



Scholarship Application

The Clinton County Extension 4-H Education Foundation is happy to offer scholarship opportunities to 4-H members of Clinton County, IL. This award is to encourage and support the county's youth who are interested in higher education. The Foundation will be offering up to \$5,000 annually with a minimum of \$500 per scholarship awarded by the discretion of the Foundation Board of Directors. The scholarship will be payable to the student recipient and may be presented at the high school Award Program.

Specific eligibility for the award requires that the recipient fulfill the following criteria and materials listed below:

Applicant Criteria:

- The applicant must have 4-H enrollment of six (6) years or more including a minimum of four (4) years in the Clinton County 4-H program.
- The applicant must exhibit at least one (1) project per year at a County level show opportunity.
- The applicant must be Clinton County high school senior, graduate or an undergraduate student in a Community College, University or Trade School in any state. Online degree programs shall not qualify.

Scholarship information:

- Applications are available at the U of I Extension Clinton County office, University of Illinois Extension Unit website and Clinton County high schools.
- Applicants must submit the following materials by close of business on April 30.
- The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of merit upon review of the submitted application materials.
- The applicant can only receive the scholarship twice.

Application materials required:

1. Scholarship application
 - Applications must be typed or printed neatly. Incomplete or illegible applications shall not be reviewed.
 - Applications must include signatures of the applicant and one (1) parent or guardian.
 - Submit an essay of 250-500 words describing your 4-H experience. Include life skills gained, achievements, awards received, officer/leadership positions and number of years positions were held throughout your 4-H career.
 - An official transcript **MUST** be included with the application to be considered.
 - The applicant must show acceptance into a post high school educational venue or must show proof of enrollment for their next semester in college.
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation
 - One (1) recommendation letter shall be from the applicant's 4-H leader
 - The second recommendation letter shall be from a high school or higher education faculty member considered by the applicant to have the most influence on their education and career path.
 - Each recommendation letter shall include complete contact information of the writer.
 - Each recommendation letter shall be in a sealed envelope with the applicant's name printed on the front of the envelope and the writer's signature across the back seal of the envelope.

All of the above information shall be included in one sealed envelope and sent to or delivered to:

Clinton County Extension 4-H Foundation
1163 North 4th. Street
P.O. Box 185
Breese, IL. 62230

- Applicants shall submit the scholarship package by close of business on April 30.
- Selected scholarship applicants shall be interviewed and shall wear business casual attire.

All application packages shall become property of the Clinton County Extension 4-H Foundation and shall be kept confidential. All deliberations of the Foundation shall be confidential. Decisions of the Foundation are final and shall not be appealed.



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Please type or print neatly in blue or black ink. Incomplete or illegible applications shall not be reviewed.

Full Name: _____

Last

First

Middle Initial

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

County of 4-H Membership _____

Number of years and County/Counties of 4-H membership (list counties) _____

Name of 4-H Club(s) _____

College/University/Trade School Attending: _____

Estimated Cost Per Year (including room & board if applicable): _____

What percentage of your education expenses will be covered by (total should equal 100%)?

_____ Parents/guardians _____ Student employment _____ Savings _____ Scholarships/grants

_____ Student Loans _____ Other: _____

What is your family's annual income (based on most recent tax return)?: _____

Are there other members of your household who will be attending post-high school educational programs (college, university, or trade school) during the same school year for which you are applying?

_____ Yes _____ No If yes, who? _____

I hereby certify that all the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____