

Hi my name is Monica Ferris, I am 17 years old and currently a senior at El Capitan High School. I have been active in my school's FFA program as well as in my community. I have maintained a 3.8 GPA during my high school years while dedicating many hours of volunteer work to support my school and community. I have focused on participating in agriculturally related programs, events and activities to gain experience and knowledge in many areas of agriculture. I have held multiple leadership positions in the El Capitan High School FFA and Lakeside Middle School FFA. I have organized events in which students were able to participate and gain knowledge about agriculture and the FFA. Such as farm tours of our agriculture department, fundraisers, chapter meetings and member bonding events through picnics and dinners. I have participated in livestock judging along with speaking contests throughout my years. I have participated in several leadership conferences such as FFA State Conference, Made For Excellence, and Southern California Leadership Conference. I plan to further my education at Oklahoma State University in the fall of 2022, double majoring in Agriculture business and communications with a minor in pre-law. This scholarship will greatly benefit my future goals of becoming either an agricultural lawyer or agricultural teacher while running a show cattle operation. In my future I hope to give back to the FFA organization as it has played a key role in shaping me to be the person I am today. I would love to be able to help others see their full potential and all the possibilities our organization has to offer. My experiences have provided me with a great start towards my educational and career goals in the agricultural industry by teaching me marketing, communication and financial knowledge as a basis to my future.