

Sangamon County 4-H Scholarships – 2025 Application

Completed application and support materials must be submitted to the Sangamon County 4-H Foundation by March 31, 2025

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. Up to two scholarships will be available. The scholarship will be awarded on the following basis: 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 2024-2025 4-H year in Sangamon County
- Evidence of acceptance to an institution of higher education that they will be attending (university, community college, trade school)
- Majoring in 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 to further the education of Sangamon County 4-H members. Multiple scholarships of varying amounts are available, depending on the member's years of 4-H participation. Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis: interest to pursue a higher education; 4-H background; scholastic record; leadership abilities; reference evaluations; and community involvement.

Criteria:

- 10 or 11-year member of 4-H, of which the final three years must have been a Sangamon County 4-H member (Three Scholarship available: one \$1250 scholarship to a member who has participated in the livestock auction; one \$1250 scholarship; and one \$750 scholarship)
OR
- 7-,8-, or 9-year member of 4-H, of which the final three years must have been a Sangamon County 4-H member (one \$750 scholarship available)
- Evidence of acceptance to an institution of higher education that they will be attending (university, community college, trade school)
- High school graduate
- *Winners from previous years are not eligible to apply again.*

Applicants must submit the following:

- One headshot photograph (head & shoulders only, 2” x 3” in size) for publicity purposes – preferably a jpg file emailed to 4H.sangamon.foundation@gmail.com and Terri Casey terrim@illinois.edu. May include a 2” x 3” photo with application if unable to email the file.
- Completed scholarship application form.
- Official high school transcript, and, if applicable, copy of college transcript of attended college.
- Two completed Reference Evaluations from non-relative sources
 - Two Reference Evaluation forms are provided with the application. They should be given to the appropriate persons as listed above along with a stamped, pre-addressed envelope (**applicant’s name should be on the envelope**). The reference persons should complete the form and mail it directly to: Sangamon County Extension Office, Attention Scholarship Committee, 700 South Airport Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62707.

No attachments will be accepted except those indicated above.

Format for completing the application:

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.

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: _____

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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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Ability to work w/different and diverse audiences
(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 |
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Citizenship:

- | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Willingness to work with others, irrespective of
diversity within a group | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. Participates in activities involving issues of local
importance | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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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 |
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of subject matter. | * | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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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: _____

Signature of Evaluator

Date

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