

Mid Valley Cowbelles








AG PROFICIENCY CONTEST APPLICATION

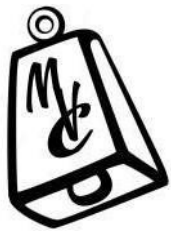
Contest applicable for 2025-2026 School Year

Mid Valley Cowbelles is a Central California chapter of California CattleWomen. We are devoted to activities that promote the best interests of the cattle industry and to increase the consumption of American Beef. Our objective is to educate the consumer public in order to develop a better understanding of the cattle industry, create a positive cultural relationship with beef consumption, and to facilitate proper beef product handling as it pertains to generally accepted health and food safety requirements.

- ☐ Applicant is a graduating high school senior or
- ☐ Applicant is a former recipient of the MVC Scholarship Award/Ag Proficiency Award and is currently applying for the collegiate award

Application Requirements

-  Student must be a 2026 graduating high school senior and current resident of either Mariposa, Merced or Stanislaus County or previous recipient applying under the collegiate level and attending an accredited institution.
-  Student must plan a career in an agricultural field and have a major that reflects the intent to graduate in an agricultural capacity.
-  Student may use contest money at any accredited vocational, community/junior college or four-year college/university.
-  Applications **must** be accompanied by two (2) letters of recommendation.
-  Applications must be completely filled out and **PRINTED IN INK**.
-  Official transcripts for grades 9-12 must be included with the high school application.
-  Collegiate applicants must include transcripts and have completed 28 units of college level courses, including 2 agricultural courses. For first year students, this may include completion of their first semester and enrollment in the second semester. (*see page 7 for further clarification*).



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Please Print

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Street Address (if different from mailing) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

High School _____

Overall GPA for grades 9-12 _____

College Applied _____ Address _____

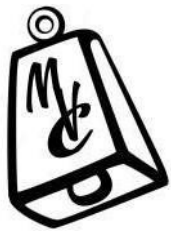
Major Declared _____

College Applied _____ Address _____

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Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

(If applicant is under 18 years of age)

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(You may use a separate attachment for your responses)

1. List agricultural activities, including projects, awards, activities, and offices held:

2. List school activities, including clubs, awards, and offices held:

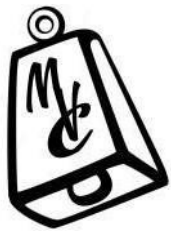
3. List any community service projects and/or related activities:

4. List your goals and objectives in the Agricultural field:

5. Write a brief statement describing your view on the following: "What is the biggest issue facing the cattle industry today?"

6. Write a brief statement as to why you are the most qualified candidate for this award.

7. Please include two (2) letters of recommendation with your application.



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Collegiate Applicants only

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First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Street Address (if different from mailing) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Previous Colleges Attended _____

College Currently Attending _____

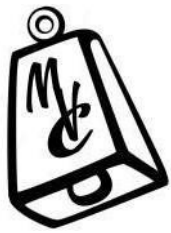
Address _____

Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Advanced Degree _____

Field of Study _____

Year the MVC Scholarship/Ag Proficiency Award was earned _____

GPA _____



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1. How has attending college affected your future goals?

2. Aside from your classroom experiences, what activities or groups have made a meaningful impact on your course of study?

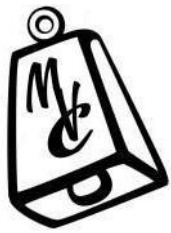
3. How has Agriculture remained a focus of your degree?

4. What have you liked, or disliked, about college that you didn't anticipate?

5. What Ag classes have you taken and why did you decide on those classes?

6. How do you feel that you can best represent the mission statement of MVC and why are you the best candidate for this award?

7. Please include (2) letters of reference with your application.



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By submitting this application to Mid Valley Cowbelles for their consideration in awarding a winner in this contest for the 2026 academic year, I understand that the decision made by the MVC Ag Proficiency Contest Committee will be final. I also agree to adhere to the conditions set forth in this application to attend a 2026 MVC Summer Session Membership Meeting (TBD) and to submit the required transcripts/college acceptance/enrollment documents to the Ag Proficiency Contest Chairman prior to September 15th, 2026.

Printed name of Applicant: _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date of Application: _____

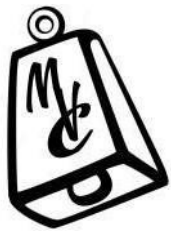
Deadline for the application is March 1, 2026

Mail MVC Ag Proficiency Contest Application to:

MID VALLEY COWBELLES
C/o Barbara Silva, Committee Chair
2343 East Monte Vista Road
Ceres, CA 95307
(209) 573-1837

** All documents for the September 15th, 2026, deadline will also be mailed to the address above.*

** Funds for the selected recipients will be distributed no later than September 15th of the awarding year upon proof of enrollment/admission. Documents must be received by the Ag Proficiency Contest Chairman by this date or the award becomes null and void.*



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Collegiate Applicants must have been a previous recipient of the MVC Graduating Senior Award (formerly known as the high school scholarship award). Applicant must complete 28 units of the qualifying year, including (2) classes in Agriculture, which includes completion of the fall semester (verified by transcripts) and proof of enrollment in the spring semester.

Ex: College freshman applicant: must provide transcripts of the fall semester and proof of enrollment for the spring semester to achieve 28 units total for that year.

Sophomore thru advanced degree applicant: Must provide transcripts of a minimum of 28 units completed, including (2) Ag classes, and proof of enrollment for the upcoming semester.

- * Selected applicants will be required to attend a 2026 Summer Session Mid Valley Cowbelles Membership Meeting (date to be determined by the Board) for introduction and recognition. Applicants will be notified of the date by the Ag Proficiency Contest Chairman during the prior month.*
- * Funds for the selected recipients will be distributed no later than September 15th of the awarding year upon proof of enrollment/admission. Documents must be received by the Ag Proficiency Contest Chairman by this date or the award becomes null and void.*
- * Contact information for the Chairman is found on page 6 of this application.*