

BO-PEEPS of KERN COUNTY

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of the BO-PEEPS of KERN COUNTY Scholarship Program is to promote continuing education in agriculture and agriculture-related fields through academic financial support. Examples of agriculture-related fields include, but are not necessarily limited to: Animal Science (i.e. Genetics, Nutrition); Soil, Crop, and Plant Science; Fashion and Textiles; Marketing; Environmental Research and Conservation.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship awarded is \$1,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States and a Kern County resident attending high school or college. Applicant must be taking or planning to enroll in agriculture or agriculture-related courses, with plans to pursue a college degree in agriculture or an agriculture-related field.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

A grade point average of 3.0 must be maintained for sophomore through senior years. **Complete, SEALED transcripts must accompany applications.** (Sealed transcripts are officially sealed with the school of attendance seal.)

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Essay Theme:

Agriculture in California is rapidly changing. Describe a problem or opportunity you see in today's agricultural landscape and discuss how your education and/or experiences could help to address this issue. Please explain in detail.

The length of the essay should be 1,500 words or less. Entries will be judged on originality, clarity, and continuity of theme. **Applicants must submit a typewritten, double-spaced copy of their essay with the application. Entry deadline is April 10, 2026.** All essay entries will become and remain the property of the Bo-PEEPS of KERN COUNTY.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENT

The scholarship recipient is selected on the basis of academic record, merit of applicant's essay, membership in agricultural organizations (i.e. 4-H and FFA), farm experience, extra-curricular activities, and community service. Selection of the recipient is made by the BO-PEEPS of KERN COUNTY Scholarship Committee. The decision of the committee will be final.

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Attention Scholarship Committee
6077 Coffee Road #4-105
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AWARD

The recipient will be notified by mail. The scholarship will be awarded in two (2) installments in the amount of \$500 per semester. The first installment will be paid to the college or university of choice upon proof of enrollment in agriculture or agriculture-related courses by submitting an official class schedule to the BO-PEEPS. Upon receipt of an official (school sealed) transcript and second semester class schedule, the second installment will be paid to the college or university of enrollment. Achievement of a 3.0 GPA is required.

In the event that no one meets the criteria regarding required eligibility, originality of essay, or deadline, the BO-PEEPS of KERN COUNTY reserves the right to withhold the award.

ABILITY TO SPEAK TO THE BO-PEEPS

The recipient will be required to read their essay entry to the BO-PEEPS of KERN COUNTY during one of the regular membership meetings.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mail all scholarship entries to:

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For questions regarding the scholarship program, please contact:

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- 1. Application
 - United States citizen or legal resident
 - Kern County resident
 - Agriculture or agriculture related major
 - All questions are answered and application is signed
 - One (1) copy of the application is enclosed in your packet

- 2. Essay
 - Essay topic is thoroughly covered
 - 1,500 words or less
 - Typewritten and double spaced
 - Name and address are listed at the bottom of last page of essay
 - A copy of your essay is enclosed in your packet

- 3. Official Transcript
 - 3.0 GPA or higher (sophomore through senior years)
 - The transcript is **OFFICIALLY SEALED** and included in your packet

- 4. Mail Completed Packet
 - Postmarked on or before the due date of April 10, 2026
 - E-mailed applications and documents will **NOT** be accepted

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BO-PEEPS of KERN COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline April 10, 2026

APPLICANT

DATA Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Mailing Address _____ Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____

FAMILY

INFORMATION Parent/Guardian Last Name _____ First _____

Address _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Phone (_____) _____

Number in Family _____ Brothers _____ Sisters _____

HIGH

SCHOOL Currently enrolled in Senior Year: Yes _____ No _____

INFORMATION School Name _____ Graduation Date _____

City _____ Phone (_____) _____

COLLEGE/

UNIVERSITY Currently enrolled in College/University: Yes _____ No _____

INFORMATION School Name _____

(Attending or will attend)

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City _____ State _____

Current or Proposed Major _____

AGRICULTURE

BACKGROUND 4-H Member: Yes _____ No _____ Number of Years _____

Club Name _____

FFA Member: Yes _____ No _____ Number of Years _____

Club Name _____

Farm Background: Yes _____ No _____ Number of Years _____

Type of farm work _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY

SERVICE

Signature _____ Date _____

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