

**CUMBERLAND CO. 4-H PHIL WALK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION FORM**

- GUIDELINES:
- 1) Applicants must be a current member of a Cumberland County 4-H club for the 2024-2025 4-H year.
  - 2) Scholarship applications may only be submitted in **senior year of high school or freshman/sophomore year in college.**
  - 3) College freshmen and sophomores are eligible to apply if they did not receive a Phil Walk Memorial Scholarship during a previous year.
  - 4) The application form and 2 letters of recommendation (one must be from a 4-H leader) must be returned to the Cumberland County Extension office by **September 30.**
  - 5) Proof of enrollment will be required prior to the distribution of scholarship checks.
  - 6) The application should be typed or printed neatly. Incomplete or illegible applications may not be reviewed.
  - 7) Parents and leader signatures are required.
  - 8) Scholarship will be awarded during the Cumberland County 4-H Achievement Program.

The Cumberland County 4-H Phil Walk Memorial Scholarship award is based on the following evaluation criteria:

Essay .....	25 points
Accomplishments in 4-H .....	15 points
Community activities (including school and church) .....	15 points

*(Please submit the application form, essay and 2 letters of recommendation in a 9 x 12 envelope.)*

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Please have three (2) letters of recommendation (**one of which must be from a 4-H Leader, letters from Cumberland County Extension Staff will not be accepted**) sent to the University of Illinois Extension Cumberland County, P.O. Box 218, Toledo, IL 62468, by October 3. Letters of recommendation will not be returned to the applicant.

**The information provided in this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be filed in the office of University of Illinois Extension Cumberland County, P.O. Box 218, Toledo, IL 62468, no later than **September 30, 2025.**

1. Name and address of parent or guardian:

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2. What college or institution have you applied/or are currently attending?

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What is your intended course of study? \_\_\_\_\_

Identify and explain your career goals: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Number of years involved in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

4. List major accomplishments, leadership and recognition in 4-H:

Offices Held in Local Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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County Offices Held: \_\_\_\_\_

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Federation and County Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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State and Regional Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. List major 4-H projects you were involved in, including number of years in each, and major involvements or accomplishments in that project:

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6. Identify and explain your involvement in community activities: (Include those activities where you had a leadership role.)

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ESSAY:

Giving of your time and working together was always important to Phil. He donated time as a leader of Cumberland County 4-H, was a FFA Alumni, was a member and held different officer positions in the Knights of Columbus, was on the Cumberland County Building Association Board and was an “unofficial” Neoga Days Committee Member. He always said it was important to be active in the organizations you choose to be a part of and to make it a priority. Anytime someone needed help he was willing to give of his time.

In 500 words or less describe below how you are active in Cumberland County 4-H or other Ag related organizations and how you make them a priority.