

**Patrick Coughran Memorial Scholarship
Scholarship Application 2023
Gold Country Fair - Junior Livestock Auction**

Patrick Coughran was a respected and ardent supporter of youth in agriculture. Pat believed in working hard, being involved in the community, and helping young people develop a passion for agriculture. This scholarship was founded in honor of his memory and is supported by the Junior Livestock Auction committee through proceeds earned from the sale of a donated market animal at the Junior Livestock Auction.

Please read the following scholarship criteria before submitting your application:

- 1) This scholarship applies only to applicants who have exhibited livestock or agriculture mechanics projects for TWO YEARS specifically at the Gold Country Fair.
- 2) Applicants must be enrolled in a local agricultural youth organization for at least 2 years (ie, Placer County 4-H, The National FFA Organization or National Grange).
- 3) Applicants must be a recent high school graduate within the year of application or 1 year prior to the year of application.
- 4) At the time of application submission, applicants must provide an official PRINTED educational transcript of **current** semester classes from the institution of which they are enrolled (from financial aid or other official transcription) that must accompany a hard copy of the complete application, no email copies or screenshots accepted!!
- 5) Applicants must submit 2 letters of recommendation (one from a leader and another from an adult that is not a related family member of applicant) which must accompany the hard copy of the complete applications, no emails accepted!!
- 6) If requested, applicants must be able to provide a hard copy of the records they keep on their livestock projects, either the relevant pages from the 4-H and/or FFA record book that covers expenses, income and a journal of the time and chores they complete. Printed copies from an electronic record keeping program are acceptable.
- 7) The scholarship may be awarded once to any recipient, but may be awarded to more than 1 person each year.

****To qualify for an interview, all scholarship applications and required paperwork must be emailed to the Gold Country Fair Heritage Foundation (goldcountryheritagefoundation@gmail.com) no later than closing time on July 3, 2023!!!**

To complete an application, please provide the required personal information and answer all questions completely on a separate, typed document. Please be as specific as possible.

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Full Name: _____

Mailing address: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Youth Agriculture Organization(s) of Membership: _____ Years of Membership: _____

Year of Graduation: _____ Most recent completed term cumulative GPA: _____

Number of years showing livestock at the Gold Country Fair: _____ Specie(s) exhibited: _____

Other types of projects exhibited at the fair (if any): _____

Please answer the following Scholarship Application questions:

Question #1: Describe the largest, local community service project that you have organized or collaboratively been a part of. Please provide details about the project by describing your role, what was accomplished by your group, how many people were involved in the service project work, how many hours were volunteered, which group(s) were the beneficiary of the service project, and how they benefited from the project.

Question #2: Describe the most relevant and impactful leadership role(s) you have had the opportunity to serve in. Please provide details about this experience by describing your duties as a leader or team (project) member, how you interacted with the other team leaders and members, which organization you served, what this experience taught you, and what impact you left on the organization.

Question #3: Describe the most successful livestock or agriculture mechanics project you exhibited at the Gold Country Fair. Please provide details by describing the project, the short and long term plans/goals for the project, what growth and/or skills you gained as a result of completing this project, the financial obligations you were responsible for, and the investment of profits you might have been able to earn as a result of this project.