

JOE DiGRAZIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000.00

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a Sonoma County resident pursuing a career in the agriculture field.
2. Applicant must have some agriculture experience: i.e., a member of 4-H or FFA taking an agricultural project or have worked on a ranch.
3. Applicant must be entering or attending a university or college, community college or accredited trade school.
4. This scholarship may be awarded to an individual more than one time.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. The completed application
2. All high school transcripts (if applicable)
3. All college transcripts (if applicable)
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation using the attached form from:
 - 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor or a person in the agriculture industry
 - Academic representative from present institution

Note: Parents, guardians, close relatives or participants in the selection process may not write letter of reference. All letter of recommendation must be sealed in an envelope, signed across the flap by the writer, and included with the completed application.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The scholarship application will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Show promise in achieving agricultural career goal and be successive in that chosen field.
2. Financial need.
3. Average scholarship achievement (B or C average).

SELECTION PROCESS

1. **Completed applications must be mailed with a postmark no later than March 15 to the 4-H Foundation of Sonoma County, P.O. Box 1283, Rohnert Park, CA 94927. LATE, INCOMPLETE OR APPLICATIONS SENT TO THE WRONG ADDRESS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
2. The 4-H Foundation Scholarship Committee will evaluate applications and select the recipient based upon the criteria for the Joe DiGrazia Memorial Scholarship. Decision by the committee shall be final.
3. Recipient shall be notified by mail.
4. The scholarship money will not be presented until proof of enrollment in a college or university, community college or trade/business school has been mailed to the 4-H Foundation at the address above. (see Selection Process statement #1)

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15

Joe DiGrazia Memorial Scholarship
Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Telephone _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address of Parent/Guardian _____

High School Attended _____ Graduation Date ____/____/____

College or University Attended _____

Years Attended College or University: 20____ to 20____

What college, university or trade school do you plan to attend next quarter or semester?

What career in agriculture do you plan to follow? _____

To what extent are you responsible for your own financial support as a student? _____

List other scholarships you have been awarded _____

Please write a short essay including your reasons for your career choice and selection of college, university or trade school and your choice of a major and career. Mention any special qualifications you may have for the chosen career. Please include your experience in 4-H, FFA or any work you may have had on a ranch. Include your experience in leadership and community involvement.

If essay is typewritten or done on a computer, please limit to one page. If handwritten, limit to two pages.

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Letter of recommendation for

(Name of Applicant)

How long have you known the applicant and in what relationship? How closely have you had the opportunity to observe her/him?

Please provide your assessment of the applicant's ability and qualifications. Rate on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (truly outstanding).

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| 1. Sense of dedication, commitment and perseverance | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2. Personal discipline to manage time and responsibilities | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3. Takes initiative in organizing and leading activities | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 4. Potential to succeed in higher education | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 5. Able to think analytically and critically | 1 2 3 4 5 |

The selection criteria for this scholarship is based on the candidate's ability to achieve a career goal in agriculture; be successful in his/her chosen field; and on financial need. How do you feel the candidate rates in these areas?

Signature

Title

Date

This is a confidential document. Please seal it in the envelope the candidate provides, sign across the flap, and return it to the candidate before the application deadline so it can be submitted in the application packet. Mark the envelope CONFIDENTIAL. **Deadline is March 15.**

Thank you for your assistance.