



Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse

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Carl Sparks Commemorative 2026 Agriculture (Ag) Scholarship Application Form

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICABLE TO: Graduating High School Seniors in an FFA Chapter, 4-H Club, Equestrian, or other Ag operations or Ag mechanics program planning to continue their education in an Agricultural related field of study at the College or University level. Up to five \$1000 scholarships will be awarded this year in honor of former Kern County Sheriff Carl Sparks for his continued support and tremendous dedication to the Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: All applicants must meet the following criteria;

1. Be a high school senior whose primary residence is in Kern County.
2. Students must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 or better.
3. Must be an Ag major, planned Ag major or an Ag related major.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: The application is complete when all the following are submitted;

1. The completed application form, including responses to the supplemental questions.
2. An official transcript of high school records (note: this may take days or weeks to receive).
3. A letter of recommendation from your FFA, 4-H, Equestrian, or other Program Advisor.

Completed applications, including the applicant's official transcripts, responses to supplemental questions, and one current letter of recommendation, must be postmarked no later May 1st, 2026, and mailed to the Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse at the letterhead address. Applications and responses to supplemental questions must be typewritten or neatly printed in blue or black ink. Questions regarding the application or the process should be directed to Mr. Craig Jackson of the Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse at telephone 661-808-4214.

SELECTION PROCESS: Applicants will be evaluated on a combination of GPA, responses to the supplemental questions, extracurricular activities, community involvement, work experience, means of financing their continued education, and their Ag related education and career goals. Successful Applicant's shall be notified by no later than May 15th, 2026. Scholarship recipients will also be invited to attend a June 1st, 2026 dinner meeting of the Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse together with the Scholarship recipient's parents and the student's FFA Chapter, 4-H Club, Equestrian, or other Ag operations or Ag mechanics Program Advisor.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

Last,

First

Middle

Permanent Address:

Number and Street, City, and Zip Code

Telephone Number:

Home Phone Number (if Applicable)

Cellular Phone Number

Email Address:

Name of Parent or Guardian:

By submitting this application for consideration for this scholarship, I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Name of High School you are currently attending:

Overall High School GPA:

List your FFA Chapter, 4-H Club, Equestrian program, or Ag operations or Ag mechanics program affiliation and years of participation:

Name of FFA Chapter, 4-H Club, Equestrian Program, or Ag operations/Ag mechanics Advisor:

Name of Colleges or Universities you have already been accepted to, and/or the College or University you propose to attend for the 2026/2027 academic year, and your proposed major:

My agriculture or equestrian background is: (please use the rest of this page or an addition sheet to describe your years of experience on a school and/or private farm or ranch and the type of work or project you performed, such as raising and showing an animal, or Ag operations or Ag mechanics experience or project; please keep your responses to one or two paragraphs).

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SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS:

In a short paragraph in the space provided, discuss how you plan to finance your continued education, such as plans to work, apply for scholarships, grants and/or student loans, or any other special financial considerations. Also list and describe all scholarships you have already received.

For the following Supplemental Questions, please use a separate sheet using the number headings shown to identify your responses. All pages must be typewritten or neatly printed in ink.

1. Besides your FFA, 4-H, Equestrian, or other Ag operations or Ag mechanics program, briefly describe any other school extracurricular activities you participate in such as sports, music, clubs, school councils, academic achievements or awards received, etc.
2. Briefly describe any non-school related community activities you are involved with, such as community organizations, volunteer work, church groups, etc.
3. Essay Topic: "Describe how your high school experience in FFA, 4-H, Equestrian, or other Ag operations or Ag mechanics program helped to shape your decision to continue your education in an Ag related field of study, and how that continued education will help you to achieve your career goals."

This essay provides the applicant with the opportunity to demonstrate writing skills, creativity, and depth of thought as to how their continued education at the college or university level will help them to achieve their future goals in life. Thank you for your application, and remember to follow your dreams!