



San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen “JoAnn Arnold-Switzer” Scholarship Application

The San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen’s Association (SLOCCA), is offering a scholarship in the name of “JoAnn Arnold-Switzer”. This scholarship exemplifies the character and integrity of a person who is the cornerstone of agriculture across our county. JoAnn has dedicated her life to the youth of our county through 4-H, FFA, Cal Poly Rodeo, and the Mid State Fair. Through this first ever offered scholarship, it is our attempt to honor JoAnn for her almost 50 years of heartfelt dedication to local agriculture.

The San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen’s Association would like to sincerely thank both John and Pam McPherson for the funding of this scholarship and being so generous to the community at large. As residents of Santa Margarita they too have recognized the overwhelming dedication and impact that JoAnn has had on agricultural development in the county.

Eligibility & Criteria for Selection of the JoAnn Arnold-Switzer Scholarship; The recipient must Personify high ethics as demonstrated through leadership, community service, overall personnel integrity, teamwork, and a commitment to agriculture.

Candidates eligible for this scholarship must be attending or have graduated from high schools located in San Luis Obispo County, or be students attending Cuesta College or Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. An interview may be required of the applicants being considered for the scholarship.

College applicants must show proof of college enrollment and be a full-time student with no less than 12 units per term. You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Scholarships will be funded in part at time of award. The second payment will be awarded to the recipient when verification of full time (12 units) semester/quarter documentation has been submitted to the SLOCCA.

Each applicant must complete the criteria listed below and mail application to: SLOCCA Attn: Anthony Stornetta, 7777 Rocky Canyon Rd. Atascadero Ca 93422. For questions you may contact Kathy Loftus at chimineas1@att.net or Anthony Stornetta at astornetts@gmail.com.

Applications must be postmarked by Monday - May 11, 2026. Late entries will not be accepted. Winners will be notified no later than June 1 and the scholarship will be given out at the California Mid State Fair, Cattlemen’s and Farmers Day awards ceremony July 16, 2026.



Application Requirements

- Biographic Information:
- Two Letters of recommendation. (1) letter from employers, business & community leaders, and (1) from a teacher, coach, or counselor. Letters from family members are not accepted. All scholarship materials are due May 11, 2026
- Please answer the following questions
 - 1. How have you been involved with animal production? An emphasis will be put onto beef production.**
 - a.**

 - 2. Your co-curricular activities**
 - a.**

 - 3. Your community service involvement**
 - a.**

 - 4. Honors/Awards Received**
 - a.**

 - 5. School involvement**
 - a.**



6. Your work experiences

a.

7. Your leadership roles

a.

8. Experience showing animals at the California Mid State Fair

a.

9. Upon application which high school and/or college are you currently enrolled.

a.

10. Please explain in your own words, "My career goals in Agriculture and how your future career will benefit the Beef Cattle Industry." (500 words or less).

a.

11. A copy of your most recent transcripts or grades from the school you are currently enrolled in, (must be received with your application) by May 11, 2026 to the address listed above.

12. Are you or any part of your family involved with local organizations pertaining to beef production?

a.



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Name: Last First

Mailing Address:

E-Mail address:

Telephone Number:

Date of Birth:

High School/College Currently Attending:

GPA:

SAT Math:

SAT Reading:

SAT Writing:

ACT Composite Score if applicable:

College You Will Be Attending in the Fall:

Graduation Date if applicable:

Major or Field of Study, Including Minors:

Intended Career Goal:

Note:

Questions can be answered on this document and submitted, or typed and turned in via a PDF or word document. All information submitted will remain confidential amongst the scholarship review committee.

When applying for this scholarship you may still apply for SLO County Cattlewomen scholarships.

