

SHELBY EXTENSION FOUNDATION

1125 W North 2nd Street • Shelbyville, IL 62565

Phone: 217-774-9546 • <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-shelby-county>

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for Shelby County 4-H scholarships. Please carefully review the following instructions to ensure your application is complete and eligible for consideration.

All scholarship applications must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. If you do not have access to a printer, you may email your completed, typed application to Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu for printing and pickup. Please contact Yolanda before sending your email.

Each application must include the following required materials:

- A completed and typed scholarship application
- One letter of recommendation
- A high school, GED equivalent or college transcript (whichever you are enrolled)

Applications will first be reviewed by county staff, who will sign off confirming that all required materials are included. The Shelby Extension Foundation will provide the final signature, verifying eligibility and completeness for scholarship selection.

The following scholarships are available:

- **Shelby Extension Foundation Scholarship**
 - Shelby Extension Foundation
 - Annabelle Robertson Memorial
 - Smith Family Memorial
- **Shelby County 4-H Federation Scholarship**
 - Shelby County 4-H Federation
 - Charlie Barker Memorial
- **Chris Barker Memorial**
- **Keegan Virden Memorial**
- **Shelby County Pork Producers**
- **Uphoff Family Memorial Scholarship**

To be eligible, applicants must have been an active member of 4-H for the past five (5) years, unless otherwise noted. Please note that additional requirements may apply depending on the specific scholarship. It is the applicant's responsibility to carefully read and meet all individual scholarship requirements.

Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility requirements will not be considered.

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If you have questions regarding the application process, required materials, or eligibility, please contact the Shelby County Extension Office for assistance at (217) 774-5946.

Completed applications are due to the Shelby County Extension Office by June 1.

We appreciate your interest and wish you the best of luck in the scholarship selection process.

Sincerely,
Shelby Extension Foundation

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Scholarship Application Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must meet **all** of the eligibility requirements listed below. Applications that do not meet these requirements or are incomplete will not be considered.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a **current High School Senior, GED equivalent, or a College/Tech School Freshman.**
- Be a **current and active 4-H member.**
- Have been a **Shelby County 4-H member for the past five (5) consecutive years.**

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit a complete application packet that includes:

- A **fully completed application**, including the **cover sheet**
- The application **must be typed** (handwritten applications will not be accepted)
- A **letter of recommendation**
- An official **transcript** from one of the following:
 - High School / GED
 - College
 - Technical School

Signatures

- **All required signatures must be included** at the time of submission.
- The **Shelby Extension Foundation signature** will be obtained **after submission** and will serve as the final signature.

Important Notice

Incomplete applications, missing documents, unsigned forms, or failure to meet eligibility requirements may result in **disqualification** from scholarship consideration.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COVER SHEET

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

4-H INFORMATION

4-H Club Name: _____

Number of Years as a 4-H Member: _____

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EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Current Status (check one):

High School Senior

GED

College Freshman

Tech School Freshman

High School / GED Program Attended: _____

College / Technical School Attending or Planning to Attend: _____

Attended Major or Program of Study (if known): _____

__ I have you been accepted to the college or technical school?

Yes

No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School GPA: _____ (on a _____ scale)

College GPA (if applicable): _____

SAT Score: _____ Not Taken

ACT Score: _____ Not Taken

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CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURES

By signing below, I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incomplete or inaccurate information may result in disqualification.

Applicant Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____

County 4-H Staff Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____

Shelby Extension Foundation Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ESSAY QUESTIONS

(Please type your responses on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application.)

Your essay should address the following points:

1. **What is your major field of study in college, and why did you choose it?**
 2. **What career path do you plan to follow after completing your studies, and why?**
 3. **How have your 4-H experiences influenced your career plans? Please provide specific examples.**
 4. **Summarize your leadership skills at all levels of 4-H involvement (club, county, state, or national).**
 5. **Summarize your 4-H citizenship/community service experiences.**
 6. **Summarize your leadership and community service experiences outside of 4-H.**
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4-H EXPERIENCE DETAILS

(Please list the following details of your 4-H involvement below)

1. 4-H Offices Held:

List the offices you have held at both the **club** and **county** levels. Please include what year and list the level.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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2. Major 4-H Projects and Years Participated:

List your major 4-H projects and the years you participated.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

3. Participation in 4-H Programs, Workshops, and Activities:

Check all that apply and provide additional details if applicable.

- Judging (Specify years): _____
- Public Speaking (Specify years): _____
- Camping (Specify years): _____
- Citizenship Programs (Specify years): _____
- Other (Please specify):

4. 4-H Awards, Project and Activity Medals or Honors Received:

List any awards or honors you received for your participation and achievements in 4-H.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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Shelby County 4-H Federation

Available scholarships:

Charlie Barker Memorial

Shelby County 4-H Federation

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must have been a 4-H member for a minimum of five years.
2. Applicant must have been an active 4-H Federation member in Shelby County 4-H within the past three years prior to applying for this scholarship.
3. Scholarship will be awarded on basis of applicant's 4-H achievement, leadership educational goals and other accomplishments.
4. *Applicant may receive any of the above 4-H scholarships a maximum of two years.*
5. Application, form and transcript are due at the Shelby County Extension Office by June 1.

Name: _____

Have you previously won this scholarship? _____ If yes, what year(s) _____

Were you on Shelby County 4-H Federation? _____

If yes, what years? _____

List any officer positions you may have held on Federation:

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Shelby County 4-H Foundation

Available scholarships:

Shelby Extension Foundation
*Les & Annabelle Robertson Memorial ***
Smith Family Memorial

Qualifications:

1. Must have been a 4-H member for a minimum of five years.
2. Applicant must have been an active 4-H member in Shelby County 4-H within the past five years prior to applying for this scholarship.
3. Scholarship will be awarded on basis of applicant's 4-H achievement, leadership, educational goals, and other accomplishments.
4. Applicant may receive any of the above 4-H scholarships a maximum of two years.
5. Application, form and transcript are due at the Shelby County Extension Office by June 1.

**It is desired that applicants would have been enrolled in a 4-H horse project for two or more years. However, all applicants will be considered.

Name: _____

Have you previously won this scholarship? _____ If yes, what year(s) _____

Horse project: Yes _____ No: _____ If yes, how many years: _____

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Keegan Virden Memorial Scholarship

Qualifications:

1. Must have been a 4-H member for a minimum of 4 years.
2. Applicant must have been an active 4-H member in Shelby County 4-H with the past 4 years prior to applying for this scholarship.
3. Scholarship will be awarded on basis of applicant's career goals, 4-H achievement, leadership, and other accomplishments.
4. Recipient of this scholarship may reapply in future years.
5. Applicant must provide a short essay explaining a little bit about themselves and their goals.
6. Application, essay, and transcript are due at the Shelby County Extension Office by June 1.

Name: _____

Have you previously won this scholarship? _____ If yes, what year(s) _____

Field of Study: _____

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Chris Barker Memorial Scholarship

Qualifications:

1. Must have been a 4-H member for a minimum of five years.
2. Applicant must have been an active 4-H member in Shelby County 4-H within the past five years prior to applying for this scholarship.
3. Applicant must be pursuing studies in agriculture, farm management, agriculture technology, agriculture business, livestock production, marketing, conservation, research or a related area of agriculture study.
4. Scholarships will be awarded based on applicant's career goals, 4-H achievement, leadership, and other accomplishments.
5. Recipients of this scholarship may reapply in future years.
6. Application, form, and transcript are due at the Shelby County Extension Office by June 1.

Name: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Field of Study: _____

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Shelby County Pork Producers Scholarship

Qualifications:

1. Must have been a 4-H member for a minimum of five years.
2. Must have been an active Shelby County 4-H member for at least one year in the past five years.
3. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing studies in agriculture-related field and who are members or child of a member of Shelby County Pork Producers. Secondary preference will be given to applicants who are enrolled in a swine 4-H project, but not affiliated with Pork Producers.
4. Application, form and transcript are due at the Shelby County Extension Office by June 1.

Name: _____

Is child/family a member of the Shelby County Pork Producers? Yes No

Years in 4-H: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Field of Study: _____

Have you ever been enrolled in a swine project? _____

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Uphoff Family Memorial Scholarship

Qualifications:

1. Must have been a 4-H member for a minimum of five years.
2. Applicant must have been an active 4-H member in Shelby County 4-H within the past five years prior to applying for this scholarship.
3. Applicant must be pursuing studies in agriculture, farm management, agriculture technology, agriculture business, livestock production, marketing, conservation, research or a related area of agriculture study.
4. Scholarships will be awarded based on applicant's career goals, 4-H achievement, leadership, and other accomplishments.
5. Recipients of this scholarship may reapply in future years.
6. Applicant must provide a short essay explaining a little bit about themselves and their goals.
7. Application, form, and transcript are due at the Shelby County Extension Office by June 1.

Name: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Field of Study: _____

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Required Application Materials Check List

Check off each item as it is completed and included.

- **Cover Sheet**
 - **Scholarship Application**
 - **Scholarship Forms**
 - **Official Transcript of Grades**
 - **Letter(s) of Recommendation**
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Scholarships Applied For

Check all that apply.

- **4-H Federation Scholarship**
 - Shelby County 4-H Federation
 - Charlie Barker Memorial
 - **Shelby Extension Foundation Scholarship**
 - Shelby Extension Foundation
 - Les & Annabelle Robertson Memorial
 - Smith Family Memorial
 - **Keegan Virden Memorial Scholarship**
 - **Chris Barker Memorial Scholarship**
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Final Review Before Submission

- All forms are fully completed and signed
- All documents are included in the correct order (Cover Sheet, Scholarship Application, Essay, Transcript, Scholarship Forms, Letter of Recommendation)
- Copies have been made for personal records
- Application submitted by the deadline: June 1st

Fully completed scholarship applications and required documentation are due to the Shelby County Extension Office by June 1.

Applicant Name: _____

Signature: _____