



**Clinton County Extension 4-H Foundation**  
**1163 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., PO Box 185**  
**Breese, IL 62230**

## **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 \$8,000 annually awarded at 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 20.
- The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of merit upon review of the submitted application materials.
- Can only be received 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:

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- Applicants shall submit the scholarship package by close of business on April 20.
- **Scholarship interviews will be held on the evening of May 3, 2023.** Applicants should plan on participating in an interview to be considered for a scholarship.

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.

