## 2015-2016 BEXAR COUNTY 4-H S.A.L.E. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



The Application & Submission Guidelines should be reviewed and followed by any Bexar County 4-H member applying for a 2015 Bexar County 4-H SALE Scholarship. Both 4-H members and parents/guardians should review the rules and guidelines prior to beginning the application process to ensure eligibility and proper completion of the application. If you have any questions regarding the application or the submission guidelines outlined here please contact the 4-H County Extension Agent – Natalie Cervantes PRIOR to the scholarship deadline. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

**CHANGES FOR 2016:** Please take a moment to read the new changes listed below.

- The deadline for the application has changed! Applications will now be due to our office on Friday, May 20, 2016 by 5:00 PM. Please be sure to mark your calendar!
- The date for the Scholarship Interviews has changed! Interviews will now be conducted at our office on Friday, June 3, 2016. Please be sure to mark your calendar!
- Applicants **NO LONGER need to declare a major that is listed on the approved S.A.L.E. majors**. All majors will now be accepted as long as the applicant attends a Texas college or university.
- S.A.L.E. will be hosting a ceremony for area scholarship recipients on **Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at 6:00 PM** in the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Hall of Fame which is located on the Freeman Coliseum/AT&T Center grounds. This is an opportunity to recognize scholarship recipients while also becoming acquainted with the S.A.L.E. organization and its history.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bexar County 4-H program is incredibly fortunate to receive money from the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and would like to provide all our youth the opportunity to earn scholarship money toward their college education. The Bexar County 4-H SALE scholarships are awarded each year to applicants based on their 4-H career (Current year's Recordbook), and an interview. The Bexar County 4-H SALE Scholarship Program is conducted in coordination with the Bexar County 4-H Youth Development Program, the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. All applications must be submitted to the Bexar County Extension office and meet all criteria to be considered. As always, the Bexar County 4-H program strives to provide equal opportunity for our youth to apply and receive scholarships. The number and the amount per scholarship can change depending on the amount given from SALE each year.

## **BEFORE YOU APPLY**:

Before you begin your scholarship application, please review the dates below to be sure that you are able and willing, to participate in the dates mentioned.

- May 20, 2016 Applications due to the Bexar County Extension Office
- June 3, 2016 Scholarship Interviews
- June 21, 2016 S.A.L.E. Recognition Ceremony
- August 12, 2016 Bexar County Awards Program

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:**

1. Be an active member of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program for the current year (2015-2016) and at least two of the three previous years (2014-2015, 2013-2014, or 2012-2013). Applicant must have a current enrollment with the Bexar County 4-H Program, and be in good standing with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program at all levels (county, district, and state).

2. Be a United States citizen. If the applicant's transcript reflects a place of birth other than the United States, proof of naturalization must be provided with the scholarship application.

3. Be a Texas resident.

4. Be scheduled to graduate from a Texas High School (public, private, or home) during the 2014-2015 school year and pass all necessary standardized test(s) for graduation and admittance to the college and/or university declared in the scholarship application.

5. Applicants must receive a 2.5 GPA or higher from their High School to apply for this scholarship. If the applicant is awarded the Bexar County S.A.L.E. Scholarship, they must maintain a 2.5 GPA each semester (12 hrs. per semester).

6. Have completed and submitted a formal application to enroll with intent to attend a Texas college or university in the Fall of the year scholarship is awarded, and meet the entrance requirements for the college or university for which formal application has been made. Youth with plans or intentions of attending a non-Texas college/university/trade school are not eligible.

7. The applicant may choose any major/course of study, as long as it is offered at a Texas college or university.

8. Have been accepted into a Texas college/university by the time of the interview (June 3, 2016).

9. An applicant may apply for a Texas 4-H Foundation or Texas/Local Chapter FFA scholarship, **however if the amount awarded to the applicant is 80% or more in value of the Bexar County 4-H SALE Scholarship, applicant will be disqualified for consideration.** (Ex: If the Bexar County 4-H SALE Scholarship is \$20,000 in value, any youth awarded a Texas 4-H Foundation or Texas/Local Chapter FFA scholarship in the amount of \$16,000 or more will be disqualified for consideration.)

10. Submit a 2015-2016 Bexar County 4-H SALE Scholarship application with attachments (High School Transcript, SAT/ACT scores, Applicant's degree requirements from College/University catalog, Current year's 4-H Recordbook, and 3 photocopies of the current year's Recordbook).

11. All scholarship applicants MUST BE PRESENT at the interview in order to apply for the scholarship. Recipients must be present at the Bexar County Awards Program in order to be recognized for receiving the scholarship. Contact the 4-H County Extension Agent prior to each event if reasonable circumstances prevent your attendance.

12. Application must be complete and accurate once submitted for consideration. Any application deemed incomplete or inaccurate will be disqualified for consideration. Once an application is submitted no portion or information can be updated, revised, and/or corrected.

13. Right Of Refusal, Reassignment, And/Or Retraction. The Bexar County 4-H Program and the SALE Scholarship Committee has the right to refuse, reassign, and/or retract any scholarship application or scholarship award during the judging, awarding, or post awarding process. Refusal/retraction can be based, but not limited to, unfactual and incorrect information provided on the application, statements made during the interview that contradicts application, or failure to meet any criteria or eligibility requirements.