

# Sangamon County 4-H Scholarships - 2024 Application

Completed application and appropriate support materials must be submitted to the Sangamon County 4-H Foundation by **March 31, 2024**.

## Paul and Ruth Morrison Memorial Scholarship

The Paul and Ruth Morrison Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by the Sangamon County 4-H Foundation in memory of Paul and Ruth Morrison. One or two scholarships will be available. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of: interest to pursue a higher education, 4-H background, scholastic record, leadership abilities, reference evaluations, and community involvement.

### Criteria:

- An active 4-H member for the 2023-2024 4-H year in Sangamon County
- Evidence of acceptance to the institution of higher learning they will be attending (university, junior college, trade school)
- Studying an agriculture-related field
- High school graduate

## Sangamon County 4-H Foundation Memorial Scholarships

The Sangamon County 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to provide a means of recognizing meritorious 4-H work and furthering the education of Sangamon County 4-H members. Multiple scholarships of varying amounts are available, depending on the member's years in 4-H. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of: interest to pursue a higher education, 4-H background, scholastic record, leadership abilities, reference evaluations, and community involvement.

### Criteria:

- Ten- or eleven-year member of which the final three years must have been as a Sangamon County 4-H member (Three scholarships available – one \$1250 scholarship to a member who has participated in the livestock auction, one \$1250 scholarship, and one \$750 scholarship)  
OR  
Seven-, eight- or nine-year member of which the final three years must have been as a Sangamon County 4-H member (One \$750 scholarship available)
- Evidence of acceptance to the institution of higher learning they will be attending (university, junior college, trade school)
- High school graduate
- *Recipients from previous years are not eligible to apply again.*

**Applicants must submit only the following:**

- One headshot photograph for publicity purposes – preferably a jpg file emailed to [azepp2@illinois.edu](mailto:azepp2@illinois.edu); may include a 2” x 3” photograph with application if unable to email file
- Completed scholarship application form
- Official high school transcript, and copy of college transcript if attended college
- Copy of ACT and/or SAT tests scores, if taken
- Paper written by applicant on “How A Higher Education Will Benefit My Life”
- Three completed Reference Evaluations from:
  1. Your volunteer 4-H Leader
  2. Your school mentor (i.e. principal, advisor, teacher, administrator, coach, professor, counselor, superintendent)
  3. Other non-relative source of your choice

Three Reference Evaluation forms are provided with the application. They should be given in an envelope to the appropriate persons and returned directly to the applicant.

If possible, type answers to the questions on this form. Otherwise, print your answers in black ink. Write or type on only one side of each page. Use a type font no smaller than 10 characters per inch, a minimum of 1-inch margins on all edges, singled spaced. Stay within the space limits provided for each question on the application. No attachments will be accepted except those indicated above.

Applicants should submit all application documents in one envelope to: Sangamon County Extension Office, Attention Scholarship Committee, 700 S Airport Dr, Springfield, IL 62707. Documents can be mailed or hand delivered.

Scoring percentages used by the committee in selecting scholarship recipients will be:

50% - 4-H Involvement

25% - Scholarship

15% - Character and Citizenship

10% - School Leadership & Activities

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Members can apply for multiple scholarships by submitting one application form and one set of supporting documents.

I am applying for (may apply for both):

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Paul and Ruth Morrison Memorial Scholarship
- Sangamon County 4-H Foundation Memorial Scholarships

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Legal Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently enrolled or have you been accepted for enrollment at an institution of higher learning?  YES  NO

If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, have you made an application?  YES  NO

If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional aspirations: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in the Sangamon County 4-H program: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in the livestock auction?  YES  NO

If yes, when: \_\_\_\_\_

## A. Academic Information *(Complete all statements that apply.)*

### 1. High school

Highest grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade point average (A=4.0): \_\_\_\_\_

Class size: \_\_\_\_\_ Class rank (check one):  top 10%  top 25%  top 50%  other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Academic honors received: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. College or post-secondary school *(If none, leave blank.)*

Years completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade point average (A=4.0): \_\_\_\_\_

Academic honors received: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and addresses of all colleges or post-secondary school attended, and dates of attendance:

\_\_\_\_\_

### 3. National Testing Scores

SAT verbal score: \_\_\_\_\_ math score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date tested: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date tested: \_\_\_\_\_

## **B. 4-H Experiences**

**1. Projects** – Describe 4-H projects, including dates of project; knowledge, skills, and insights gained; size and scope of project and activities; development of life skills; and information shared with others.

### **2. 4-H Awards Received –**

Year

Type of Award

Level

**3. Involvement in 4-H activities beyond project activities** – Include participation in demonstrations, talks, exhibits, and judging events; radio and television appearances; newspaper articles written; field trips taken; and tours, workshops, and camps attended. Describe activities including dates, knowledge, skills, and insights gained; scope and sophistication of activities; development of life skills; and information shared with others.

**4. 4-H Offices/Committee Positions Held** – Include dates and various levels of positions held (club, county, state, collegiate), accomplishments realized, and scope of role.

**5. Leadership** – List in chronological order your 4-H leadership experiences. Include activities you have led or participated in that contributed to the welfare of your club or club members and other individuals outside your family.

**6. 4-H Citizenship and Community Service** – Describe 4-H related participation in service to individuals, groups, and communities. Include dates and description of service, scope of activity, and your roles. Describe how participation in these projects changed your views toward service to others.

**7. Impact of 4-H** – Describe what impact 4-H has had on you, how you have grown through the program, and how 4-H has affected your future plans.

**C. Leadership & Activities in School, Community, Religious, Collegiate, or Other Organizations** (not 4-H related)

List in chronological order other significant citizenship or leadership experiences you have had (outside of 4-H) in school, youth, community, or religious organizations. Includes dates you were involved, the role you played, size and scope of activity, time spent, people recruited/assisted, resources committed; what you accomplished alone or with others.

## Sangamon County 4-H Scholarships – Reference Evaluation

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator – please rate the applicant on the following (*\*=unknown, 1=poor to 5=excellent*):

**Then complete the recommendation on the reverse side.**

**Leadership/Teamwork:**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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**Citizenship:**

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**Professionalism:**

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**Written Recommendation**

In the space provided, please provide any additional recommendation you may wish to give the applicant.

Please check the category that applies to you:

- 4-H volunteer leader
- High school or college representative
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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