



imperial valley
community foundation

Scholarship Application

Application deadline: Friday, April 7, 2023

MARY HARMON SCHOLARSHIP

The Mary Harmon Scholarship Fund was established in the summer of 2011 upon the retirement of Imperial Valley native and longtime 4-H Leader, Mary Harmon. Families and alumni of Imperial County's 4-H clubs provided contributions to help establish the fund at the Imperial Valley Community Foundation in Mrs. Harmon's name as a way to thank her for her leadership and service to the County's youth and to help provide scholarship opportunities to graduating 4-H members.

Mary Harmon has been a lifelong 4-H member. Born in the Imperial Valley, of a pioneer family, she personifies the 4-H values. Known for her hard work ethic, she set high expectations of herself and of the local 4-H project work. She was diligent in sharing her 4-H knowledge and experiences to help both adult leaders and youth members become more aware of his/her skills. Through Harmon's offering of frequent encouragement and support, she set the bar high when it came to meeting others more than halfway.

The Mary Harmon Scholarship aims to carry on some of Harmon's most ardent commitments to the Imperial County 4-H program by rewarding individual excellence, whether it is in 4-H project work, leadership, and citizenship or community service. The recipient who receives the Mary Harmon 4-H Scholarship reflects her core values of helping young people become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society.

Student/Applicant Information

First Name: _____ M.I.: ____ Last Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ DOB: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
High School: _____ Current GPA (un-weighted): _____
College/University/Vocational School you plan to attend: _____
Major/Field of Study/Program: _____
Have you been accepted?: ____ YES ____ NO If YES, please provide Student ID (if available): _____

I hereby agree to all of the above criteria and certify that all of the information provided for this scholarship application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all decisions are final and not subject to review or appeal. I further understand that any information provided in this and other application forms may be shared with committee members of the sponsoring scholarship.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if applicant is < 18 years of age): _____ **Date:** _____

Scholarship Criteria

The Mary Harmon Scholarship is open to:

- Graduating high school seniors that live in and attend school in Imperial Valley and are active members of 4-H in good standing.
- Applicants who will be attending an accredited institution of post-secondary education or vocational training in the United States in a program that has a duration of at least three quarter terms or two semester terms.
- Note: Applicants will interview with the scholarship selection committee as part of the application process.

Applicants must have:

- Made outstanding contributions and/or represented the Imperial County 4-H program during their academic years.
- Demonstrated significant scholastic achievement.
- Served in a leadership capacity in their club, county, or state.
- Participated in two separate club approved projects during member's (applicant's) senior year of high school.
- Served on two 4-H club or county approved events as a committee chairperson or active committee member (documentation required).

Complete applications consist of and must include the following required items:

1. Completed Application Form (signed and dated).
2. An original essay which describes in full detail (**please use as many pages as needed*):
 - a. Your knowledge of the four values expressed in the 4-H Pledge and how you are currently applying them to your life and intend to continue to do so in the future.
 - b. Your record of leadership experiences over the past four years in 4-H, your school, your community and other affiliations.
 - c. Your grade point average over the past four years and any relevant information you would like to include pertinent to it.
 - d. Your record of county achievement awards in 4-H over the past four years and any other achievement awards such as local club or state.
 - e. Your record of work, volunteer and/or internship experiences over the past four years with some detail concerning the duties or scope of the experience.
3. Copy of Transcripts or comparable records for home-schooled students.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from non-relatives. One letter required from a project leader and/or community leader.

Attention:

Scholarship applications must be received (not postmarked) by Friday, April 7, 2023. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.

Please submit completed applications with school transcripts (unofficial are okay) to: Bobby Brock, IVCF President/CEO at bobby@ivcommunityfoundation.org (email is preferred). Applications can also be mailed to: Imperial Valley Community Foundation, PO Box 2739, El Centro, CA 92244.

Mary Harmon Scholarship 4-H Information Sheet

Applicant's name: _____

Name of 4-H Club: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Name of project: (1) _____

Enrolled in above project this year? Yes No Number of years in above project: _____

Project leader name: _____ Phone number: _____

Summarize the 4-H project named above:

Name of project: (2) _____

Enrolled in above project this year? Yes No Number of years in above project: _____

Project leader name: _____ Phone number: _____

Summarize the 4-H project named above:

Name of two (2) 4-H Club or Imperial County approved events as a committee chairperson or active committee member:

1. _____ 2. _____

Major 4-H projects during 4-H membership:

Major 4-H events during 4-H membership:

Summarize outstanding honors or accomplishments earned (4-H and others):

Major contributions or help given to others in 4-H:
