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2014 Ruth Smoot-French Memorial Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY

The Kern County Cattle Women are currently offering several Ruth Smoot-French Memorial Scholarships to graduating high school seniors, and current college and university students whose primary residence is in Kern County. Students must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 or better. Applicants must also fit in at least one of the following categories:

1. KCCW Relative: This scholarship is open to any student who is a relative of a Kern County Cattle Woman member in good standing, regardless of major.
2. Ag Major: This scholarship is open to any student pursuing a degree in any field of agriculture, including but not limited to Forestry, Ornamental Horticulture, Animal Sciences, Natural Resources Management, Crop Science, Ag Education, Ag Business and Ag Communications.
3. Previous Recipients: This scholarship is open to any student who has previously received one of our scholarships.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Complete the attached application form. This form can be submitted by e-mail by sending to barnettjulie23@yahoo.com. . Your signature is complete by typing your name on the signature line. Applications must be received **no later than February 20th, 2014**. Reference letters and transcripts that are needed for a complete application must be regular mailed to the address below and **be postmarked no later than Feb. 20th, 2014**. **All applications forms other than the reference letter and transcripts must be emailed.**

Confirmation of receipt by e-mail will be provided via reply.

Ms. Julie Barnett
551 Central Ave.
Shafter, CA 93263
Attn: KCCW Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS

- Application must be printed or typewritten. Neatness will be heavily weighed.
- Essay must meet directions given in application.
- Include two reference letters. Please include contact information from the references.
- Include one set of official sealed transcripts from current high school, college **or** university.
- High school seniors—include SAT or ACT scores if they are not on your high school transcripts.

SELECTION

The committee will base its selection upon the following criteria:

- Scholastic standing (Minimum overall GPA of 2.5 or better)
- Leadership, citizenship, and extracurricular activities
- Neatness and thoroughness of application. Incorrect or incomplete applications will be removed from consideration.
- Financial need.

Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the KCCW general meeting in May or August 2014.

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2014-Kern County Cattle Women
Ruth Smoot-French Memorial Scholarship Application

Personal Information (must be typed)

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)

For which scholarship(s) are you eligible? (See description on cover page). Indicate all that apply.

KCCW Relative Ag Major Previous Recipient

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

Major in junior college or university

High school GPA: _____ Junior College GPA: _____ College GPA: _____

Proposed college of attendance for the 2014-2014 academic year and major

FFA Chapter or 4-H Club affiliation (if applicable) and year joined

The following two people (not relatives) are furnishing sealed letters of reference of character:

1. _____ 2. _____

My agriculture background is: (Please include applicable years on a farm/ranch and list type of work.)

In a short paragraph, in the space provided, discuss how you plan to finance your college education. (plans to work, apply for scholarships, grants, and/or student loans or any other special financial considerations).

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For the next 3 sections please use separate sheets, but use the headings that we have provided to identify the information. All pages must be typed.

1. Activities and Interests

In table form please submit an additional sheet for each of the following: (Include dates of participation.)

1. Community involvement (community organizations, volunteer work, church, etc.).
2. Other activities and awards (sports, musical instruments played, scholastic honors received, etc.).

Briefly respond to the following questions: Which of your extra curricular activities has been the most significant? What challenges did you face in this activity? How have you met these challenges? How do you feel that these challenges have contributed to the person you are today?

2. Work Experience

List work experience, including dates of employment and responsibilities.

3. Essay

This essay gives the applicant the opportunity to demonstrate writing skills, creativity, depth of thought, and showcase individual personalities. The KCCW scholarship committee will only accept essays meeting all the following requirements: **The essay must be typewritten, 12 point, and fit on a single page. Please use at least 250 words.**

ESSAY TOPIC: What do you feel is the biggest obstacle facing the beef industry today and what are your ideas on how will you help us overcome this?