

Van Warmerdam Memorial FFA Scholarship Award - \$500.00

(Background & Applicant Eligibility & Requirements)

Ben and Quirina VanWarmerdam emigrated from Holland in the 1950's. Initially, they operated dairies in Elk Grove and Wilton. In 1968, they established their dairy in Galt. They raised seven children, who were all involved with the local 4-H and FFA programs. They displayed courage and perseverance in their quest of living the American dream. Although, Mr. VanWarmerdam had limited formal education, he respected the importance of young people striving to achieve their goals to further their education. He valued hard work and took advantage of opportunities in order to gain experience. He was a natural leader, and as a well-respected dairyman, he served on numerous boards and organizations within the dairy industry and community. In addition, he served as an advocate and mentor to many members of the dairy community. Mr. VanWarmerdam exemplified admirable character which was evident in his passion and dedication to working together for the greater good. This was apparent in all aspects of his life. He truly made a positive difference in the lives of those who knew him. Ben VanWarmerdam was 93 years old when he passed away in 2011. His wife, Quirina, passed away at the age of 86 in 2013. They both lived everyday to its fullest.

To honor Ben and Quirina's lives, donations were made to establish a yearly scholarship in their name. A \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to a Galt High School graduate and a Liberty Ranch High School graduate.

Application Eligibility and Requirements:

1. Applicants for this scholarship must be a Galt High School or Liberty Ranch High School graduating senior who is planning on attending a trade / vocational school, two year, or four-year college or university in the fall term.
2. Applicants must have participated in FFA for two or more years.
3. Applicants must have a minimum un-weighted 2.5 GPA. School counselor must verify (Please provide transcript).
4. Students receiving a full (four years) academic scholarship are not eligible to apply.
5. Applications must be typed or legibly handwritten. Completed applications consist of Part 2 & Part 3. Completed applications must be mailed and post marked by **Friday, April 5, 2024**. Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted.

Mail to: **VanWarmerdam FFA Memorial Scholarship**

P.O. Box 893

Galt, CA 95632

6. Scholarships will be presented at the FFA Awards Banquet at Galt High School and Liberty Ranch High School.

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Part #2

Van Warmerdam Memorial FFA Scholarship Award - \$500.00

(Applicant Information) - 2024

Applicant Name: _____

High School Attending: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Un-weighted GPA: _____ Counselor / Record Clerk GPA Verification: _____

I hereby attest that all information provided on this application is correct and verifiable, and that any false statement will disqualify my application and eligibility to receive the VanWarmerdam Memorial Scholarship.

Applicant Signature

Date

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Part #3

Van Warmerdam Memorial FFA Scholarship Award - \$500.00 (Official Application) – 2024

Please submit answers to the following 4 questions as a separate type-written response.

1. List the *FFA activities and community service involvement* that you have been a part of as a member of the Galt High School / Liberty Ranch High School FFA. Please include any leadership positions and/or offices that you have held as well.
2. List any awards or special recognition that you have received in association with the FFA program, or any other groups or organizations.
3. What trade/vocational school or college do you plan to attend? What Major or Career will you pursue?
4. Essay Prompt: (minimum of 300 words)

Reflecting on your school / community involvement, how will these experiences help you achieve your educational and career goals? What have you learned from these experiences and how has it made a difference in the lives of others and your community?