**Prerequisites**

* Graduating Yuma County high school senior.
* Minimum 3.0 GPA.
* Accepted as a student in the fall, 2022 at a US institution of higher education either in Arizona or out of the state.
* Must plan to pursue coursework in animal sciences or an animal science-related field.
* United States citizen.
* Legal Yuma County resident.
* **Type written essays.**
  + Hand written essays will be disqualified.
* **All** scholarship application documents must be complete and postmarked by **June 15, 2022**.
  + **Incomplete application packages or late applications will be disqualified**.

**Application Package**

Submit **an original plus three (3) copies** of your scholarship application documents in the order that follows and **staple each package in the upper left hand corner**.

1. **Title page**
   1. Keep it simple.
   2. Include your name, high school currently attending, and expected graduation date.
   3. Do not include personal photographs.
2. **Yuma Kennel Club Application form** 
   1. Neatly completed in dark ink or typed.
   2. Application form in PDF format is available at Yuma Kennel Club website ([www.yumakennelclub.com](http://www.yumakennelclub07.com)).
3. **Resume** 
   1. Do not exceed 2 pages, single-spaced.
4. **Copy of college/university acceptance letter.** 
   1. Do not send the original.
5. **Essays**
   1. Typed, double-spaced.
6. **Letters of recommendation (typed)**
   1. One from a high school science teacher;
   2. One from a high school non-science teacher; and
   3. One from a non-school adult who is not a relative.
7. **Copy of official high school transcript(s) showing the following:** 
   1. Current GPA.
   2. Scholastic grades earned during the past three years and first semester of senior year.
   3. Honors or non-honors scholastic program.
8. **ACT and/or SAT scores (if taken).**
9. **Copy of birth certificate, passport, or naturalization document.**
10. **Copy of most recent APS bill showing service address to verify legal Yuma county residency.**
11. **Blank last page**

**Essay Topics**

* Compose original essays (not exceeding 500 words each) on the following two topics:
  + Explain why you think it is important to keep domesticated animals healthy.
  + State your career goals, why you decided to choose that career, and upon graduation explain how your education will benefit Yuma communities.

**Judging Criteria**

* All prerequisites met.
* Essays (20 Points).
* GPA and rigor of classes taken (20 Points).
* Experience with large or small domesticated or wild animals (20 Points).
* Letters of recommendation (10 Points).
* Volunteer experience (10 Points).
* Organization of application documents, neatness, spelling and grammar (10 Points).
* Resume (5 Points).
* Extracurricular high school activities (5 Points).
* If needed, you may be called in for a personal interview with the scholarship committee.