



To: Current High School Senior 4-H Members  
From: Larry Buss, 4-H Foundation Chairperson  
Re: DeWitt County 4-H Foundation Scholarship  
Date: November 2020

Attached is the DeWitt County 4-H Foundation scholarship application. The packet can also be found on our website at [go.illinois.edu/dmp/dewitt4h](http://go.illinois.edu/dmp/dewitt4h). Please note that you are to submit your cumulative DeWitt County 4-H Member Record. If you do not have a record form, please contact the Extension office at 217-935-5764.

Scholarships can be awarded up to \$1000 each. Determination will be made by the scholarship committee based upon the application quality and interviews. The number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the amount of available funding.

If you have any questions, please email the scholarship committee at [dewitt4hfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:dewitt4hfoundation@gmail.com).

The scholarship deadline is **February 17, 2021**. The application and all supporting materials must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on this date. Check the list to make sure you have all required materials.

The scholarship committee will be reviewing applications on Saturday, February 20, 2021. The scholarship committee will notify the applicants that were selected for interviews on that day. Interviews will be held on the morning of Saturday, March 13, 2021.

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## DeWitt County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Information

1. Eligibility
  - current high school senior
  - current enrolled DeWitt County 4-H member by January 1, 2021
  - 4-H Community Club member in DeWitt County for four years
  - proof of acceptance to an accredited school, college or training center for Fall 2021
2. Summary of materials to be submitted. All items on checklist must be submitted to be considered.
  - 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application with required signatures. Application must be typed to be eligible.
  - Reference Letter From Current 4-H Leader on Club accomplishments (sealed and signed)
  - Reference Letter From Another Personal Contact (sealed and signed)
  - DeWitt County 4-H Records for every year of 4-H completed
  - Illinois State 4-H Award Application- Filled out starting September 1, 2020 to date of application submission.
  - Original essays; not from previous records required, one for project mastery in a category that you have participated and one for 4-H experience and impact.
  - Proof of acceptance to an accredited school, college, or training center
3. Record Packets and the Illinois State 4-H Award Application can be found at [go.illinois.edu/dmp/dewitt4h](http://go.illinois.edu/dmp/dewitt4h)
4. Payment: The first payment will be paid after the Extension office receives proof of acceptance for schooling for the fall of 2021. The final payment will be paid after the Extension office receives proof of schooling for the spring of 2021.
5. The recipient may enter any college or technical school of their choice in any degree program.
6. The scholarship winner/winners will be introduced at the DeWitt County 4-H Fair Awards Program in July.
7. The Foundation board requires the scholarship winner/winners display their records and Memorabilia and also to enter and show at least one project at the 4-H Fair to encourage 4-H members to set their goals for achievement.
8. The scholarship will be awarded on a combined basis of merit and 4-H accomplishment, 4-H records, interview and references. Scholarships do not have to be awarded annually by the Foundation.
9. Additional pages may be used as needed to complete any area of the application/materials.
10. Interview date with scholarship committee is set for Saturday morning, March 13, 2021.

## 2021 DeWitt County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled by January 1, 2021, in DeWitt County 4-H club: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

Name you want used in publicity: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print)

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Age January 1 this year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Legal Guardians:

Father's name & address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name & address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & address of school you will attend this fall: \_\_\_\_\_

What career do you plan to follow? \_\_\_\_\_

I personally have prepared this report and certify that it accurately reflects my work.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of 4-H member \_\_\_\_\_

We have reviewed this report and believe it to be correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(4-H Leader)

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1. What are your reasons for pursuing an education beyond high school?

2. In what field are you majoring or planning to major in and why?

3. 4-H Projects- What two 4-H projects have most impacted your career choice? Explain.

4. 4-H Awards, Project Awards, and Honors- (List major awards, project awards and recognition you have received in 4-H -- local, county, state, national.)

**Year**

**Award**

**Level**

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5. Project related accomplishments. (What do you think are your most significant project related accomplishments (not awards) and “project related” involvements.)

6. 4-H Offices Held and for how many years?- (List 4-H offices held, including club, county, district, state.)

7. Community Activities- (List citizenship/community service activities, not just 4-H. Include those things which contribute to the welfare of your community, other individuals, or organizations in which you are a member.)

## DeWitt County 4-H Foundation Scholarship 4-H Leader Reference Form

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe strengths and leadership skills exhibited by the applicant.

2. What activities/community service has the applicant participated in?

3. Give examples of how the applicant work with others.

4. What would you say is the most important accomplishment the applicant has had?

In the **space provided** please offer any additional comments regarding the applicant.

Signature of Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please place in a sealed envelope, sign on the seal, and return to applicant to submit with application.**

**DeWitt County 4-H Foundation Scholarship  
Personal Reference  
Reference Form**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator Name and Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Describe strengths and leadership skills exhibited by the applicant.

2. Tell us about the applicant and how you know them.

3. Give examples of how the applicant works with others.

4. What would you say is the most important accomplishment the applicant has had?

In the **space provided**, please offer any additional comments regarding the applicant.

How do you know the applicant? (i.e. teacher, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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