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Farm Bureau Women Announce 2008 Scholarship

The San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau Women are pleased to announce the availability of the 2008 Farm Bureau Women's scholarships. Qualified recipients can apply to receive \$500 to further his or her education at a university, community college or trade school.

To qualify for this scholarship, one must be a member, a dependent or child/grandchild of a member of the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau or the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau Women, in good standing, since September of the previous year prior to the application; or a member for four years of either a San Luis Obispo County 4-H or a San Luis Obispo County Future Farmers of America; or a college student who graduated from a San Luis Obispo County high school and for at least two years has been enrolled in an agriculturally-related major.

In 2007, eight scholarships were awarded by the Farm Bureau Women. The recipients included Patricia Harris, Templeton; Brandon Weibe, Paso Robles; Kelsey Soderstrom, San Luis Obispo; Lisa Henry, Paso Robles; Katie Jo Switzer, Atascadero; James Teixeira, Nipomo; Jacob Gardener, Nipomo; and Ameer Herbstreith, Nipomo. Farm Bureau Scholarship awards for 2007 totaled \$4,000.

Funds for the scholarship are raised mainly through the sale of straw brooms, vintage and new aprons and See's Candy. The women also hand-mix a "just-add-water" bean soup mix that is a hit countywide.

The Farm Bureau Women also support youth activities, the Women's Shelter and Achievement House. You will find them at the California Mid-State Fair in Paso Robles, advocating for agriculture and selling their wares. Farm Bureau Women meet on the second Monday of each month, except July and August, alternating between North and South County. Meetings are at lunch and feature informational programs.

Inquiries regarding the 2008 San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau Women's Scholarship can be made at any San Luis Obispo County High School, Nancy Hoagland at 239-2726 or the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau office at 543-3654.

Additional information and application can be found on the Farm Bureau website at www.slofarmbureau.org/Programs/Scholarships.html. All Farm Bureau Women scholarship applications are due to the Farm Bureau office, 651 Tank Farm Rd., San Luis Obispo CA, 93401 by April 01, 2008.

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