



# Montgomery County 4-H Foundation



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February 6, 2026

Dear 4-H Member:

Enclosed is an application for the 4-H Foundation Scholarships. We encourage all our 4-H'ers who are high school seniors to apply for these scholarships. If you have any questions, please call our office at 217-532-3941.

Please read carefully all the information in this packet. You must fill the application out completely and follow the directions, or your application will be disqualified. Be sure to include the following:

\_\_\_ Include **two letters** of reference

\_\_\_ Include **transcripts** from your high school

\_\_\_ **Deadline is Monday, March 16, 2026 at 4:00 PM** (send via email to Lisa Housh at [lmwhite@illinois.edu](mailto:lmwhite@illinois.edu) or bring to the Montgomery County Extension office ~ #1 Industrial Park Drive ~ Hillsboro, IL 62049)

\_\_\_ In addition to the application form, an interview is required with members of the Montgomery County 4-H Foundation. The interview will be held on **Monday, March 23, beginning at 5:00 PM.** Please mark your calendar. Interviews will last approximately 15 minutes. The Extension office will notify you of your interview time.

Sincerely,  
Randi Riemann, Chair  
Montgomery County 4-H Foundation

## ***4-H Foundation Scholarship 2 to 4 Year College***

1. These scholarships may be used at a Vocational/Technical school, 2 year college or a 4 year college.
2. To be eligible:
  - a. You must be a high school graduate in the spring of 2026.
  - b. You must be a college freshman in the fall of 2026, and show proof of attendance (paid tuition bill and semester schedule). Scholarship will be paid after October 1, 2026 by check to the scholarship winner.
  - c. You must have participated in 4-H and be a current 4-H member.
  - d. You must fill out an application form and file it at the Montgomery County Extension office.
  - e. You must attend a personal interview.
  - f. You may only receive the scholarship one time.
  - g. **Applications must include 4-H Experience Award Applications for the previous 2 years.**
3. **Applications must be filed by March 16, 2026 at 4:00 PM at the Extension office. They should be typed.**
4. Interviews will be conducted March 23, 2026 beginning at 5:00 p.m.
5. If selected to receive a scholarship, recipients must provide the Extension office with a copy of their schedule and a copy of the paid tuition bill. Recipients will receive a check payable directly to them when these documents have been received after **October 1, 2026**. The check will be mailed to your home and can be used to help with your expenses in the way you think is most beneficial to you and your family.
6. If a recipient needs to delay the scholarship for a semester or a year (ex. military duty), then a written request must be sent to the Montgomery County 4-H Foundation Board of Directors by October 1, 2026.
7. This application will be available online as an Adobe fillable document, if you would like to download and fill out. It is available at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-montgomery-county>
8. All scholarship amounts are at the discretion of the Montgomery County 4-H Foundation. *In recognition of the foundational principles of 4-H, and the desire to ensure that the recipients of the 4-H scholarships adhere to these principles, the 4-H Foundation reserves the right to remove a candidate's name from the scholarship process or withdraw a scholarship from a recipient if there is credible evidence that the applicant/recipient has violated any state or local laws which adversely affect the 4-H principles or demonstrates moral turpitude.*

**Montgomery County 4-H Foundation Scholarship**  
**State Accredited School of Higher Learning**

**Judging Criteria:**

- 4-H Accomplishments/Involvement
- Need
- Personal Interview
- Aims

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

Address (Include city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parent(s) or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Siblings \_\_\_\_\_ Will you have any brothers or sisters attending college during the same year for which you are requesting financial assistance? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Technical School/College you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Field in which you plan to major: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain reason(s) for choosing this area to study:

## Record of 4-H Club Work

Name of Club(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H Leadership/Involvement at Club Level** – list all offices, committees, and other leadership designations held with the year(s) noted

**4-H Leadership/Extension Involvement at County or Unit Level** – list all 4-H and Extension committees you have served on at the county level. (examples: 4-H Extension Council youth rep, 4-H Foundation youth rep, 4-H Youth Leadership Team, 4-H Committee, Special Interest “SPIN Club volunteer, teen teacher, etc.

**4-H Leadership/Involvement at State Level** – list all 4-H committees/groups you have served on. (example – 4-H State Youth Leadership Team, Livestock Ambassador, etc.)

**4-H Project Areas** (list the main 4-H projects and what you have done in these areas)

**Other 4-H interests or activities** (exhibits, demonstrations, judging contests, fairs, camps, community service, etc.)

**Honors or Achievements Won in 4-H Club Work** (I Dare You, Outstanding 4-H Member, Experience Awards, etc.)

**Include your 4-H Experience Award applications from previous years in this application**

## High School Record

To be filled in and signed by the High School Principal or counselor of the high school from which applicant graduates

1. Rank in high school:  
Applicant will graduate from \_\_\_\_\_, class of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(name of high school) (year graduating)  
  
Scholastic average \_\_\_\_\_ He/she ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(# of students)
2. Test Scores: include ACT, National Merit, and/or SAT
3. **Transcripts must be attached.**

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal or Counselor

**List all clubs and activities you were involved in during high school with the year(s) noted.**

**List community organizations you have been involved in, and any awards you have won with the year(s) noted.**

## References

**You are responsible for securing two letters of reference. It is preferred that these two letters be attached to this application, or they may be mailed directly to the Montgomery Extension office, #1 Industrial Park Dr., Hillsboro IL 62049.**

List names and addresses of two references you have asked to write a letter of recommendation:

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

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

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

Send or bring your completed 4-H Scholarship application form, together with your high school transcripts, to:  
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