

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR THE SUTTER BUTTES 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

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 and/or 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.

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 4, 2023 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 less 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, 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 their 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 applicants involvement in Sutter Buttes 4-H. (20 points)