

JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Scholarship & Award Applications available May 1st

Sonoma County Fair Flower Show Scholarship

The Sonoma County Fair & Exposition Inc. will offer the following scholarships to students who have graduated from high school and are planning to attend college in the fall. Eligibility is limited to individuals pursuing a degree in an agricultural related enterprise.

1. **Scholarships ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00** each will be available to students who will be attending a 4-year college in the fall of 2023
2. **Scholarships ranging from \$250.00 to \$500.00** each will be available to students who will be attending Santa Rosa Junior College in the fall of 2023

These scholarships are open to any student whose family resides in Sonoma or Marin Counties.

Applications are available at the Fairgrounds Entry Office or sonomacountyfair.com. Completed applications are due in the Entry Office of the Sonoma County Fair by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 30th. Completed applications may be emailed to entryoffice@sonomacountyfair.com.

Money for these scholarships is generated from the Flower Show Preview. Recipients must be present at the Hall of Flowers Preview (*Wednesday, August 2*) to receive scholarship money. Recipients will be limited to a maximum of two times to receive any scholarship.

2022 Recipients

Alisa Bowerman
Samantha Gambonini
Carson Hay
Austin Maners

Emily Maners
Frances Marshall
Annie Petersen

Logan Pomi
Reese Renati
Spencer Rodgers
Avery Tollini

The Arthur “Big Boy” & Catherine “Honey” Kunde Memorial Award

\$1000.00 Cash Award

Application Due: Tuesday, May 30th

The Richard M. Kunde and Saralee McClelland Kunde Trust will award a \$1,000 scholarship. This award is in memory of his parents, long time agriculturalists and vineyard operators in the Kenwood and Glen Ellen area. Rules for the award are as follows:

- A) Applicant must be a junior livestock exhibitor at the current year Sonoma County Fair.
- B) No age requirements.
- C) A resident of Sonoma or Marin County.
- D) Applicant must fill out application.

Award based on:

Need	50%
Project interest and extra curricular activities	30%
Desire to preserve Sonoma County Agriculture	20%

Completed applications are due and must be in the Entry Office of the Sonoma County Fair by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 30th. Applicants will be notified of interview day and time. Applicants must be in full uniform at time of interview. Record Books (*optional*) may be brought with you to the interview. The winner will receive notification by mail and award will be presented at the Awards Program.

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Alphabet Photo Challenge

\$125.00 Cash Award

Entries Due:

Hawkes Photography Challenges you to push yourselves out of your comfort zone and photograph the letters of the Sonoma County Fair theme "Jurassic Jubilee".

You must be a 4-H or FFA member to be eligible. Photos must be taken at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Entries are due by August 9 at 4 p.m. at the entry office. Winner will be announced during the Award Program.

Rules

1. Be creative with your letters. Please do not just photograph the letter A, it has to be a shape or design that looks like the letter A.
2. Please print 4x6 photos of the letters of our theme "Jurassic Jubilee" and put them in .. an envelope with the letter written on the back of each photo or submit a CD of your images. *(file name should be same as the alphabet letter)*
3. In a separate, sealed envelope, put your full name, phone number and club/chapter.
4. Entries must be dropped off by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 9 at the entry office
5. Photograph the letters "Jurassic Jubilee"
6. Photographs must be taken during the 2023 Sonoma County Fair.

Christine Bergue 4-H Outstanding Non-Livestock Exhibitor

\$50.00 and plaque

Sponsored by Gold Ridge 4-H

An award is offered for the most points accumulated by a single 4-H exhibitor in the Junior Home Arts Department. The winner will receive a \$50.00 cash award sponsored by Gold Ridge 4-H. Points for placing are as follows: 1st – 5 points; 2nd – 3 points; 3rd – 1 point. See State Rules for specific guidelines. Winner to be announced at the Awards program.

Donna Winkler Koch Memorial Award

Outstanding 4-H or FFA Food Preservation Exhibitor

\$50.00 and plaque

Sponsored by the Stornetta Family

Donna Winkler Koch spent her life dedicated to her community and the 4-H program. She attended every fair in her 76 years. Food Preservation was one of the many projects she taught in 4-H and wanted to keep the art alive. In memory of her love of canning, her family will award a perpetual plaque and a \$50.00 check to the Outstanding 4-H or FFA Food Preservation exhibitor. Award to be calculated by placings in the food preservation junior sections:

1st – 3 points; 2nd – 2 points; 3rd – 1 point.

Winner to be announced at the Awards program.

**Junior Award Ceremony will be held on
Sunday, August 13th, 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans Hall
(across the street from the Fairgrounds)**

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Deborah Stirling Memorial Award

\$500 Cash Award

Applications Due: Tuesday, May 30th

A strong supporter of youth in agriculture, Deborah Stirling served on the Sonoma County Fair Board of Directors for many years and was president in 2002. Deborah loved fairtime deeply. She understood how much hard work went into the exhibits, as she was a long-time 4-H leader and also a creator of beautiful needlework. Friends described Deborah as a “force of nature.” She overcame many challenges in her life and taught herself many of the skills she used to succeed. The recipient of this \$500 scholarship will be:

- A recently graduated high school senior
- Someone who is showing both livestock and still exhibits in the current year’s Sonoma County Fair
- Someone who puts forth hard work in the face of adversity
- A strong leader

Award sponsored by Keith Stirling, Nathalee Stirling Ghafouri and Shaun Ghafouri.

Farm Bureau Foundation Gold Cup Award

The Farm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County will present an award to the outstanding exhibitor at the 2023 Sonoma County Fair. The Gold Cup Award is based on leadership, citizenship, character, project work, academic achievement, speaking ability, participation and performance at the 2023 Sonoma County Fair. The award includes a \$2,500 check for the winner of the Gold Cup Award. Additionally, there is a \$500 cash award to the recipient’s 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Applicants must be a resident of Sonoma or Marin County, an exhibitor at the 2023 Sonoma County Fair and a high school senior or college freshman. Applicants must be members of the 4-H or FFA. A completed application and two letters of recommendation must be turned into the Farm Bureau office. Interviews with finalists will be held before the fair’s opening. Finalists will be notified about the time and date of their interview. The winner of the Gold Cup Award will be announced at the Sunday Awards Program. Further information and the Gold Cup application is available by calling 544-5575 or online at www.sonomafb.org.

The Alvin “Babe” & Bernetta Tesconi Memorial Award

\$250.00 Cash Award & Belt Buckle

Application Due: Friday, August 11 by 8:00 p.m.

Alvin “Babe” & Bernetta Tesconi raised their six children on a small farm in west Santa Rosa where they raised beef cattle, sheep, 4-H replacement heifers and an occasional hog or two.

This award is sponsored by their children; Tim, Teena, Ted, Terri, Tawny and Traci and their families. It is given in their memory to recognize the youth exhibitor that has diversified their involvement in the Fair by exhibiting at least two species of animals and non livestock exhibits. Previous winners are not eligible. Interested exhibitors should complete the one-page Award Application and submit it to the Entry Office by Friday, August 9 at 8:00 p.m. This will be awarded to the All-Around Outstanding Exhibitor based on a point system. Winner will be announced at the Awards Program.

Award Point System:

8 points	Each Specie exhibited at the Fair
2 points	For each animal exhibited at the Fair
5 points	For each showmanship class entered at the Fair
3 points	For each Round Robin competition exhibitor competes in
1 point	For each non-livestock exhibit entered in the Fair (<i>max of 5 points</i>)
1 point	For each office held in 4-H, FFA or Grange (<i>max of 8 points</i>)