



# 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.

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**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

### Section 6 - 4-H Highlights

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

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.