



Montgomery County 4-H Foundation



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Dear 4-H Member:

Enclosed is an application for the 4-H Foundation Scholarships. We encourage all our 4-H'ers who are high school seniors to apply for these scholarships. If you have any questions, please call our office at 532-3941.

Please read carefully all the information in this packet. You must fill the application out completely and follow the directions, or your application will be disqualified. Be sure to include the following:

___ Include **two letters** of reference

___ Include **transcripts** from your high school

___ **Deadline is March 13, 2024 at 4:00 PM** (send via email to Alexis Friesland at amcdo6@illinois.edu or bring to the Montgomery County Extension office ~ 1 Industrial Park Drive ~ Hillsboro, IL 62049)

___ In addition to the application form, an interview is required with members of the Montgomery County 4-H Foundation. The interview will be held on Monday, March 18, beginning at 6:00 PM. Please mark your calendar. Interviews will last approximately 15 minutes. The Extension office will notify you of your interview time.

Sincerely,
Randi Riemann, Chair
Montgomery County 4-H Foundation

***4-H Foundation Scholarship
2 to 4 Year College***

1. These scholarships may be used at a Vocational/Technical school, 2 year college or a 4 year college.
2. To be eligible:
 - a. You must be a high school graduate in the spring of 2024.
 - b. You must be a college freshman in the fall of 2024, and show proof of attendance (paid tuition bill and semester schedule). Scholarship will be paid after October 1, 2024 by check to the scholarship winner.
 - c. You must have participated in 4-H and be a current 4-H member.
 - d. You must fill out an application form and file it at the Montgomery County Extension office.
 - e. You must attend a personal interview.
 - f. You may only receive the scholarship one time.
 - g. **Applications must include 4-H Experience Award Applications for the previous 2 years.**
3. **Applications must be filed by March 13, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the Extension office. They should be typed.**
4. Interviews will be conducted March 18, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
5. If selected to receive a scholarship, recipients must provide the Extension office with a copy of their schedule and a copy of the paid tuition bill. Recipients will receive a check payable directly to them when these documents have been received after **October 1, 2024**. The check will be mailed to your home, and can be used to help with your expenses in the way you think is most beneficial to you and your family.
6. If a recipient needs to delay the scholarship for a semester or a year (ex. military duty), then a written request must be sent to the Montgomery County 4-H Foundation Board of Directors by October 1, 2024.
7. This application will be available online as a fillable pdf document, if you would like to download and fill out. It is available at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-montgomery-county>
8. All scholarship amounts are at the discretion of the Montgomery County 4-H Foundation. *In recognition of the foundational principles of 4-H, and the desire to ensure that the recipients of the 4-H scholarships adhere to these principles, the 4-H Foundation reserves the right to remove a candidate's name from the scholarship process or withdraw a scholarship from a recipient if there is credible evidence that the applicant/recipient has violated any state or local laws which adversely affect the 4-H principles or demonstrates moral turpitude.*

Montgomery County 4-H Foundation Scholarship
State Accredited School of Higher Learning

Judging Criteria:

- 4-H Accomplishments/Involvement
- Need
- Personal Interview
- Aims

Applicant's Name: _____

Address (Include city, state, zip) _____

E-mail address _____

County of Residence _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian _____

Address of Parent(s) or Guardian _____

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Number of Siblings _____ Will you have any brothers or sisters attending college during the same year for which you are requesting financial assistance? ___ yes ___ no If yes, explain: _____

Name of Technical School/College you plan to attend: _____

Field in which you plan to major: _____

Explain reason(s) for choosing this area to study:

High School Record

To be filled in and signed by the High School Principal or counselor of the high school from which applicant graduates

1. Rank in high school:
Applicant will graduate from _____ in a class of _____.
Scholastic average _____ He/she ranks _____ in a class of _____.
(Number in graduating class)

2. Test Scores: include ACT, National Merit, and/or SAT

3. **Transcripts must be attached.**

Date

Signature of Principal or Counselor

List all clubs and activities you were involved in during high school with the year(s) noted.

List community organizations you have been involved in, and any awards you have won with the year(s) noted.

Record of 4-H Club Work

Name of Club(s) _____

Number of years in 4-H _____ County _____

4-H Leadership involvement at club level -- list all offices, committees and other leadership designations held with the year(s) noted.

4-H Leadership/Extension involvement at county level – list all 4-H and Extension committees you have served on at the county level. For ex., 4-H Extension Council youth representative; 4-H Foundation youth representative; 4-H Youth Committee member; Special Interest Club “SPIN” volunteer/helper etc.

4-H Leadership involvement at state level – List all 4-H committees/groups you have served on. Examples: 4-H Great Debate Planning committee, State Fair Advisory, etc.

4-H Project Areas (List the main 4-H projects and what you have done in these areas)

Other 4-H interests and activities (exhibits, demonstrations, judging contests, fairs, camps, etc)

Honors won in 4-H Club work (I Dare You Award, Outstanding 4-H Member, Project Medal Winner, etc.)

Include your 4-H Experience Award Applications from previous years, in this application.

References

You are responsible for securing two letters of reference. It is preferred that these two letters be attached to this application, or they may be mailed directly to the Montgomery Extension office, #1 Industrial Park Dr., Hillsboro IL 62049.

List names and addresses of two references you have asked to write a letter of recommendation:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

Send or bring your completed 4-H Scholarship application form, together with your high school transcripts, to:
4-H Foundation Scholarship, Montgomery County Extension office, 1 Industrial Park Drive, Hillsboro IL 62049