

Woodford County 4-H Scholarship



2026 Application

We are pleased to introduce our Woodford County 4-H Scholarship. This serves to reward Woodford County 4-H members/recent alum who have exhibited outstanding leadership, citizenship, and community service during their 4-H career.

Eligibility

Applicants must

- Be a current 4-H Woodford County Member, or recent Alum
- Be enrolled full-time at a vocational college or a four-year college/university at the time of submission.
- Be of freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior status.
- Submit most recent college transcripts, or letter of acceptance from institution for first semester students, with application to be considered.

Applications are due to the Woodford County Extension office by **September 15, 2026**.

Awards

Up to three applicants will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship to go towards their educational pursuits. Checks will be made out to the member's College/Institution.

Sponsors

This scholarship is generously funded by the Woodford County 4-H and Extension Foundation and University of Illinois Extension.



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Section I – 4-H Leadership and Citizenship Participation

Indicate activity participation or awards earned throughout your 4-H membership. This section is NOT limited to the past program year.

Participation and Recognition

- **County 4-H Participation and Recognition**

Please include dates.

- **State and Multi-County 4-H Level Participation and Recognition**

Please list dates.

- **National 4-H Level Participation and Recognition**

Please list dates.

- **4-H Leadership – Please list any 4-H leadership demonstrated during your 4-H career.**

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- **Other leadership/citizenship demonstrated, or awards earned outside of the 4-H program.**

What challenges did you face in 4-H and how did you overcome it? What made it rewarding for you?

Section III – Community Service

Community Service – Please list any community service, or service-learning projects, you completed during your 4-H career with 4-H or within the community.

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Section IV – Goals

In paragraph form, please tell us about the goals you have set for yourself for the future and how 4-H has played a part in helping you reach those goals.

Section V – 4-H Contributions (Answer only if you are no longer in 4-H)

Since concluding your 4-H career, in what ways have you contributed to the 4-H program and your community since?

Section VI – References

Reference Letters

Three reference letters must be submitted with the application. They should be completed by the following individuals:

- 4-H Volunteer Leader
- High School or College Instructor OR Community Leader
- Peer from the 4-H program

NO reference letter should be completed by a family member.

Each letter should be in its own envelope, sealed and signed by the reference.

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VII – Please submit a short bio and a recent photo for social media and press use should you be selected as a scholarship recipient.