



# Ogle County 4-H Foundation, NFP

Box 393, Oregon, IL 61061

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*Dear Ogle County 4-H Member:*

As you may know, the Ogle County 4-H Foundation has offered educational scholarships for the past several years to Ogle County 4-H members. In addition, the Ogle County Farm Bureau offers the “Stan Eden 4-H Scholarship” to pay tribute to Stan Eden who dedicated over 34 years to serving Ogle County Extension and 4-H. These scholarships are offered because both organizations believe in the importance of continuing education and recognize the financial strain paying for college can put on a family, particularly in this economy.

Please see the enclosed information to determine whether you are eligible for these scholarships. We send applications to all enrolled 4-Hers who **MAY** be eligible--it is up to you to determine if you actually qualify **based on your years of 4-H membership and other qualifying factors. You must have been in 4-H for 6 years (including current year) in any county.**

Scholarships are offered each spring to 4-Hers who are planning to pursue or are already engaged in further education beyond high school, whether that is at a college or vocational institution. Any area of study may be pursued. 4-Hers selected by the Ogle County 4-H Foundation will receive scholarships amounting to \$400 per year of full-time course work for a maximum of four years (max of \$1600). One 4-Her will be chosen for the “Stan Eden 4-H Scholarship,” which is a one-time award of \$1,000.

For the 2026 Ogle County 4-H Foundation and Stan Eden 4-H Scholarships, **we will accept applications postmarked by Wednesday, April 1, 2026.** Qualified applicants may be asked to interview with the committee. **Interviews will take place on Friday, April 10, 2026.** You will be informed of your interview time after your application is received and your eligibility is confirmed. You will be notified of the results within a week of the interview date.

Please give this opportunity your serious consideration. This is not an academic scholarship. Review the enclosed application materials, and send in your **completed** application by the deadline. Only those submitting “complete” applications as described in the enclosure will be considered. The application is also available at our website, <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-ogle-county>. Click on “County Awards/Scholarship” in the grey box. The Ogle County 4-H Foundation & Stan Eden 4-H Scholarship can be found at the bottom of that tab. Please contact the Extension office at 815/732-2191 for further information.

We look forward to hearing from you and wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

The Ogle County 4-H Foundation Board of Directors

## ***OGLE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES***

### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

There are two scholarship opportunities offered through the Ogle County 4-H Foundation:

1. The **Foundation Scholarship** is awarded to Ogle County 4-Hers who meet the qualifications listed below. This scholarship provides \$400 per year of full-time course work for a maximum of 4 years.
2. The Ogle County Farm Bureau **“Stan Eden 4-H Scholarship”** is offered to one 4-Her who meets the qualifications listed below **AND** is also an Ogle County Farm Bureau member or a dependent of a member. This scholarship is a one-time payment of \$1,000. The current Co-op Watch Award winner is not eligible for this scholarship.

Scholarship recipients must be planning for full-time course work at any accredited college or vocational school in any area of study.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

For both scholarships, the following qualifications must be met:

1. **Applicants must be currently enrolled Ogle County 4-H members who have been active in 4-H for a minimum of six years (may include present year).**
2. Applicants must be completing/have completed high school with at least a 2.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) in course work at the time of application. Complete high school/college transcripts are to be submitted with the application.

3. Applicants must complete and submit the 4-H Foundation/"I Dare You" Award Application in addition to the scholarship application. A previously submitted award application should be updated to reflect recent accomplishments.

As mentioned previously, the Stan Eden 4-H scholarship has the added requirement of Farm Bureau membership which will be determined through current Farm Bureau records.

#### **TO APPLY:**

Applications may be mailed to the Ogle County 4-H Foundation, P.O. Box 393, Oregon, IL 61061. **Applications should be postmarked by April 1, 2026. A complete application includes: a) 2-page scholarship application; b) current 4-H Foundation/"I Dare You" Award Application; and c) complete high school transcripts.** The scholarship packet can also be found at our website <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/>. Click on "County Awards/Scholarship" in the grey box. The Ogle County 4-H Foundation & Stan Eden 4-H Scholarship can be found at the bottom of that tab.

#### **PROCESSING THE APPLICATION:**

Criteria used for selection will include: a) 4-H involvement and achievement at both the club and county levels as evidenced by the 4-H Foundation/"I Dare You" Award Application; b) scholastic achievement as evidenced by transcripts and application information; and c) financial need as evidenced by application information. 4-H involvement is given greater priority than the other two criteria.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee consisting of three members of the Board of the Ogle County 4-H Foundation and one member of the Farm Bureau Board.

**As part of the selection process, interviews may be conducted with all qualified applicants. Interviews will take place on April 10, 2026. We will notify eligible applicants of final interview date(s). If you plan to apply, please hold this date and notify the Extension office if you have a conflict/preference.**

**PAYMENT:** Payment will be made after receipt of proof of admission and full-time attendance. All payments will be made directly to the school to be credited to the scholarship recipient's student account.

# OGLE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Year of Application \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Residence:**

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **School:**

A. Name and address of college or institution you plan to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_

B. Name and address of high school(s) you attended:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

C. Scholastic Average \_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_ points. Ranked \_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Family:**

A. Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Living: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Living: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Name of Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Living: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_

D. Number of Brothers: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Sisters: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Describe why you are interested in advanced education:

6. Field in which you plan to major or study:

7. Outline your reasons for choosing this field and include what your plans are following graduation:

8. Explain your need for financial assistance and describe your plans for meeting this financial need:

9. List anticipated educational costs for the next year:

Tuition Fees \$\_\_\_\_\_ Books \$\_\_\_\_\_ Lab Fees \$\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Expenses \$\_\_\_\_\_

Room & Board \$\_\_\_\_\_ Clothing \$\_\_\_\_\_ Transportation \$\_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

10. Will you have any brothers or sisters attending college at the same time as you?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, explain:

11. Will you be receiving, or have you applied for any other scholarships for the next year? List below:

12. Are either of your parents or yourself an Ogle County Farm Bureau member? If yes, who?

Please provide two references:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Foundation Scholarship interviews will be conducted Friday, April 10 in the Farm Bureau Building. Place a checkmark next to each time that you could attend an interview. The exact times will be finalized and shared after the application deadline.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5:45 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:15 p.m.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 6:45 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7:15 p.m.

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**Mail this application to Ogle County 4-H Foundation, Box 393, Oregon, IL  
postmarked by Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

You can find a fillable PDF document by visiting our website at  
<https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-ogle-county>.



# 4-H Foundation/"I Dare You"/Co-op Watch Award Application



(This form may be neatly handwritten or typed.  
Additional pages may be added.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been in 4-H? \_\_\_\_\_

Grade just completed? \_\_\_\_\_

1. List all of the 4-H projects you have taken and how many years you have been enrolled in each one.

| <u>Project</u> | <u>Years<br/>Enrolled</u> | <u>Project</u> | <u>Years<br/>Enrolled</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| _____          | _____                     | _____          | _____                     |
| _____          | _____                     | _____          | _____                     |
| _____          | _____                     | _____          | _____                     |
| _____          | _____                     | _____          | _____                     |
| _____          | _____                     | _____          | _____                     |

2. List all of the 4-H CLUB offices you have held.

3. List leadership experiences you have had in your 4-H CLUB career.

4. List all of the leadership experiences you have had at the 4-H Activities you have been involved with at the COUNTY and/or STATE level (Ex. Federation offices/committees, county bowling tournament, Jr. Leader Conference, 4-H Fair set-up/clean-up, judging contests, etc.)
  
5. Shine big! List all of the 4-H Awards and Achievements you have received. Include club awards, medals, "I Dare You Awards", etc.
  
6. Identify awards that you received from school or extra-curricular organizations (Ex. Honor roll, "Most Valuable Instrumentalist", athletic letters, FFA Greenhand, etc.)
  
7. List school, church, and community activities/organizations in which you have been involved.

4-Her's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

