



Yolo County 4H Post-secondary Scholarship Program
MaryAnn Wegener Memorial Scholarship
Yolo County 4H, 70 Cottonwood St, Woodland, CA 95695



March 1st (annually)

Dear graduating 4H senior in Yolo County

You are invited to apply for the MaryAnn Wegener Memorial Scholarship, administered through the Yolo County 4H Post-secondary Scholarship Program. This \$1000 scholarship is given to a graduating high school senior who has been active in Yolo County 4-H programs. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, an application form is enclosed.

The scholarship is in memory of MaryAnn Wegener, who was a very active adult 4H volunteer in roles ranging from Club to Yolo County All Star Advisor in the 1990's. She loved watching 4-H members grow, mature, and pursue their life dreams. Scholarships have been given each year since 2002. They may be renewed if normal progress is being made towards graduation, and funds are available. Priority is given to those 4-H'ers that need financial assistance in order to meet their vocational, two- or four-year college goals. For additional information call, Gary Wegener, 530-666-4098

The application is due by **April 15**. Graduating seniors are encouraged to apply. Questions regarding the Yolo County 4H Post-secondary Scholarship Program may be directed to the 4H Leaders' Council President, Cork Mclsaac. Completed application forms should be submitted to the MaryAnn Wegener Memorial Scholarship Coordinator at the address on the application form. If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact me.

Sincerely,

MaryAnn Wegener Memorial Scholarship Coordinator
530 666 4098

Cc: 4H Leaders' Council President, Cork Mclsaac

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Yolo County 4H Post-secondary Scholarship Program MaryAnn Wegener Memorial Scholarship Application



Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent's name/phone number: _____

High School & mo/yr of graduation _____

Club and years in 4H: _____

Club Leader (Name/phone) _____

1. Have you been accepted to a vocational or trade school, junior college or 4 year college? Yes/No. If yes, please list the school(s) you are planning on attending. If not, please list any pending applications.

2. Have you submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Yes/No If yes, have you received a Student Aid Report (SAR)? Yes/No If yes, what is the Expected Family Contribution? \$_____ Please attach the Financial Aid Award Letters you have received for the institution you intend to attend (see reverse).

3. Have you applied through your high school for financial aid? Yes/No
If no, please explain why: _____

4. Do you authorize your high school to: validate financial need through any scholarship applications and financial need documentation they hold? Yes/No. Release transcripts? Yes/No.

Signature/date: _____

On separate sheet(s), maximum of three, please:

1. Describe your educational goals and plans after high school.
2. Describe your 4-H experience, what you have learned from 4-H, and what you feel you have contributed to the 4-H program.
3. Explain how this scholarship is important to your post-graduation plans. (This scholarship is intended to help those that otherwise might find it difficult financially to realize their vocational or educational plans after high school.)

**Mail the application by April 15 to
Gary Wegener, 30 Roman Court, Woodland, CA 95776**

Financial Aid Award Letter from your college or vocational school (Please attach a copy of the Financial Aid Award Letter to your application.)

Colleges use **financial aid award letters** to notify families about the types, amounts and sources of financial aid available to the student. This collection of financial aid is often referred to as a financial aid package.

You should receive the financial aid award letter soon, with enough time to review it before the May 1 deadline.

(This assumes, of course, that you met the college's deadlines to file its financial aid application forms and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).) May 1 is known as the national candidate's reply date or the common reply date. It is the deadline for accepting offers of admission at most colleges.

Most colleges send out offers of admission in late March or early April. The financial aid award letter should arrive at the same time or a few days later.

Colleges that provide earlier admissions notifications often wait until a set date to mail the financial aid award letters. Even though colleges start putting together financial aid packages in mid-February, they often wait until the March/April timeframe to mail the financial aid award letters to reduce the uncertainty associated with some forms of financial aid. For example, some states might not finalize the state grants until later in the spring. It is also unclear whether Congress will be cutting the maximum Pell Grant this fall.

If more than two weeks have passed since you filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and you have not yet received the Student Aid Report (SAR), check the status of your FAFSA on the www.fafsa.ed.gov web site. Applicants who submitted the FAFSA online should receive email about how to access the SAR in 3-5 days. If you did not include an email address on your FAFSA or you filed a paper FAFSA, you should receive your SAR by mail in 7-10 days.

After you receive the SAR, your FAFSA may be selected for verification. It is important to return the verification paperwork as soon as possible, or you risk delaying your financial aid award letter.

Some colleges have secure online portals they use to deliver the financial aid award letter instead of sending it by mail. Login to the portal to check whether there are any messages waiting for you. Login instructions may have been included with the admissions packet.

If you are worried, or if you have not received the financial aid award letter by mid-April, call the college's financial aid office to ask when you should expect to receive the financial aid award letter. Some colleges will include this date in a financial aid timeline on the college's web site.

After you receive the financial aid award letter, check whether you have to return a signed copy to the financial aid office. Some colleges require you to sign and return the letter within a week or two to accept the financial aid offer. Others do not.

Evaluate the financial aid award letters by calculating the out-of-pocket cost for each college. This is the difference between the full cost of attendance and the gift aid (e.g., grants, scholarships, tuition waivers and housing waivers). Be sure that the cost of attendance figure is complete and that the various allowances for textbooks and travel are reasonable. The out-of-pocket cost is the amount you will have to pay or borrow to send your child to the college. It is an accurate measure of your bottom line cost and a good basis for comparing college costs among different colleges.

Students who are wait-listed may have to wait until after the May 1 reply date to hear about offers of admission and financial aid. You must reapply for financial aid every year. In subsequent years the financial aid award letter may come later because there is less pressure to make a decision by the admissions deadline.