**2018 Ruth Smoot-French Memorial Scholarship**

Ruth French, a long time member of the Kern County Cattlewoman’s Association, was Cowbell (now known as Cattlewomen) of the Year in 1977 and president of the organization in 1981. This scholarship fund was started in her honor in remembrance of the many contributions she made to the cattle industry.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**All Applicants must meet the following criteria;**

1. Be a high school senior or current college/university student whose primary residence is in Kern County.
2. Students must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 or better.
3. Ag major, planned Ag major or an Ag related major:
4. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have a relative who is a current member of KCCW.

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION:**

**The application is complete when all the following are submitted;**

1. The application form including supplemental questions
2. An official transcript of school records to be submitted

Request a paper copy of your official transcript from your school registrar

NOTE: this may take several days or weeks at some colleges

1. One current letter of recommendation

Completed application, including applicant’s transcripts and current letter of recommendation, must be mailed to KCCW and be post marked no later than March 16, 2018 . Questions please call Debbie @ 661-487-7754

**KCCW**

C/O Debbie Hay

13915 Ashe Rd.

Bakersfield, CA 93313

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

* Application must be typewritten and submitted via US Mail
* Essays must use only the space allotted for answers.

**SELECTION**

Applicants are evaluated on a combination of GPA, extracurricular activities, supplemental question and letter of recommendation. Additional points are awarded to applicants whose relative is a member of the KCCW.

A scoring rubric has been included for your reference.

**Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the Scholarship Award Banquet on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at the Kern Ag Foundation.**

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**Scholarship recipients will also be invited to attend the KCCW general meeting in August 2018**

2018 -Kern County Cattle Women

**Ruth Smoot-French Memorial Scholarship Application**

# PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Name of Parent or Guardian

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Name of relative that is a member of the Kern County Cattle Women (if applicable)

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

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Typed Name or Written Signature of Applicant Date

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High school or college currently attending estimated date of graduation

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Proposed college of attendance for the 2018 -2019 academic year and major

The following person (non-relative) has furnished a letter of recommendation:

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**SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS**

Please answer the following questions using only the space below.

## In the space below please list school and community activities in which you have been involved. Please indicate the dates of participation along with awards you have won or offices you have held.

1. **In the space below please describe your agricultural experiences and/or future agricultural related goals.**
2. **Today's consumer of beef is interested in quality, convenience, and environmental stewardship. Discuss how California ranches promote quality of beef and environmental stewardship of the land.** To maximize your points; research the topic, provide evidence in support of your claim, follow standard essay structure using appropriate grammar and punctuation and reference your sources. One additional sheet of paper may be used.

KCCW Application Rubric-Total of 25 points possible

(For Reference only, does not need to be sent in)

| Score Levels | Grade Point Average | Extracurricular Activities | Supplemental Questions | Letter of Recommendation | **Essay** |
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| 5 | * 4.0-3.5 | * A variety of activities related to the agricultural industry * Evidence of leadership roles * Clearly organized, no errors | * Is well thought out and supports the question * No spelling or punctuation errors * Claims supported by evidence * Clearly organized and focused on topic | * Knowledge of applicant * Strongly supportive of applicant * Gives examples of applicants skills, talents ,knowledge, etc. | * Is well thought out and supports   the question   * No spelling or punctuation errors * Claims supported by evidence * Clearly organized and focused on topic |
| 4-3 | * 3.5-3.0 | * A variety of activities are listed * Little evidence of leadership | * Few spelling, grammar or punctuation errors * Good use of vocabulary and word choice * Supports the question * Focused on topic | * Knowledge of applicant * Supportive of applicant * Few specific examples given | * Few spelling, grammar or   punctuation errors   * Good use of vocabulary and   word choice   * Supports the question * Focused on topic |
| 2-1 | * 3.0-2.5 | * Few activities listed * Poorly organized * No evidence of leadership | * Some grammar, punctuation and spelling * errors * Lacks evidence for claims * Wanders from topic * Poorly organized | * Weak letter showing little knowledge of applicant | * Some grammar, punctuation   and spelling   * errors * Lacks evidence for claims * Wanders from topic * Poorly organized |