

Kern County Cattewomen

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Bakersfield, CA 93380

2024 Ruth Smoot-French Memorial Scholarship

Ruth French, a longtime member of the Kern County Cattewoman's Association, was Cowbell (now known as Cattewomen) of the Year in 1977 and president of the organization in 1981. This scholarship fund was started in her honor in remembrance of the many contributions she made to the cattle industry.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All Applicants must meet the following criteria.

1. Be a high school senior or current college/university student whose primary residence is in Kern County.
2. Students must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 or better.
3. Ag major, planned Ag major or an Ag related major:
4. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have a relative who is a current member of KCCW.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

The application is complete when all the following are submitted;

1. The application form including supplemental questions
2. An **official transcript** of school records must be submitted
Request a paper copy of your official transcript from your school registrar
NOTE: this may take several days or weeks at some colleges
3. One current letter of recommendation

Completed application, including applicant's transcripts and current letter of recommendation, must be mailed to KCCW and be post marked no later than **April 1, 2024**. Questions please call or text April @ 661-578-7621

KCCW
C/O April Woody
PO Box 7
Woody, CA 93287

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Application must be typewritten and submitted via US Mail
- Essays must use only the space allotted for answers.

SELECTION

Applicants are evaluated on a combination of GPA, extracurricular activities, supplemental question and letter of recommendation. Additional points are awarded to applicants whose relative is a member of the KCCW.

A scoring rubric has been included for your reference.

Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the Scholarship Award Banquet in May, 2024 at the Kern Ag Foundation.

All scholarship recipients must email proof of college registration to: Clay Freeman at clay_freeman@kernhigh.org by June 30, 2024 to get your scholarship money.

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2024-Kern County Cattle Women Ruth Smoot-French Memorial Scholarship Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Last First Middle Initial

Permanent Address (Number and Street) Telephone Number

City State Zip Code County

Address of current residence (Number and Street) Telephone Number

City State Zip Code County

Email address

Name of Parent or Guardian

Name of relative that is a member of the Kern County Cattle Women (if applicable)

By submitting this application for consideration for this scholarship, I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate.

Typed Name or Written Signature of Applicant

Date

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High school or college currently attending

estimated date of graduation

Current overall GPA

Proposed college of attendance for the 2024-2025 academic year and major

The following person (non-relative) has furnished a letter of recommendation:

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SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions using only the space below.

- 1. In the space below please list school and community activities in which you have been involved. Please indicate the dates of participation along with awards you have won or offices you have held.**

- 2. In the space below please describe your agricultural experiences and/or future agricultural related goals.**

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Essay topic: The Cattle Industry is continuously under a daily barrage of misinformation; one of which is the wrong information about the impact cattle have on the environment. In a well-documented essay, discuss how the cattle industry has actually been part of the solution when it comes to greenhouse gasses and environmental stewardship.