

Monterey County Fair Heritage Foundation

2025 Scholarship Details & Guide



Funds to support the Scholarship Program are generated from the Monterey County Fair Heritage Foundation and its fundraisers in support of the Monterey County Livestock Show and Fair. This year, a minimum of one scholarship will be awarded to Monterey County 4-H or FFA member(s) in good standing. Multiple scholarships may be given, however only one scholarship award winner will be chosen to raise the Heritage Animal.

This program seeks to motivate well-rounded high academic achievers in pursuit of their careers and life goals in the areas of agriculture. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of scholarship, personal commitment and goals established for his/her field, leadership potential, and civic accomplishments.

Eligibility/Application Requirements

1. Must be a Junior or Senior in High School within Monterey, San Benito, or Santa Cruz Counties at the time of application.
2. Must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and be a student in good standing.
3. A personal statement of no more than two typed pages (double spaced) must accompany your application. Please indicate why you are pursuing your desired career and what you hope to accomplish.
4. A copy of your transcript (for current school year) must accompany this application.
5. Selected Applicants may be required to participate in a formal interview with the Heritage Foundation Board Scholarship Committee.
6. Each application packet must include:
 - a. Heritage Foundation Scholarship application form;
 - b. Personal Statement;
 - c. Copy of your high school transcript (cumulative for current school year);
- d. Three current letters of recommendation, one of which is from a professional educator. Letters of recommendation may not come from family members and/or any current Heritage Foundation Directors or Monterey County Fair employees. Letters must be dated within the current school year and must be on official letterhead (if sent from a school or business), signed, scanned and **emailed as a PDF** with your application to the following address:

mcfhf.scholarship@gmail.com

Note: Each packet must include: 1 set of originals and 1 set of copies of each of the required forms.

Only an official "MCF Heritage Foundation" application will be accepted (NO exceptions to this requirement). Applications may be printed from the Heritage foundation page on the Monterey County Fair's website, www.montereycountyfair.com.

7. Application packets and all their contents become property of the Heritage Foundation and the Monterey County Fair.
8. Applicants must be a resident of Monterey, San Benito, or Santa Cruz County and a member in good standing of either 4-H or FFA, at the time of the application.
9. Completed application packets must be **submitted** no later than **April 30, 2025**. Email the completed packet to mcfhf.scholarship@gmail.com **(Send all packets items as PDF)**
10. All applicants must be able to raise a market animal for the 2025 Monterey County Fair & Livestock Show (August 28 to September 1, 2025). The cost of the Heritage animal as well as the feed and supplies will be covered by the Heritage Foundation and the animal should be purchased no later than June 15, 2025. The Heritage Animal will be sold at the conclusion of the Jr. Livestock Auction on Saturday, August 30. Scholarship recipients should be exhibitors at the Monterey County Fair. The scholarship recipients may also be asked to be available as Ambassadors for the Heritage Foundation during the Monterey County Fair, August 28, thru September 1, 2025.

Note: This animal does not count as your Fair entry and this animal cannot be shown in any market or showmanship divisions and classes at the Monterey County Fair. All market animal rules and regulations for species shown must be followed per Monterey County Fair Entry Guidebook Local and Livestock Rules. This includes all weight limits.

Please Note: All scholarship checks will be paid directly to the recipient upon receipt of their post-secondary "Proof of Enrollment". The monies given may be used for the recipients' needs at school, without a requirement of receipts.

Scholarship funds must be used within two years of high school graduation

Recipients will be notified by mail after June 1, 2025, and will be announced shortly after the final decision has been made by the committee.

For further information, write to: Heritage Foundation Scholarship Committee, 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940, visit the Heritage page of the Monterey County Fair's Website, www.montereycountyfair.com or you may contact either of the following;

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