January 15, 2020

To: FFA Advisors and Ag Teachers

RE: Yosemite Farm Credit’s **$500** Graduating FFA Student Scholarship

Dear Advisor/Teacher,

Yosemite Farm Credit is proud to continue our $500 scholarship program to a Senior student within your program pursuing an education in agriculture. We do ask your recipient selection and banquet information are provided to our office **by APRIL 9th, 2020.** We will be unable to award scholarships if recipient and banquet information is not provided before the 9th.

* The recipient should be selected based on leadership skills, community involvement, and how well he/she emulates our Association Values: Respect the dignity of work; Keeps promises and commitments; Service above self; Trust, courtesy, respect and complete honesty; Continue to seek further education. This scholarship is not based on the student’s GPA.
* Scholarship recipient to be selected by your Agriculture Department **by APRIL 9, 2020.**
* The date and time of your FFA Award ceremony to be provided **by APRIL 9, 2020.** We strive to have a Yosemite Farm Credit employee present our scholarship to the selected recipient at your award ceremony. Please provide this information as soon as possible so we may arrange a presenter. Each recipient’s name will also be added to your school’s perpetual plaque.
* Please provide a copy of the selected student’s application and essay to Melba Miyamoto via fax (209-634-9612) or email (mem@yfc.ag)

Enclosed is a copy of the detailed criteria requirements and the scholarship application. Please pass this information along to your students. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Melba Miyamoto

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**V. P. Marketing**

Yosemite Farm Credit

209-667-2366 | **mem@yfc.ag**

Selection Criteria

The Yosemite Farm Credit scholarship will be evaluated and awarded by the FFA advisors and Agriculture teachers of each student’s school. A copy of the award recipient’s application will be forwarded to Yosemite Farm Credit prior to selection. The application deadline is **APRIL 9, 2020.**

**Gender / Race / Ethnicity**

 Scholarship recipients are not selected on the base of gender, race, or ethnicity.

**Values**

Yosemite Farm Credit understands that many students exemplify our shared values and are passionate about the betterment of agriculture and the community in which they live. Yosemite Farm Credit’s scholarship is directed toward these exemplary students.

The following are shared values at Yosemite Farm Credit, ACA:

*We respect the dignity of work.*

*We keep our promises and commitments.*

*We believe in service above self.*

*We believe in trust, courtesy, respect, and complete honesty.*

*We continue to seek further education to grow as individuals.*

**Essay**

Each student’s essay should explain their current involvement with agriculture and the community in which they live. The student should also describe what contributions they hope to make to agriculture in the future. Clarity, grammar, and spelling will be considered when judging the essay.

**Reference Letters**

Two reference letters which reinforce the applicant’s commitment to agriculture, school activities and community activities are required. The reference letters may be from superiors such as a teacher, advisor, work supervisor, or community service leader. Please do not use family members as references.

The scholarship will be awarded at the FFA Banquet of the student’s graduating year. Scholarship funds will be held by Yosemite Farm Credit until an official college class schedule is provided by mail to Melba Miyamoto at P.O. Box 3278 Turlock, CA 95381, by fax at 209-634-9612, or by email at mem@yfc.ag. When proof of college enrollment is provided, the check will be mailed directly to the award recipient

 **Scholarship application**

Please Return this application to your FFA advisor.

*Name*

*Address*

*City Zip Code*

*Phone Email*

*Date of Birth Age*

*Name and location of prospective college(s):*

*Prospective Major(s):*

*Current school activities (clubs, committees, student government, athletics, etc.):*

*Current community involvement and activities:*

*Special achievements or honors:*

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