



## Pat Coughran Memorial Scholarship Application

Patrick Coughran was a respected and ardent supporter of youth in agriculture. Pat believed in working hard, being involved in the community, and helping young people develop a passion for agriculture. This scholarship was founded in honor of Pat's memory and the Gold Country Heritage Foundation is honored to award scholarships to deserving 'Ag Students' as a way of preserving his legacy.

Please read the following scholarship criteria before submitting your application:

- 1) This scholarship applies only to applicants who have exhibited livestock or agriculture mechanics projects for TWO YEARS at the Placer County or Gold Country Fair.
- Applicants must be a recent high school graduate within the year of application or 1 year prior to the year of application.
- At the time of application submission, applicants must provide an official PRINTED educational transcript of current semester classes from the institution of which they are enrolled (from financial aid or other official transcription) that must accompany a hard copy of the complete application, no email copies or screenshots accepted!!
- Applicants must submit 2 letters of recommendation (one from a leader and another from an adult that is not a related family member of applicant) which must accompany the hard copy of the complete applications, no emails accepted!!
- If requested, applicants must be able to provide a hard copy of the records they keep on their livestock projects, either the relevant pages from the 4-H, FFA, or Independent record book that covers expenses, income and a journal of the time and chores they complete. Printed copies from an electronic record keeping program are acceptable.
- Applicants must provide proof of their Livestock or Agriculture Mechanics project entered into the Placer County or Gold Country Fair for TWO YEARS. A letter from their project leader verifying the projects entered and exhibited at the fair will be acceptable.
- The scholarship may be awarded once to any recipient, but may be awarded to more than 1 person each year.

*All scholarship applications and required paperwork must be emailed to the Gold Country Heritage Foundation: [Treasurer@GCFHF.org](mailto:Treasurer@GCFHF.org); & [GoldCountryHeritageFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:GoldCountryHeritageFoundation@gmail.com)*

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Full Name:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Youth Agriculture Organization(s):

Years of Membership:

Year of High School Graduation:

Number of years showing Livestock or Ag Mech at PC or GC Fair:

Description of Project exhibited at fair(s):

Please answer the following scholarship application questions on a separate document:

**Question #1:** Describe the largest, local community service project that you have organized or collaboratively been a part of. Please provide details about the project by describing your role, what was accomplished by your group, how many people were involved in the service project work, how many hours were volunteered, which group(s) were the beneficiary of the service project, and how they benefited from the project.

**Question #2:** Describe the most relevant and impactful leadership role(s) you have had the opportunity to serve in. Please provide details about this experience by describing your duties as a leader or team (project) member, how you interacted with the other team leaders and members, which organization you served, what this experience taught you, and what impact you left on the organization.

**Question #3:** Describe the most successful livestock or agriculture mechanics project you exhibited at Placer County or Gold Country Fair. Please provide details by describing the project, the short and long term plans/goals for the project, what growth and/or skills you gained as a result of completing this project, the financial obligations you were responsible for, and the investment of profits you might have been able to earn as a result of this project.

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