H Scholarship Scholarship Guidelines



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Award:

A \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to the top applicant. Awarding of the scholarship is up to the discretion of the Scholarship Review Committee. Proof of enrollment in a college or trade school must be submitted to the county 4-H office prior to the award check being issued to the recipient.

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be a current Plumas-Sierra County 4-H member, with at least three (3) years in the Plumas-Sierra County 4-H Program.
2. Applicant must be graduating in the current school year from a public or private high school in Plumas or Sierra County.
3. The applicant must have plans to continue their education either at a college or trade school.

Judging:

50% - 4-H (projects, leadership, community service and citizenship)

15% - Other activities

25% - Scholastic record and educational goals

10% - Financial Need

Instructions:

Before you begin this application, **Be Very Clear That You Meet ALL the Criteria As Stated On This Form.** In all cases an application is more professional looking and easier to read if it is typewritten. If you absolutely can't get your application typed, use black ink and print neatly and legibly.

Please complete the application as thoroughly as possible. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Kettle at the 4-H YDP Office by email at: jkettle@ucanr.edu or by phone at: 530.283.6173.

Deadline: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

We kindly request that all applications be submitted On Time, as we will be unable to accept applications that are submitted AFTER the deadline.

Return Application:

By Mail:

By Email: jkettle@ucanr.edu

4-H Scholarship
Jennifer Kettle
UCCE - Plumas & Sierra Counties
4-H Youth Development Program
208 Fairground Road
Quincy, CA 95971

IF SENT BY MAIL, COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE OF: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

IF SENT BY EMAIL, COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT BY MIDNIGHT ON THE DEADLINE DATE OF: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Mailing Address: _____
Street Address

_____ City State Zip Code

Email: _____ County: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

4-H Club: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

4-H Age on January 1 of Current Year: _____

ACADEMICS – HIGH SCHOOL *(An official sealed copy of high school transcript must be enclosed.)*

GPA: _____ on a 4.0 point scale (Unweighted) Ranking GPA: _____ (Weighted)

Date Ranked: _____

Class Rank: _____ out of _____ (class size)

SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____ If not taken, please put NA

University, College, or Technical School you will be attending: _____
(Please include proof of acceptance.)

Major/Field of Study: _____

Briefly describe how you plan to use this major/field of study following graduation from college:

4-H Experience *Tgs wlt gu'Eqwp w'Gz vgp ukqn Egt wlt ec wqp +

Number of Years in 4-H: _____

Star Awards: Please indicate if you have applied for and/or received the following:

Dt qp| g'Uct:"

Ukxgt 'Uct:"

I qf 'Uct:"

4-H Recordbook: Category _____, _____
 Please indicate the year and placing (1st, 2nd, Blue, Red, etc.) for your 4-H Recordbook (3 of the last 4 years)

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Sparks Awards: Please indicate if you have applied for and/or received the following:

Spark Level 1:" "

Applied:	
Received:	

Spark Level 2:

Applied:	
Received:	

Spark Level 3:

Applied:	
Received:	

Spark Level 4:"

Applied:	
Received:	

Emerald Stars: Please indicate if you have applied for and/or received the following:

Emerald Star I:"

Applied:	
Received:	

Emerald Star II:

Applied:	
Received:	

Impact Stars: Please indicate if you have applied for and/or received the following:

Star 1:" "

Applied:	
Received:	

Star 2:

Applied:	
Received:	

Star 3:

Applied:	
Received:	

Star 4:

Applied:	
Received:	

List your five (5) main 4-H projects and your highest level of participation:

(Club/Chapter: C County: Co District: D State: S National: N International: I)

# Years:	Highest Level of Participation:	Project:	Major Activities Related to Project:

4-H/FFA EXPERIENCE (Requires County Extension Certification)

List your major 4-H leadership accomplishments/activities and level of participation:

Club/Chapter: C County: Co District: D State: S National: N International: I

Year	Level of Participation	Activity	Major Responsibilities

List your most important 4- achievements or honors and level of participation:

Club/Chapter: C County: Co District: D State: S National: N International: I

Year	Level of Participation	Achievement or Honor	Description/Personal Meaning of Achievement or Award

Briefly describe a situation where you overcame an obstacle or challenge during your 4-H career:

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

List community service projects and activities:

# Years	Activity/Project	Major Responsibilities/Leadership Role

List additional clubs, organizations, and activities (clubs, athletics, church, work experience):

# Years	Club/Organization	Major Responsibilities/Leadership Role

List three (3) references:

Name	Email	Phone

ESSAY

In the space provided below please share the following with us:

- Tell us about yourself – family, high school, 4-H highlights, future plans, career goals, etc.
- How will this scholarship help you in furthering your education?

Please share with us what degree you are pursuing or trade school you are attending and why..

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

The above-mentioned applicant meets the requirement for the Mac McElduff/Plumas Bank/Plumas & Sierra 4-H Scholarship as described in the guidelines and is an active 4-H member in good standing. *Applications with 4-H experience must have a Community Education Specialist (CES) signature.*

Community Education Specialist– 4-H Experience

Community Education Specialist Printed Name)

4-H County

Community Education Specialist Signature

Date

Completed application must include the following to be considered:

- Completed Mac McElduff/Plumas Bank/Plumas & Sierra 4-H Scholarship Application Form
 - Must include signed statement of certification from CES
 - Must include signed application certification statement
- Official High School Transcript (Must include fall semester grades and have a stamp and/or seal.)
- SAT and/or ACT Scores (Include electronic copies of official scores. Enter N/A if not applicable.)
- Proof of acceptance to university, college, or technical school for Fall 2026
- Three letters of recommendations from three adults not related to the applicant. Letters must be submitted with this form and should be confidential and placed in sealed envelope by the adult writing the recommendation.
 - You can provide a copy either hard copy or as an email to your recommenders. Remind them of deadline date – Wednesday, April 15th

Reminder: Proof of enrollment in a college or trade school must be submitted to the County 4-H Office Prior to the award check being issued to the recipient.

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

Applicant certifies that the information provided on the application is true and correct to the best of their knowledge. Applicant agrees to the scholarship guidelines, application process, and criteria required for scholarship redemption. Award recipients agree that if awarded a scholarship the Mac McElduff/Plumas Bank/Plumas & Sierra 4-H Scholarship Committee/Plumas & Sierra Counties 4-H Youth Development Program may share their name and scholarship information with local news outlets.

Applicant Signature

Date

Application and ALL required materials must be submitted by: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Modified, late, or incomplete applications will not be accepted. All Committee decisions are final.

