

Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established in February 2002 by memorial funds from the family and friends of Wilbert Sensel. Additional contributions continue to support the scholarship.

The scholarship will help young people enrich their lives through continuing their education.

The scholarship award is up to \$2,000 per recipient.

Application Criteria

- Applicants must be seniors in high school and/or have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1, 2023.
- Applicants must have been enrolled and active in a 4-H club program for at least the last **four** consecutive years.
- The applicant must be a resident of Monroe County and/or reside in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer or Red Bud School districts.
- 4-H members can only receive the Scholarship once.
- Applicants **must** be accepted into or be attending a post-high school education program.
- Applicants must submit **two** character references *with application*.
 - one reference from your 4-H club leader
 - one from another source (i.e. teacher, Extension staff, etc.)
- The application **must be signed by the applicant**. (Electronic Signature Accepted)
- Completed applications **must be emailed, dropped off or postmarked by April 15, 2024** to:
 - uie-mms@illinois.edu OR
 - University of Illinois Extension, P. O. Box 117, Waterloo, IL 62298
- Recipients **must provide** information on the Office of Student Financial Aid Form where the scholarship check will be sent.
- Recipients agree to submit a summary of career achievements following the first year of post-high school education.

Final Application Checklist

- Fully Completed each part of the application
- Signed application
- Included two character references: 4-H Club Leader & Other

Incomplete applications will not be awarded a scholarship

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Part 1: General Information

1. Full Name:

2. Date of Birth:

3. Home Address:

4. Telephone Number:

5. Email Address:

6. Current High School/College/Trade School:

7. Anticipated Date of High School Graduation:

8. Father's Full Name:

9. Mother's Full Name:

10. Applicant Signature: _____

Part 2: 4-H Project/Education Summary

In the space provided, list the 4-H projects or educational programs you have been involved in over the past four years, what you have learned from them and how they will benefit your future career.

**Part 3:
Participation in other community/school activities
and events**

In the space provided, list the three most important community or school activities that you have been involved in during your high school career and what have you learned from those experiences.

Part 4:
Participation in 4-H Events/Activities
(i.e. Leadership Events, Community Service, etc.)

In the space provided, tell us about different skills you have learned through 4-H events or activities that you participated in and how it will be helpful in your career.

Part 5: Academic Plans

In the space provided, tell us how this scholarship will support your continuing education and help you achieve your career goals.

Part 6: Tell Your 4-H Story

In the space provided, tell us how you began your 4-H career and what made you stay with it throughout your high school years. What are key elements of the 4-H program that were beneficial and that you feel are beneficial to youth in our current society.

Judging Rubric

Section	Criteria	Eligible Points
4-H Project/Education Summary	Applicant illustrates growth in involvement and learning through 4-H projects and educational experiences and demonstrate how these will benefit their future career.	30
Participation in Community/School Activities	Applicant provides at least 3 examples of community and/or school activities that they were involved in and what was learned from those experiences. (i.e leadership, community service, knowledge/skills gained, advancement in involvement.)	30
Participation in 4-H Events/Activities	Applicant provides details about the skills that they have learned through 4-H events and activities that will be helpful in their future career (i.e leadership, community service, knowledge/skills gained, advancement in involvement.)	50
Academic Plans	Applicant explains how this scholarship will help achieve their career goals.	20
Tell Your 4-H Story	Applicant explains how they got started in 4-H and why they remained active. Applicant also describes the beneficial elements of the 4-H program.	50
Completed Application	Complete and accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar are evident.	10
Recommendation Letters	Two recommendation letters are provided by applicant.	10
	TOTAL POINTS	/200