



## **CAL-WEST BOER CONNECTION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

- The Cal-West Boer Connection Breeders have established a \$500 scholarship designed to advance educational enrichment of the youth who have been involved in the meat goat industry. This program is open to any youth who has been involved in the meat goat industry and awarded to an individual that is pursuing higher education in any given field of study.

### **Application Guidelines:**

- Applicants can be a junior or senior in high school or a freshman or sophomore in college.
- The applicant may receive the scholarship only one time.
- The recipient will be selected by the Cal-West Boer Connection Committee members.
- If selected to receive a scholarship by the Cal-West Boer Connection Scholarship committee, the scholarship applicant will be required to verify their enrollment in an institution of higher education by September 30<sup>th</sup> before the scholarship award check is sent to the institution. Failure to meet enrollment requirements will result in forfeiture of the scholarship. If you are a junior in high school, the money will be held until your graduation year, and the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline will then apply.

### **Application Procedure and Instructions:**

Scholarship applications are available from any of the Cal West Boer Connection breeders or you can visit any of our websites for more information. Application must include a copy of your most current high school and/or college transcript. Your application must include one letter of recommendation and an autobiographical essay. The recommendation may come from employers, teachers, ag leaders, junior advisors, pastors, etc. It may not include applicant's parents, or members of the Cal-West Boer Connection. Transcript, letter of recommendation and autobiography must be included with the application or it will not be accepted. June 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for mailing applications. Materials mailed must be postmarked by the US Postal Service, FED EX or UPS on or before June 30, 2008.

### **Contact Information for Cal-West Boer Connection:**

**Shadow Ridge Ranch, Richard Oliviera & Sue Erickson**

[www.shadowrranch.com](http://www.shadowrranch.com) (559)999-5445

**Sundance Kids, Walt & Chris Schallberger, Heidi & Louie Schallberger**

[www.sdk Sundancekids.com](http://www.sdk Sundancekids.com) (209)333-0543

**Wildflower Meat Goats, Ken & Shirley Thompson**

[www.wflgoats.com](http://www.wflgoats.com) (209)499-6564

**APPLICATION FORM**

**APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

FIRST, MIDDLE & LAST NAME:

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Age on January 1, of this year \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Residence:

- A. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
- B. School Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Family Information

- A. Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Living: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Living: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Number of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Academic Achievement:**

- a. Year in School  
\_\_\_\_\_ High School Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ High School Senior  
(Attach transcript covering grades 9-current)  
\_\_\_\_\_ College Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ College Sophomore  
(Attach transcript covering Freshman-Current)  
College: Major \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Agricultural Related Achievements**

1. Give examples of how your personal Meat Goat Industry accomplishments have helped others achieve their goals and objectives.

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2. List associations, clubs, High School/Collegiate Organizations and Activities. Include leadership positions, committees, honors, awards.

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3. Explain your accomplishments as well as any contributions you have made to the organization for each of the following:
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  - b. FFA

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4. Future Plans

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**III. Autobiographical Statement**

1. Please use a separate sheet of paper, must be computer printed with a font size no smaller than 10 point. Refer to the tips provided with this application.

PLEASE SEND ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS TO:

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS  
c/o WILDFLOWER MEAT GOATS  
25708 Road 9  
Chowchilla, CA 93610

## **Tips for the Autobiographical Essay**

### **Why is the essay so important?**

The purpose of the autobiography is to give you the opportunity to tell the scholarship committee about aspects of your background that may not be apparent in your application. Your personal attributes, as well as your academic record, will be considered. Remember, you are competing with a number of highly qualified candidates. Your autobiography will help the committee gain insight into your character. Your essay should be at least one page, but no more than two.

### **What does the scholarship committee look for in your essay?**

Your autobiography must clearly convey who you are, where you've been, and where you are going. The following personal characteristics can be included: creativity, intellectual curiosity and achievement, the ability to overcome or manage unusual circumstances, challenges and hardships, initiative and motivation, leadership, persistence, service to others, financial need, etc.

Describe your volunteer work and other community service activities. Your values and goals should be demonstrated. Activities, honors, awards and employment history can be included.

### **What is a good autobiography?**

There is no single "good autobiography". The committee will look for statements in which the quality of your character emerges, not only what you've done. Remember, the committee will ask, "What do we know about this individual?" If the answer is "very little," then your essay has not succeeded.

### **What kind of autobiography should I avoid?**

Autobiographies that mention only activities and honors are rarely successful. "A Chronicle of My Life" that list details without getting to the heart of who you are is rarely successful. Avoid stereotypical, one-dimensional statements such as "Everything I've learned in life came as a result of being involved in team sports." Avoid gimmicks or comical statements. A sense of humor is valuable but do not try to be exceptionally funny. Avoid generalizations and focus on particulars.