

Investment for Youth Grant - Application Process

Key Dates

- **Letter of Intent Due: February 28, 2026**
- **Application Due: April 15, 2026**
- **Interview:** Date TBD
- **Award Announcement & Ceremony:** See details below

Letter of Intent

To begin the application process for the Investment for Youth Grant, applicants must complete the Intent to Apply form by **February 28, 2026***.

[Intent to Apply Link](#)

After the Letter of Intent is submitted, applicants will be scheduled for a 5-minute phone call between March 1–10. Watch for a text with details. This call will cover:

- Application process overview
- Volunteer expectations (BBQ auction and fair)
- Interview process
- Applicant questions

Application

[Application Link](#)

- **Submission Method:** Online
- **Deadline: April 15, 2026**

Interview

- **Date:** TBD
- **Location:** El Capitan High School – Agriculture Department
- **Dress Code:** Official uniform
- **Notification:** Applicants will be notified of their interview date and time via text message

Announcement

- **Attendance:** Required
- **When:** Prior to the start of Livestock Auction
- **Where:** Ringside
- **Time:** 11:45 a.m.
- **Dress Code:** Official uniform

Award Ceremony

- **Date:** Saturday
- **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- **Dress Code:** Casual

Applicant Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a member of FFA, Grange, or 4-H, in San Diego County, within Grossmont Union High School District or Mountain Empire Unified School District
- Be an exhibitor at the Eastern San Diego County Junior Fair during the year of application

Eligibility also includes:

- Applying during senior year of high school **or** within one year after graduation
- Acceptance to a 4-year college, plans to attend a 2-year college or trade school, **or** evidence of starting an individually owned business

Volunteer Requirement

The recipient **and** a parent/guardian or adult volunteer must complete a **minimum of 4 volunteer hours** each at the **Snack Bar** during fair week.

Fine Print

- The committee reserves the right to visit the project enterprise of all applicants.
- Awards are given annually, funds permitting and based on the quality of applications received.
- Award amounts are determined by the Investment for Youth Committee.
- Grants are awarded as a one-time recognition and may not be received more than once.
- Decisions of the interview committee are final.

* If the Letter of Intent deadline is missed, please email **InvestmentForYouth@gmail.com**.

The committee encourages all eligible exhibitors to apply and welcomes discussion of any extenuating circumstances with the committee chair.

Contact Information

For questions or additional information, please contact:

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