



2026 Scholarship Application

The California Creamery Operators Association provide scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 - \$2,000, to support students in pursuing careers within the dairy industry. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on demonstrated career interest, as well as academic and leadership performance. Eligibility: Applicants must be **second or third-year undergraduate** students pursuing an agriculture/dairy/food degree OR who may be pursuing a different degree but have interned in the dairy processing field. Applicants must be enrolled in a California university or junior college. Priority will be given to students demonstrating strong interest in dairy processing.

Application Requirements/Instructions:

- ☐ Completed form (Sections One and Two)
- ☐ Completed 5 short-answer questions (Section Three answers can be written on the form or submitted on separate page. Each answer should be brief, not to exceed 300 words.)
- ☐ Attach an unofficial transcript verifying completed coursework to date
- ☐ Attach a one-page professional resume summarizing educational and professional experience
- ☐ Applicant must be a current college junior or senior (third or fourth-year student)
- ☐ Email completed application materials electronically to jbingham@ccoadairy.org **from your university email address by April 30, 2026.**

Section One:

First and Last Name

Permanent Address – Street Address

City

State

Zip

Academic Year Address – Street Address Line 1

City

State

Zip

Email Address

Phone Number

(Applicants will be notified of scholarship results via email.)

Section Two:

Current university

Expected degree title

Expected graduation year

Current GPA

Current year in school (must be 2nd or 3rd year to be eligible)

Section 3: Short-Answer Questions (You can answer on another page if more space is needed.)

1. Describe your career aspirations and why you are interested in a future career in the California dairy industry.

2. Please summarize any work experience to date, including any jobs, internships, or volunteer responsibilities and what you have learned from those experiences.

3. Please list any recent scholarships, honors or awards received to date.

4. Please list any leadership or community volunteer positions you have held (e.g. youth, civic, academic, etc.)

5. What would you say if the person sitting next to you on a plane asked, "What's so great about dairy?"