



McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation Scholarship Application

About the Scholarship and Eligibility

1. This is a one time scholarship that is awarded to current 4-H members age 17 or 18 by September 1st who qualify.
2. Applicant must have completed High School or are in their last eligible year of 4-H membership.
3. Awards will be based on the 4-H member's involvement, achievements, leadership, and the impact that 4-H has had on their life and growth.
4. The amount of the scholarship will be determined on an annual basis by the McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation. Scholarships are dependent on Foundation's fundraising success and at the Foundation's discretion.
5. Applicant must be an active, registered McHenry County 4-H member in good standing at the time of application.
6. Applicant may reapply the following year if not selected and is still enrolled in the McHenry County 4-H program.
7. This scholarship application is a two step process. 1) Applicants will begin with the written application that will be reviewed by independent judges. 2) If the applicant qualifies, an interview will be set up as the second step in the application process.
8. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the 4-H Awards Night during the week of the McHenry County Fair.

For the sections below use the writable pdf below to fill in the information. All submitted applications should be typed.

Section 1 - Applicant's Information

Name: _____ **Birth Date:** _____

Applicant's Email: _____

Applicant's Phone Number: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Anticipated Area of Study: _____ **Anticipated Degree Date :** _____

Higher Learning/Institution Attending: _____



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Section 4.3 - 4-H Awards Received: Check 4-H Awards that have been received, other than county fair project awards.

| Award | Yes, I Received: | Year(s) Received |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| State 4-H Award Winner | | |
| 4-H Experience Diamond or Emerald Award Recipient | | |
| 4-H Experience Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award Recipient | | |
| Henry Marlowe I Dare You Award Recipient | | |
| Other 4-H Award (Limit 2): | | |
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |

Section 4.4 - 4-H Club/County/Unit and Multi-Unit/State/National Level Leadership and Involvement: Check all boxes below that you have participated in and list the years involved.

| Leadership Opportunity | I Have Participated In: | Years involved |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|
| Extension Council or 4-H Youth Committee | | |
| County 4-H Federation | | |
| County 4-H Ambassador | | |
| Volunteer - McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation String Tie Affair | | |
| Volunteer - McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation Food Tent and/or Grandstand | | |
| County 4-H Show Assistance (<i>Jr. Superintendent, Clerk, Runner, etc.</i>) | | |
| Officer Training Instructor | | |



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| Other Club/County/Unit 4-H Leadership/ Involvement: (Limit 4) | | |
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | | |
| Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team | | |
| State Event Planning Committee <i>(i.e. Illini Summer Academies)</i> | | |
| Multi-Unit or Regional Leadership Conference Planning Committee | | |
| Speaking for Illinois 4-H Roster - Legislative Connection | | |
| National 4-H Conference <i>(Washington D.C.)</i> - IL Delegate | | |
| Citizenship Washington Focus - Illinois Delegate | | |
| Camp Counselor or Staff | | |
| State Fair Project Assistant or 4-H Marketing Staff | | |
| State Curriculum Event Committee <i>(i.e shooting sports, robotics)</i> | | |
| National 4-H Conference Planning Committee | | |
| National 4-H Congress Leadership Team or Design Team | | |
| National Youth Summit Delegate | | |
| National 4-H Council Youth Science Program Representation <i>(Washington D.C.)</i> | | |



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Section 5 - Activities/Experiences Other Than 4-H:

List activities and experiences outside of 4-H. For example activities in school, community, religious institutions, athletics, etc. Pick one from your list to further discuss in **Section 7 - 4-H Story/Essay**.

| Activities/Experiences Other Than 4-H | Short Description of Activity/Experience | Year(s) involved |
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Section 6 - 4-H Highlights

List three highlights that you personally are most proud of during your time in the 4-H program.

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| 1. |
| 2. |
| 3. |



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Section 7 - 4-H Story/Essay

Type up a 4-H Story/Essay in a separate document and attach the printed copy with this application. Use the formatting instructions below (**Application Format Checklist**).

Application Format Checklist

- Include a maximum of four (4) pages, single sided, of typed responses to the items listed below.
- Standard 8 ½” by 11” white paper should be used.
- Type size should be **no smaller** than 11 point Times New Roman, Arial, or Cambria font.
- Paper should be double spaced, this allows space for Judges review comments.
- Paper should have 1” margins on all four edges.
- Page numbers should be included on each page.
- Your 4-H Story/Essay should include:
 1. At least one paragraph about one item listed from **Section 3 - 4-H Citizenship/Community Service**. Be sure to include things that contributed to the welfare of your club/group members, other individuals, or community. Indicate the size and scope of what you did.
 2. At least one paragraph about one item listed from **Section 4 - Experiences in 4-H**. Pick one of the leadership involvements, either from club/county, state, or national level, and further discuss it. Explain how the experience impacted you and any possible skills you have gained from taking part in the leadership role.
 3. At least one paragraph about one item listed from **Section 5 - Activities/Experiences Other Than 4-H**. Be sure to include things that contributed to the welfare of other individuals, or community. Indicate the size and scope of what you did.
 4. Identify one of the life skills that you have learned from your 4-H experience. Include a short paragraph explaining how this particular life skill has been of benefit to you and possibly those around you. Describe briefly how this life skill will play a role in your future.



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Section 8 - References

Included with your application should be three (3) single page letters of reference. At least one reference letter needs to be from someone involved in the 4-H program. At least one reference letter needs to be from someone outside of 4-H. Do **NOT** include reference letters from family members. Reference letters may be a copy or original. (Be sure to retain a copy/original for your future use).

| Name of Reference | How do they know you? |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |

Section 9 - Submit

1. All application materials must be put in a minimum of a 9 X 12 manilla envelope and sealed. Please do not staple the materials.
2. Applications can be submitted in person to the Extension Office or by mail. If hand delivered, applications must be **received** at the Extension Office **no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 1st**. No Exceptions! Envelopes should be labeled "McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation Scholarship."
3. If sent by mail, applications must be **postmarked no later than June 1st and received by mail**. No Exceptions! Mailing address is:
 McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation
 Scholarship
 PO Box 1430
 Woodstock, IL 60098

The McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation was organized in 1976 to raise funds to support the 4-H Youth Development Program. The Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) organization.