***KERN COUNTY WOOL GROWERS AUXILIARY***

**The Bo-Peeps**

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Kern County Wool Growers Auxiliary Scholarship Program is to promote continuing education in agriculture and agriculture-related fields through academic financial support. Examples of agriculture-related fields include, but are not necessarily limited to: Animal Science (i.e. Genetics, Nutrition), Soil, Crop, and Plant Science, Fashion and Textiles, Marketing, Environmental Research and Conservation.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship awarded is $1,000.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Applicant must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States and a Kern County resident attending high school or college. Applicant must be taking or planning to enroll in agriculture or agriculture-related courses, with plans to pursue a college degree in agriculture or an agriculture-related field.

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

A grade point average of 3.0 must be maintained for sophomore through senior years. ***Complete, SEALED transcripts must accompany applications.***

**ESSAY REQUIREMENTS**

Essay Theme: ***Immigration***

 ***How do we control the border and ensure that we maintain an Ag workforce?***

 ***Will the new H2C Program provide enough labor?***

Length of essay should be 1,500 words or less. Entries will be judged on originality, clarity, and continuity of theme. ***Applicants must submit three (3) typewritten, double-spaced copies of their essay with the application. Entry deadline is March 22, 2019.*** All essay entries will become and remain the property of the Kern County Wool Growers Auxiliary.

**SELECTION OF RECIPIENT**

The scholarship recipient is selected on the basis of academic record, merit of applicant’s essay, membership in agricultural organizations (i.e. 4-H and FFA), farm experience, extra-curricular activities, and community service. Selection of the recipient is made by the Kern County Wool Growers Auxiliary Scholarship Committee. The decision of the committee will be final.

**AWARD**

The recipient will be notified by mail. The scholarship will be awarded in two (2) installments in the amount of $500 per semester. The first installment will be paid to the college or university of choice upon proof of enrollment in agriculture or agriculture-related courses by submitting an official class schedule to the Auxiliary.

Upon receipt of an official (sealed) transcript and second semester class schedule, the second installment will be paid to the college or university of enrollment. Achievement of a 3.0 GPA is required.

In the event that no one meets the criteria regarding required eligibility, originality of essay, or deadline, the Kern County Wool Growers Auxiliary reserves the right to withhold the award.

**ABILITY TO SPEAK TO THE AUXILIARY**

The recipient will be required to read their essay entry to the Kern County Wool Growers Auxiliary during one of the regular membership meetings.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

You will also be invited to the ***Kern Ag Foundation***-Ag Scholarship Banquet on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at the Kern Ag Pavilion.

Mail all scholarship entries to:

**Kern County Wool Growers Auxiliary**

Scholarship Committee

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Bakersfield, CA 93380-0715

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