

SUTTER BUTTES 4-H CLUB 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Sutter Buttes 4-H Scholarship is intended to honor high school seniors whose 4-H experience has not only made a significant impact on their lives but also has benefited the 4-H program, particularly Sutter Buttes 4-H, and/or the community. Therefore, the following criteria apply:

- Minimum of 2 years membership in the Sutter Buttes 4-H Club.
- Active participation in 4-H events and activities during their membership, in particular participation and contribution to the Sutter Buttes 4-H Club.
- Demonstrated leadership and citizenship in the 4-H program and the community.

A scholarship committee will review all information submitted and determine the number of scholarships to be awarded each year (maximum 3). All applications will be reviewed and discussed equally. Those who have been selected will be notified at their appropriate high school awards ceremony.

The 2026 Sutter Buttes 4-H Scholarship will be awarded as First Place - \$750, Second Place - \$500, and Third Place \$300. Receiving the award is contingent on supplying proof of enrollment at an accredited school, college, or university.

APPLICATION

Name: _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

List the years that you were a member of Sutter Buttes 4-H Club (e.g. 2014-2020): _____

School(s), College(s), or University(ies) to which you are applying: _____

Intended Major or Educational Goal: _____

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS APPLICATION: • Letter of Recommendation from a 4-H Leader (Community, Project or Resource Leader). Please address the applicant's character and your knowledge of their participation in 4-H, school, and community activities. Letter of Recommendation from a Teacher (Please address the applicant's character and your knowledge of their participation in 4-H, school, and community activities.)

- Written Essay, not to exceed four pages double-spaced and 12pt font, addressing the following:
 1. Describe your most significant leadership and citizenship experiences in 4-H, in school, and in the community.
 2. Include your most significant honors, awards, and recognition received in 4-H.
 3. Describe how your 4-H experiences have influenced your future goals.
 4. Tell how this scholarship will help you achieve your future goals.
 5. You may attach a resume and/or summary page(s) of your Activities and Awards in 4-H, School, and in the community.
- **Applicant must give a talk at the April 14, 2026, 4-H Meeting** describing their accomplishments, experiences, and goals. (Not to exceed 5 minutes)

Submit this application with all the additional materials to Gina Burke Tarke, ph 530-701- 7640 or e-mail gbtarke@gmail.com. Applications and additional materials must be received by 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR THE SUTTER BUTTES 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

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The Applicant must submit the following:

- Sutter Buttes 4-H Scholarship Application Form
- Letter of Recommendation from a 4-H Leader (Community, Project, or Resource Leader)
- Letter of Recommendation from a Teacher
- Written Essay, not to exceed four pages, addressing the following:
 1. Describe your most significant leadership and citizenship experiences in 4-H, in school, and in the community.
 2. List your most significant honors, awards and recognition received in 4-H.
 3. Describe how your 4-H experiences have influenced your future goals.
 4. Tell how this scholarship will help you achieve your future goals.
- Resume or Summary Page(s) of Activities and Awards, both in 4-H, school and the community.
- Give a short talk not to exceed 5 minutes at the April 14, 2026, Sutter Buttes 4-H Community Club Meeting describing their accomplishments, experiences, and goals.

Judging of Applications

A committee of 4-H leaders and/or community adult volunteers, plus a minimum of one 4-H member, who is a current officer but not an applicant, will review the applications.

- A minimum of three (3) individuals will be on the committee.
- Applications will be reviewed for completeness and for meeting minimum criteria.
- Each application will be reviewed individually and evaluated based on how well it meets the requirements. Then the applications will be ranked to determine a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner.
- The committee will determine the scholarship winner(s), and their decision will be final.
- The committee can determine that no applicants or fewer than the designated 3 meet the requirements for that year.

The committee may award a maximum of three (3) scholarships in any given year. In order to award more than three, and/or if additional funds are needed, they would need approval from the 4-H membership.

Evaluating the Criteria

Minimum of 2 years membership in Sutter Buttes 4-H: The committee chair will ensure that records are checked to make sure that the applicant meets the criteria.

Active participation in 4-H events and Activities: It is the expectation that the individual was a contributor during their time in 4-H. This would include committees, offices, helping with activities, showing at the fair, demonstrations, etc. It is especially important that the 4-H participation be heavily weighted to events and activities that contributed to the advancement of Sutter Buttes 4-H. (40 points)

Demonstrated leadership/citizenship in the 4-H program and the community: It is the expectation that the individual demonstrated leadership and citizenship during their time in 4-H and perhaps in the community. This includes holding offices, committee chairs, junior or teen leader positions, and helping with major events. It also includes community/school involvement that demonstrates leadership/citizenship by being actively involved in civic or community events, holding school offices, or leading school organizations. (30 points)

Letters of Recommendation: Letters should support the above criteria and give examples of the applicant's participation and character. The letter should address accomplishments and involvement in 4-H, as well as in other activities at school or in the community. (10 points)

Talk to the 4-H Club/Written Essay: The talk should be no more than 5 minutes and should convey how the applicant's 4-H experiences, as well as school and community experiences, have helped them to succeed. This is an opportunity for the current 4-H members to learn about the applicants, and for the applicants to express themselves verbally. The essay must be well-written and express specifically the applicant's involvement in Sutter Buttes 4-H. (20 points)