



## SONOMA COUNTY FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Sonoma County Fish & Wildlife Commission's scholarship program is designed to provide tangible encouragement and public recognition for academic achievement or community service to students with a course of study in the fields of natural resource management, environmental restoration, and/or preservation.

The scholarships will be awarded to up to six (6) Sonoma County students:

- Commissioner Al Gerhardt Memorial Scholarship: \$3,000.00 (one scholarship available)
- Commissioner Al Ferris Memorial Scholarship: \$3,000.00 (one scholarship available)
- General FWC Scholarship: \$2,000.00 (up to four scholarships available)

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Resident of Sonoma County

Enrollment in, or plan to enroll in a course of study in the area of botany, zoology, environmental science, marine science, resource management, natural science, wildlife conservation, resource conservation and/or restoration, fisheries or other biology, or oceanography at a college campus

Currently enrolled as a high school senior (entering college in Fall 2026), 2 year college student, 4 year college student, or graduate school student

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Completed scholarship application form (attach additional pages if needed)

School transcript for the past academic year

Two letters of recommendation

### SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

**Completed application packet, including application form, transcript, and letters of recommendation, must be received in our office or postmarked by April 30, 2026, to be considered for the award.** Applications received or postmarked after April 30, 2026, will not be considered.

#### **Please mail completed applications to:**

Sonoma County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures  
ATTN: Fish & Wildlife Commission Staff  
133 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 110  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Completed applications may also be brought directly to the office or placed in the drop box located at the office entrance. **Award notifications will be sent via email in early June 2026.**



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APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ATTENDING IN FALL: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

DECLARED MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

***If selected to receive a scholarship, applicant will be required to complete and submit a W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification. A completed W-9 is required to process payment.***

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Application

☐ Transcript

☐ Letter 1 of 2

☐ Letter 2 of 2

Commission Consideration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Declined

☐ Awarded \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification Letter Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ W-9 Received

Packet (application, W9, Draft Minutes) sent to Fiscal: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check Received ☐ Check Released

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*Please answer all questions below.  
Attach additional pages if needed.*

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**01. Describe your career objectives.**

**02. Describe your goals and how they will apply to your career.**

**03. Describe any experience you have related to your career objectives.**

*Please state if experience was paid or volunteer based.*

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**04. Describe any honors and/or awards you have received.**

**05. List membership in clubs and/or organizations.**

**06. What extracurricular activities do you enjoy?**

**07. List your interests.**

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**08. Where do you hope to be in 10 years?**

**09. Explain your financial need regarding this scholarship.**

**10. Have you ever received scholarship money from the Sonoma County Fish & Wildlife Commission or any other source?**

*If so, please list awards received.*