**2025 Ruth Smoot-French Memorial Scholarship**

Ruth French, a longtime 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 must 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 **April 1, 2025**. Questions please call or text April @ 661-578-7621

KCCW

C/O April Woody

PO Box 7

Woody, CA 93287

**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 who’s 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 in May, 2025 at the Kern Ag Foundation.**

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**All scholarship recipients must email proof of college registration to: Clay Freeman at**

**clay\_freeman@kernhigh.org** **by June 30, 2025 to be awarded your scholarship money.**

2025-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 2025-2026 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.**

### Essay topic: In a well-documented essay, briefly explain the purpose of the Beef Checkoff Program. Then discuss either the negative or positive impact the program has had on beef demand for those producers who pay into the program. Discussing both the direct and indirect effects of the beef industry over the past 3-5 years.