

2026 Kern Agricultural Foundation BBQ Auxiliary

Hoke Evetts Agricultural Education Scholarship

This scholarship is presented in memory of Hoke Evetts (1914-2003) by his daughter Tonja Evetts Wiemer and the Kern agricultural community. Hoke was an auctioneer, dairyman, businessman, cowboy, and volunteer for over 60 years at the Kern County Fair. He hitched a ride to California from Oklahoma with a friend in 1934, working on the cotton fields in the day and milking cows at night, earning a gallon of milk as pay for the day. Hoke and his wife made their first home out of a chicken coop south of Bakersfield. Hoke taught himself to auctioneer and became the owner of one of the most successful stockyards in the Valley. He never lost his sense of humor or generosity to help the agricultural youth of Kern County. If he made a nickel, he would give you a dime. His honors include Agriculturist of the Year by the California Senate and Assembly, and his name was added to the National Congressional Record.

All applicants must:

1. Be a Senior at a High School in Kern County
2. Have a planned Ag Major or an Ag Related Major
3. Have a minimum "B" (3.0) GPA
4. Have a permanent residence in Kern County
5. Be enrolled in college this fall, 2026 and carry a full-time student load (12 semester units).
6. Attend the *Kern Ag Foundation Scholarship Awards Night Program* on Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

The application, including applicant's transcripts thru Fall Semester 2025, are due to the Kern Agricultural Foundation BBQ Auxiliary at the above email address by March 13, 2026.

Finalists will be contacted, and interviews will be on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 7 am at the regular breakfast meeting of the *Kern Ag. Foundation BBQ Auxiliary*, at Hodel's Restaurant.

APPLICANTS ARE EVALUATED BY A COMBINATION OF GPA, ORAL PRESENTATION, AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

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Biographical Information

Name:

Date of Birth:

Home Address:

City/Zip:

Email Address:

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

Education:

List all high schools attended (including your present school) with dates of enrollment and anticipated date of graduation.

Name and city of school	Dates of attendance	Major	Grad Date	GPA
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Planned College of Attendance:

Planned College Major:

I hereby certify that I have completed all the information on this application and that it is true and correct. I acknowledge that all information on this application may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of scholarship consideration. If I am selected for a scholarship award, I authorize release of my biographical information for the use in publicity related to the scholarship program. I further agree that I will notify the Kern Ag Foundation promptly of any changes in my college, major or any other factor that may affect my eligibility for this award.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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Hoke Evetts Agricultural Education Scholarship **School and Community Activities**

In the space below, please list all school and community activities in which you have been involved. This page does not include FFA/4H Activities and SAE. Please include the dates of participation along with awards, committees or offices you have held.

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Statement of Educational Objectives

In the space below, or on an attached sheet, write an essay concerning your educational goals, your future in agriculture and what you believe to be some of the main issues facing agriculture.

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FFA Activities

In the space below, or on an attached sheet, list all your FFA and 4H activities including SAE projects. Include any awards won and offices held.

FFA/4H Activities: (offices, awards, career development events)

SAE Projects: (projects, fairs)