

Cumberland County 4-H

Phil Walk Memorial Scholarship Application (2026)

Overview

The Phil Walk Memorial Scholarship is awarded to Cumberland County 4-H members based on:

- Essay (25 points)
 - 4-H accomplishments (15 points)
 - Community activities, including school and church (15 points)
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Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

1. Be a current member of a Cumberland County 4-H club for the 2025–2026 year
 2. Apply during:
 - Senior year of high school, OR
 - Freshman or sophomore year of college
 3. Not have previously received this scholarship (for college applicants)
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Application Requirements

Submit the following by **September 15, 2026**:

- Completed application form
- Essay (500 words or less)
- Two letters of recommendation
 - One must be from a 4-H leader
 - Letters from Extension staff are not accepted

Mail materials to:

University of Illinois Extension – Cumberland County

P.O. Box 218
Toledo, IL 62468

Additional Notes:

- Letters of recommendation are due by **October 3**
 - Applications must be typed or clearly printed
 - Incomplete or illegible applications may not be reviewed
 - Parent/guardian and leader signatures are required
 - Proof of college enrollment is required before payment
 - Award will be presented at the Cumberland County 4-H Achievement Program
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Applicant Information

- Name:
 - Address:
 - Phone:
 - Date of Birth:
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Certification

I certify that the information provided is true and complete.

- Applicant Signature / Date
 - Parent or Guardian Signature / Date
 - 4-H Leader Signature / Date
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Parent/Guardian Information

- Name and Address:
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Education Information

- College or institution you have applied to or are attending:
 - Intended course of study:
 - Career goals (explain):
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4-H Involvement

- Number of years in 4-H:

Leadership and Accomplishments

Local Club Offices Held:

County Offices Held:

Federation and County Activities:

State and Regional Activities:

4-H Projects

List your major 4-H projects, including:

- Number of years in each project
 - Key activities, leadership, and accomplishments
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Community Involvement

Describe your involvement in community activities, including:

- School
 - Church
 - Other organizations
 - Leadership roles (if applicable)
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Essay (500 Words Maximum)

Phil Walk valued giving time and working together. He served as:

- A Cumberland County 4-H leader
- FFA Alumni member
- Knights of Columbus officer
- Cumberland County Building Association board member
- Volunteer in community events such as Neoga Days

Prompt:

Describe how you are active in Cumberland County 4-H or other agriculture-related organizations and how you make them a priority.