



SONOMA COUNTY FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION 2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Sonoma County Fish & Wildlife Commission's scholarship program is designed to provide tangible encouragement and public recognition for academic achievement or community service to students with a course of study in the fields of natural resource management, environmental restoration, and/or preservation.

The scholarships will be awarded to up to six (6) Sonoma County students:

- Commissioner Al Gerhardt Memorial Scholarship: \$3,000.00 (one scholarship available)
- Commissioner Al Ferris Memorial Scholarship: \$3,000.00 (one scholarship available)
- General FWC Scholarship: \$2,000.00 (up to four scholarships available)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Resident of Sonoma County

Enrollment in, or plan to enroll in a course of study in the area of botany, zoology, environmental science, marine science, resource management, natural science, wildlife conservation, resource conservation and/or restoration, fisheries or other biology, or oceanography at a college campus

Currently enrolled as a high school senior (entering college in Fall 2025) through graduate school

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Completed scholarship application form (attach additional pages if needed)

School transcript for the past academic year

Two letters of recommendation

SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

Completed application packet, including application form, transcript, and letters of recommendation, must be received in our office or postmarked by April 30, 2025 to be considered for the award. Applications received or postmarked after April 30, 2025 will not be considered.

Please mail completed applications to:

Sonoma County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures
ATTN: Scholarship Coordinator
133 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 110
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Completed applications may also be brought directly to the office or placed in the drop box located at the office entrance. **Award notifications will be sent via email by June 1, 2025.**



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APPLICANT NAME: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ GPA: _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING IN FALL: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ GRADE: _____

DECLARED MAJOR: _____

If selected to receive a scholarship, applicant will be required to complete and submit a W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification. A completed W-9 is required to process payment.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Decision Date: _____

Application Transcript AWARDED \$ _____

Letter 1 of 2 Letter 2 of 2 Declined

Notification Letter Sent: _____ W-9 Sent W-9 Received Check Req

*Please answer all questions below.
Attach additional pages if needed.*

Applicant Name: _____

01. Describe your career objectives.

02. Describe your goals and how they will apply to your career.

03. Describe any experience you have related to your career objectives.

Please state if experience was paid or volunteer based.

Applicant Name: _____

04. Describe any honors and/or awards you have received.

05. List membership in clubs and/or organizations.

06. What extracurricular activities do you enjoy?

07. List your interests.

Applicant Name: _____

08. Where do you hope to be in 10 years?

09. Explain your financial need regarding this scholarship.

10. Have you ever received scholarship money from the Sonoma County Fish & Wildlife Commission or any other source?

If so, please list awards received.