

2026 DR. JIM NYHOLT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Dr. Jim Nyholt Memorial Scholarship was established to honor Dr. Nyholt's lifelong dedication to agriculture, animal welfare, and youth development in the Antelope Valley. This scholarship supports students who demonstrate academic commitment, community service, and involvement in livestock and agricultural programs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be a current exhibitor in 4-H, FFA, Grange, or an Independent Exhibitor at the Antelope Valley Fair and Event Center
- Be enrolled in, or planning to enroll in, an accredited college or trade school
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Submit a completed application with all required documentation
- Submit an essay (approximately 500 words)
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from non-relatives

Incomplete applications may result in point deductions during scoring.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- All applications must be legible
- A current unofficial high school or college transcript must be submitted
- Proof of enrollment is required prior to scholarship fund disbursement
- Applications may be submitted in person or via email

DISCLOSURE

Scholarship recipients are selected by the Dr. Jim Nyholt Memorial Scholarship Committee using a point-based grading rubric. Decisions are made without regard to race, color, sex, creed, or any other protected status. Committee decisions are final.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
(Last, First, Middle Initial — Please Print)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

High School Attended: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ (Attach unofficial transcript)

Affiliation (check one): 4-H FFA Grange Independent

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

I understand that the decision of the Antelope Valley Fair Livestock Scholarship Committee is final, and I confirm that I have read and understand the eligibility criteria, procedures, and disclosures outlined above.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

COLLEGE / CAREER INFORMATION

Name of College or Trade School You Plan to Attend / Are Attending:

Major / Course of Study: _____

ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

Community Service Activities (Last 4 Years) – Include approximate hours:

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Special Awards and Recognition (Last 4 Years):

LIVESTOCK EXPERIENCE

Livestock Awards and Honors (Last 4 Years):

Antelope Valley Fair Exhibits (Current Year):

ESSAY PROMPT

Who Am I?

Reflect on your personal growth, values, and experiences. How have these shaped your aspirations and vision for the future, and how will your identity contribute to your academic, career, and community goals?

REQUIRED ATTACHMENT:

Essay (250- 500 words) must be submitted on a separate sheet of paper.

DR. JIM NYHOLT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRADING RUBRIC

Grade Point Average (10 Points Maximum)

3.50 GPA or higher: _____ / 10

3.00–3.49 GPA: _____ / 10

2.50–2.99 GPA: _____ / 10

Letters of Recommendation:

Two (2) letters received: _____

Essay (10 Points per Judge):

Judge 1: _____ Judge 2: _____ Judge 3: _____

Livestock Projects:

2026 Livestock Projects: _____ / 2

Community Service Activities:

1–3 Activities: _____ / 10

4–6 Activities: _____ / 10

7 or More Activities: _____ / 10

Special Awards & Recognition:

1–3 Awards: _____ / 10

4–6 Awards: _____ / 10

7 or More Awards: _____ / 10

Livestock Awards & Honors:

1–3 Awards: _____ / 10

4–6 Awards: _____ / 10

7 or More Awards: _____ / 10

SCORE SUMMARY

GPA: _____ / 10

Essay: _____

2026 Livestock Projects: _____

Community Service: _____ / 10

Special Awards: _____ / 10

Livestock Awards: _____ / 10

Total Points Earned: _____