

# Menard County 4-H Scholarships - 2025 Application

Completed application and appropriate support materials must be submitted to the Menard County Extension Office by **March 31, 2025**.

The Menard County 4-H Scholarship was established to provide a means of recognizing meritorious 4-H work and furthering the education of Menard County 4-H members. A minimum of one \$1000 and one \$1500 scholarship will be made available annually to 4-H members of five or more years.

Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis of: interest to pursue a higher education, 4-H background, scholastic record, leadership abilities, reference evaluations, and community involvement. The recipient must be accepted for enrollment at an accredited college, university, community college or trade school. The monetary award will be sent to the educational institution to be deposited into the student account.

## Criteria:

- Five or more years of 4-H membership, of which the final three years must have been as a Menard County 4-H member. (Minimum of one \$1000 scholarship)

OR

- Five or more years of 4-H membership, of which the final three years must have been as a Menard County 4-H member, and must have participated in a livestock project for at least one year. (Minimum of one \$1500 scholarship)
- High school graduate less than 25 years of age
- *Recipients from previous years are not eligible to apply again.*

## Applicants must submit only the following:

- One headshot photograph for publicity purposes. Preferably emailed as a jpg file to [sskelton@illinois.edu](mailto:sskelton@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
- Two completed reference evaluations from:
  1. Your 4-H Leader (**If the only club leader is your parent, please pick two individuals from #2**)
  2. Your school mentor (i.e. principal, advisor, teacher, administrator, coach, professor, counselor, superintendent; or another non-relative source of your choice)

Two reference evaluation forms are provided with the application. They should be given to the appropriate persons listed above along with a stamped, pre-addressed envelope. The reference person should complete the form and mail it directly to the Menard County Extension Office, Attention Scholarship Committee, 420 S 7th Street, Petersburg, IL 62675.

## Format for completing the application:

If possible, please 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 page limits provided for each question on the application. No attachments accepted other than those indicated above.

Applicants should submit all application documents in one envelope to: **Menard County Extension Office, Attention Scholarship Committee, 420 S 7th Street, Petersburg, IL 62675.** 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

# Menard County 4-H Scholarships - 2025 Application Form

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

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 Menard 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 total 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.

**D. Briefly describe why this scholarship is important to you.**

## Menard County 4-H Scholarship – 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:

- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Ability to work w/different and diverse audiences<br>(i.e. adults, younger children, etc.) | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. Does fair share of work on joint projects  | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. Encourages everyone in group to participate  | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. Communicates ideas effectively   | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. Ability to get others to work together; compromise   | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

### Citizenship:

- |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Willingness to work with others, irrespective of<br>diversity within a group    | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. Participates in activities involving issues of local<br>importance              | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. Takes a stand on issues that affect applicant                                   | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. Ability to work w/authority figures to establish new<br>and/or revised policies | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. Involvement in community service activities                                     | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

### Professionalism:

- |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Attitude  | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. Appearance (neat, well-groomed)   | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. Accepts/completes work assignments  | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. Exhibits enthusiasm in regard to increasing knowledge<br>of subject matter. | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. Use of proper etiquette (when appropriate).                                 | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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