

Fulton County 4-H Offers College Scholarships

Fulton County 4-H announces college scholarships being offered to Fulton County 4-H members. Several scholarships, in various amounts, will be awarded to county 4-H members at his or her high school graduation or awards program.

One group of scholarships is given **in memory of Hilda Rock**, by her family. Mrs. Rock was a beloved 4-H leader in the Cuba area for many years.

In memory of Roberta Mahr, a devoted former 4-H leader who passed away in 1997, a scholarship will be awarded to a deserving 4-H member. **The Roberta Mahr Memorial Scholarship** is sponsored by the Farmington Lucky Clovers 4-H Club.

In memory of Merle L. Jenkins, a dedicated 4-H supporter, the **Merle L. Jenkins Agricultural Scholarship** is also available, to be presented to a young person with an interest in agriculture. Mr. Jenkins, a 1939 graduate of the University of Illinois (B.S. Agriculture), was a long-time supporter of agriculture, youth, and education in Fulton County, served on the Fulton County Fair Board and Lewistown School Board, was an agriculture teacher and a life-long farmer in Fulton County. As an on-going tribute to Mr. Jenkins, family and friends established The Merle L. Jenkins Memorial Agricultural Scholarship to honor him for his great love of agriculture and education throughout his life.

The family of Gary Eathington will sponsor a scholarship to a member who has been enrolled in Beef and/or Crops 4-H projects and is pursuing an Animal Science or Agriculture degree, with preference given to a student attending the University of Illinois. Gary was a 40-year 4-H leader from Avon who passed away in 2012.

The Virginia Barnard Memorial Scholarship will be given to one 4-H member, preferably a Canton High School student, majoring in agriculture or home economics and beginning studies at Spoon River College. This scholarship will be given as two payments over a two-semester period.

The **Phillips Scholarship** is sponsored by Roger and Cathy Phillips of St. David. They understand and value all that 4-H does and would like to give back by helping a 4-H member with his/her education.

For each scholarship, the recipient must be a current Fulton County 4-H member; be an achievement member in the previous 4-H year; and must actively participate in 4-H events. The application will include a place for the 4-H member to list accomplishments and career goals.

The scholarships will be given to seniors in high school; therefore, these scholarships can only be received once by individuals.

To receive a 4-H scholarship application, contact the Fulton County Extension Office at 309-547-3711, email kristakg@illinois.edu, or write to 15411 N IL 100 Hwy, Suite C, Lewistown, IL 61542. The deadline for submitting an application is April 1.