



2026 Richland County 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Richland County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Instructions

The Richland County 4-H Foundation Scholarship follows this cover page. Applicants for the county award consideration must be a current 4-H member, in their Senior year of high school or older, in the year they are applying. A member may only receive a scholarship one time. The application consists of a 3-page form and attached pages with response to one required essay question. No additional lines may be added to sections or pages (besides those required for the essay questions) to this application. (Please attach an essay with your application.)

Award Selection Process

4-H members will email the application directly to the 4-H Foundation at richland4hfoundation@gmail.com. The 4-H Foundation will review and score the applications. A minimum of one \$500.00 scholarship may be awarded to a deserving 4-H member. The check will be made payable to the recipient once proof of a post-secondary institution registration for the fall semester is submitted to the 4-H Foundation Treasurer.

Application deadline: All applications must be emailed to richland4hfoundation@gmail.com by *March 1st*, 2026. The interview date is March 18th, at 5:00 p.m., at the Richland County Extension Office. * A 4-H member is eligible to receive this scholarship one time.



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NOTE: Except for Signatures, this entire application MUST be typed. (Electronic Signatures are accepted)

Legal Name					
Name you wish used in publicity Street Address					
	□ Home □ Cell Phone				
Date of Birth (xx/xx/x	xxxx) Gender \square Male \square Female				
Email					
	ardians				
	Club				
I personally have prepa	Verification Statements ared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my work				
Date	Signature of Member				
I personally reviewed this	application and certify that it accurately reflects the member's work				
Date	Signature of Parent/Guardian				
Date	Signature of 4-H Club Leader				
I have reviewed this applica	ation and believe it accurately reflects the 4-H member's work.				
Date	Signature of Extension Unit Representative				

Section 1: 4-H Project/Program Summary

In this section, list your top projects (i.e. Woodworking, Cooking 401, etc.) or programs (i.e. Teens as Teachers, Teens as Mentors, 4-H Federation) *within the past five years of your 4-H membership*. Show size or scope of the projects or programs by number of animals owned/leased, dishes prepared, articles made, youth taught/mentored, events planned, etc. (Individual 4-H Show exhibits/results should not be included). *Do not add lines to this section!*

Year	Name of Project/Program	Project/Program Size or Scope
2023	Example: Cooking 401	(what I made, did, raised or cared for, # taught/mentored) Made 200 recipes; Prepared 52 meals/4 people; Catered 3 parties

Section 2: Participation in Other Community/School Activities/Events

Include your participation in sports, band/choral, school clubs, drama, other youth organizations, religious groups, etc. *from the past five years. Do not add lines to this section!*Year Kind of Activity

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2023-24	Example: Spanish Club
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2023-24	Example: HS Swim Team

Section 3: Participation in 4-H Events/Activities

Include training activities, workshops, clinics, field trips, and special club or program activities and events *during the past five years of 4-H membership.*

Year	Kind of Activity	What I Learned
2021-23	Example: Livestock Jdg	Conformation of animals, decision-making, presentation

Section 4: Richland County 4-H Impact Essay

Describe the impact your experiences in 4-H has had on you. Essay parameters: 1500 word maximum, double spaced, size 12 font.

The essay **could** include, *but is not limited to*, items such as the following:

- the impact of your community service projects on your community,
- results of teaching or mentoring youth in various subject matter areas,
- impact of a specific project area on your family relationships,
- explaining challenges faced and what was learned in overcoming those challenges,
- the impact that Richland County has had on your future goals, etc.