

I am a current high school senior in Escondido High School. I have participated in the Del Mar Fair and showed livestock my four years of high school. My freshman and sophomore years I exhibited hogs and my junior and senior years I exhibited poultry such as broilers and turkeys. I have been part of the FFA program my four years of high school. In my junior year I decided to run to be part of the Escondido Officer Team and won. I now hold the position of chapter secretary where I keep track of attendance for over 200 members and help plan events for the year. Being part of FFA has helped me stay on the right track by keeping me distracted from negative things. I have also gotten many experiences and life long lessons. University would be an experience where I would be able to see what career path interests me the most. I'm currently interested in becoming an engineer and an ultrasound technician. They're both really interesting careers for me and I would like to enroll in UC Davis which has a tuition of around \$15,000 per year which would end up costing around \$60,000 once I finish the career pathway. Agriculture has played a big role in my high school education which is what got me interested in becoming an Ag engineer. In my family my dad is the only one that works and my mom is a stay at home wife. My dad is our only source of income but he recently had an accident which prevented him from working for three weeks and later on he got covid which prevented him from working for another week. It's a struggle for my mom, little sister and me when my dad can't work because we don't have income to pay the bills, food etc. If i were to enroll in this school it would be hard for me to afford. I wouldn't have my parents financial support which would make it really hard on me. If I were to attend college it would mean one more person in society getting a higher education trying to succeed in life. I want to be able to achieve my dreams and being part of FFA has helped me believe that I can achieve things regardless of the circumstances.