

George E. Holder 4-H Scholarship

Submit via email by 4:30 p.m. on August 9, 2024 to mavincen@illinois.edu
OR bring to the McLean County Extension Office.

George E. Holder 4-H Scholarship
University of Illinois Extension, McLean County
1615 Commerce Parkway
Bloomington, IL 61704

Dear 4-H member:

Here is another opportunity to assist you with your college financial needs, based on your past 4-H involvement. The George E. Holder 4-H scholarship could assist with financial needs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

- McLean County 4-H members
- Enrolled full-time and attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Past recipients may re-apply if they are still enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

HISTORY OF THE AWARD:

The George E. Holder 4-H Scholarship is given by the Elizabeth Davis Holder Foundation held at the University of Illinois Foundation. The scholarship has been offered for the McLean County 4-H program to honor college students (4-H members from McLean County) enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. George Holder (University of Illinois, Class of 1927), a McLean County native and farmer, began his family farming business in the late 1930's and continued active participation until his death in 2000 at the age of ninety-five years. He enjoyed a lifelong interest in innovative ways of farming, especially corn hybridization.

The gifts in honor of Mr. Holder are provided through the family foundation he established with his wife, Elizabeth Davis Holder, who preceded him in death. The awards are given to encourage students to continue their education beyond high school by awarding cash scholarship grants. One recipient will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. To receive this award is both an honor and a financial aid to the recipient.

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COMPLETING THE GEORGE E. HOLDER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

- This application should be typed using a 12 point font
- Margins should be a minimum of 1 inch on all four sides.
- Application should address the questions for area selected.
- Application should not exceed 3 pages in length, including application cover page.
- Do not use personal names, club names, family names.
- Be sure to include all relevant activities throughout your 4-H career.
- Other activities can be included; however focus should remain on 4-H accomplishments.
- No other records will be used in selecting scholarship winners.
- If you are selected as a winner a digital copy of a photo will be requested

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SELECTION PROCESS

The George E. Holder 4-H Scholarship is given at the discretion of the selection committee.

Scoring:

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| * 4-H Project Skills, Community Service or 4-H Leadership (select one) | 75 points |
| * Overall 4-H Experiences | 25 points |

Total 100 points

GEORGE E. HOLDER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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NAME FOR PUBLICITY _____

4-H CLUB(S) _____ Years in 4-H _____

PARENT(S) NAMES FOR PUBLICITY _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ HOME PHONE _____

PRIMARY EMAIL _____

AGE _____ HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED _____
(September 1, 2023)

HIGHER EDUCATION: I certify by my signature below that I am enrolled in academic studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and am in good standing with the University.

Major Area of Study _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Parent _____

AREA FOCUS FOR APPLICATION:

4-H Members should select one area from the following categories: 4-H Project Work, Community Involvement OR 4-H Leadership and share information as directed. A maximum of 2 pages may be attached to this application form.

Please mark which area you will focus on for this award application. You may mark ONE only.

_____ **4-H Project Work** - Include project work during 4-H career, scope of projects, years of activities. How have you assisted others in this project area? How have the projects impacted you? How have you applied what you have learned in these projects? How will your involvement in 4-H affect your career plans or future plans?

_____ **Community Involvement** – Share your personal activities in school, community, church, work, or other related activities. Include years of service. How have you inspired group involvement or involvement of younger members? Be specific with results attained.

_____ **4-H Leadership** – What leadership roles have you been involved with throughout your 4-H career? What leadership positions have you held? What were your specific roles in each leadership role? What offices did you hold in 4-H? How have you inspired other members to 4-H leadership?