

AES Cattlewomen's Vocational & Alternative Trade Scholarship

The AES CattleWomen's Vocational & Alternative Trade Scholarship supports individuals pursuing vocational training, apprenticeships, technical certifications, licensing programs, academies, and other skilled-trade career pathways. We recognize that strong agricultural communities and livestock industries depend on a diverse and talented workforce, and we are proud to invest in individuals pursuing these careers who demonstrate a commitment to supporting agriculture, the beef industry, and the communities in which they live and work.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Reside in Amador, El Dorado, or Sacramento County.
- Hold a minimum current / cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Be accepted to, enrolled in, or actively pursuing an accredited, state-certified, licensed, or industry-recognized vocational, technical, apprenticeship, academy, or certification program.
- Demonstrate a connection to agriculture and the beef industry, and their rural communities.
- Submit their complete application documents along with a headshot by **April 1st, 2027** using **one** of the following methods:
 - Email: complete the fillable PDF application, save a copy to your device, and email the completed PDF and all required attachments to: **aescw49.scholarships@gmail.com**
 - or
 - Mail: print and complete the application and mail it, along with all required documentation, to: **1231 Oak View Dr, Ione CA 95640** (postmarked by **April 1st**)
 - or
 - Online: click the [Online Application Questionnaire Form](#), fill in all required information, and follow the instructions in the application for submitting required supporting documentation.
- Begin their program within twelve (12) months of the application deadline.

Required Documentation

Awardees must provide official proof of enrollment in their selected program by Dec 31st, 2027 in order to receive funds. *Incomplete applications may not be considered.*

Vocational & Alternative Trade Scholarship Application

Section 1: Applicant Profile

- Full Name: _____
- Mailing Address: _____
(Must verify residency within Amador, El Dorado, or Sacramento County)
- Phone Number: _____
- Email Address: _____
- Do you have family members affiliated with any AES associations? (this does not affect your application; informational purposes only) _____
- High school attended & graduation year: _____
- Current / Cumulative GPA: _____
- If applicable, College attended & graduation year: _____
- Current / Cumulative GPA: _____

Section 2: Program and Institution Profile

- Name of Trade School, Training Academy, or Program Track:

- Program Phone Number: _____
- Program Physical Address (or corporate/institutional address for virtual programs):

(Programs may be located inside or outside the state of California, provided they are formally accredited, state-certified, or industry-recognized. Virtual programs).

- **Specific Certification, License, or Trade Being Pursued:**

(Examples include, but are not limited to: Fire/POST Academies, Utility Lineworker, Farrier Science, Welding/Fabrication, Diesel/Heavy Mechanics, Construction Trades [Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, Carpentry], Commercial Driver's License [CDL Class A/B], Allied Health, Precision Machining, Butchery/Meat Cutting, Cosmetology/Barbering, Real Estate/Ranch Broker Licensing, or specialized agricultural production certificates).

- **Anticipated Start Date / Enrollment Window:** -----

Section 3: Short-Answer Questions

1. Describe your chosen trade, license path, or certificate program. What motivated you to pursue this career path and where do you see yourself in three years?
2. Please describe your background and involvement in beef and the agriculture industry, including any community organizations and specific achievements or recognition you have received that demonstrate your work ethic and character.
3. How will completing this program allow you to contribute and remain involved in your local beef and agricultural community?

Section 4: Required Attachment

- **Proof of Application, Acceptance, or Program Enrollment:** *(A copy of your official acceptance letter, course registration confirmation, state licensing course proof, or active cohort assignment from an accredited or certified training provider).*
- **Headshot:** *Applicants must upload a clear, recent headshot in (JPG or PNG format only) suitable for publication on the AES CattleWomen's website. The photo should be well-lit, forward-facing, and appropriate for public display.*