**ELIGIBILITY**

The Kern County Cattlemen’s Association is offering two categories of scholarships.

1. One category is open to graduates of any Kern County high school who are going to major in a field that is connected to the beef industry.
2. One category is available for a child or grandchild of a member of the Kern County Cattlemen’s Association, regardless of their major.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Complete the attached application form and essay, the application must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2024**, and mailed to:

 **Kern County Cattlemen’s Association**

 **P.O. BOX 81446**

 **Bakersfield, CA 93380**

**REQUIREMENTS**

Application must be typewritten or written by hand neatly enough so that the scholarship committee members can read it.

Essay must be typewritten and double-spaced.

Place the last four numbers of your social security number in the upper right corner of each page that you submit. The scholarship committee will use the numbers rather than your name to grade the application.

Include two sealed letters of recommendation submitted on the letterhead of the person who is writing the recommendation. Have that person include their telephone number in their reference.

Include official transcripts from each high school that you have attended, if you are applying as an incoming college freshman. If you are already attending college, include an official transcript from the college that you are attending.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

In determining scholarship recipients, the scholarship committee will base selection upon the following criteria:

1. Scholarship standing
2. Leadership, citizenship, extra-curricular activities
3. The number of hours per month spent working cattle, or the number of hours employed at other jobs.
4. Neatness and thoroughness of your application

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| **Applying for:**  |
| **Scholarship #1:** Livestock related major |  | or | **Scholarship #2:** Child or grandchild of KCCA member |  |
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| **Gender:** Male |  | Female |  | **Last four digits of social security number:** |  |
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| **Name:** |  |
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| **Permanent Address:** |
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|  Number & Street Town State Zip Code |
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|  Email address Phone number |
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| **Address of the University or College that you will attend next year:** |
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|  Number & Street Town State Zip Code |
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| **Place of Birth: Birth Date:** |
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|  City State Day / Month / Year |
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| **Name of Parent or Guardian:** |  |
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| **Address of Parent or Guardian:** |
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|  Number & Street Town State Zip Code |
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| **Name of Parent or Grandparent who is a member of the Kern County Cattlemen’s Association:** |
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| **Total number in your family:** |  |  |
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| I hereby certify that the information included in this application is an accurate and true statement. |
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| Signature of Applicant |  | Date of Signing |

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| High School or College presently attending |  | Estimated graduation date |
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| Subject major in high school, junior college, or college now attending |
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| Proposed college of attendance in 2024-2025 |  | Proposed major |
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| Provide the names of two people who will be furnishing sealed references for you, and the address and telephone numbers where they can be contacted. |
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| Reference #1: |  |  | Reference #2: |  |
| Address: |  |  | Address: |  |
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| Phone: |  |  | Phone: |  |
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| My ranching background is  |  | years on a farm or ranch. Please list the segment of the livestock industry  |
| and type of work that you did. |
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| Discuss how you plan to finance your college education. If you plan to work, to apply for scholarships, grants, student loans, or any other special financial considerations. |
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| List your hobbies, extracurricular activities such as sports, music, church, community or social activities and scholastic or other honors received: |
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| Which of the above listed extracurricular activities has been most significant for you? What challenges did you face in the activity and how did you meet hose challenges? How will meeting those challenges help you later in life? |
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| List your work experience, including any unpaid work, and any summer employment. Include the name of the employer, the kind of work that you did, and the approximate hours worked. |
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| Please comment on a book or short story that you have read, that had a special meaning for you. Tell why it had a special meaning, what the meaning was, and how that might relate to your own beliefs or interests in life. |
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| **Scholarship Application Essay** |
| The Kern County Cattlemen’s Association essay portion of the scholarship application gives the applicant an opportunity to express creativity, depth of thought, and an insight into the applicant’s connection with the beef industry. The essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, from 500 to 700 words in length, and the last four numbers of your social security number must be placed in the top right corner of all pages submitted. |
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| **Essay Topic** |
| What effect do local, state and federal political decisions have on the cattle production industry? You may also include discussion of rules and regulations made by governmental agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife agencies, Water Quality Control agencies, etc. |