YOKUTS GROUP SIERRA CLUB

$1000 SCHOLARSHIP

2025

**Qualifications at the Time of Application:**

* Shall be a resident of Stanislaus County.
* Shall have completed at least one semester of undergraduate work at an accredited College or University or be a Senior in a Stanislaus County High School.
* The applicant’s overall college and university GPA shall be a minimum of 2.5. If the applicant is a high school senior, the high school GPA must be a minimum of 2.5.
* Shall attend an accredited Community/Junior College or University in the Fall of 2025.

**Application Letter Requirements:**

* No form is required.
* Include the following information about the applicant in the application letter:
	+ Full name and current home address, email address, and phone number.
	+ If applying while a senior in high school, overall GPA.
	+ For post-high school graduates, all colleges and universities attended, dates, degrees pursued, and completed.
	+ For post-high school graduates, overall college and university GPA.
	+ A statement that the applicant will attend an accredited Community/Junior College or University in the fall of 2025.
* The application letter shall include a 250-300-word essay about the applicant’s classwork, related activities, and career pursuits related to the Sierra Club's Mission Statement.
	+ Sierra Club Mission Statement:

*To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth;
To practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources;
To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.*

* A college/university counselor or a high school counselor shall verify the information in the application letter by dating and signing at the bottom and with their printed name, title/position, and contact information.
* The applicant shall date and sign at the bottom of the application and with their printed name.

**Award Process:**

* The Yokuts Group, Mother Lode Chapter, Sierra Club must receive applications:
	+ Via email by April 30, 2025, at LauraHerdingCatsLLC@gmail.com
	+ Via U.S. Mail, postmarked by April 30, 2025, to P.O. Box 855, Modesto, CA 95353.
* A Yokuts Group Committee will review the applications and assess the strength of the applicants' classwork, related activities, and career pursuits related to the Sierra Club Mission Statement.
* The one winner (“Student”) of the $1000 scholarship will be notified by May 31, 2025.
* The other applicants will be notified by May 31, 2025, that they were not selected as the winner.
* By June 15, 2025, and before delivering the funds to the school, the Yokuts Group must receive an enrollment verification letter from the College or University stating that the Student will attend the school in the Fall of 2025.
	+ The verification letter shall include the student’s identification number, the school's address, and the department/person receiving the funds ($1000) to deposit for the student's benefit.
	+ If the verification letter is not received (postmarked to the P.O. Box above) by June 15, 2025, the Yokuts Group Committee will select another applicant for the scholarship.
* The Student is encouraged to attend the Yokuts Group 2025 Summer Picnic when the Yokuts Group publicly awards the scholarship.
	+ This picnic gathering is subject to any then-current COVID restrictions.

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