

Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship

Submit application to Jefferson County Extension Office – Due March 17th

Scholarship to be awarded:

- Scholarships are awarded to 4-H members pursuing a four-year college degree or pursuing a tech-school or non-four-year degree.
- Up to a total of \$5,000 may be available to 4-H member scholarship applicants. Scholarship amounts will be determined by the 4-H Leaders Association.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Be a current Jefferson County 4-H member.
- Has been a 4-H member for the last four consecutive years.
- Be a high school senior or graduate and enrolled in 4-H the year they are filing this application.
- Planning to enter a post high school college or degree program or may already be in attendance.
- You may only receive this scholarship one time.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

General Application Guidelines:

- Application includes the following items: Cover Sheet, Answers to Questions, Resume, General Leader Reference Form, 4-H Leader Reference Form (both reference forms should be mailed separately), and Press Photo.
- Appearance, accuracy, grammar and spelling are IMPORTANT.
- Make your form readable. Single spaced typewritten (use of computer) is required.
- Clarify terminology - say EXACTLY what you mean/describe exactly what you've done. "Great" doesn't help readers know what you did or accomplished . . . how you have "grown." Use specific examples from your 4-H experiences to answer each question. Tell a story with your answers.
- Be selective in what you write AND avoid repetition – but be complete.
- **Write the statement question before your answer.**
- Answer each question with a minimum of one paragraph.
- The next page is the “cover” to your application, it must be included. Do not create your own.
- Do not put application in sheet protectors because copies need to be made.
- Contact your Club General Leader to fill out the General Leader Recommendation Form. Applicants should provide an addressed and stamped envelope to the leader for them to mail the recommendation letter directly to the Extension office. Contact a different 4-H Leader or 4-H staff member to complete the Leader Reference Form. Applicants should provide an addressed and stamped envelope to the leader for them to mail the recommendation letter directly to the Extension office.
- Submit 1 photo of yourself for publicity purposes.
- Must provide a copy of the current year's record book or market animal project book.
- Applicants may be asked to participate in a follow up interview. Notification of an interview required.

Applicant will be considered based on his/her 4-H experience as a 4-H member. The focus of the 4-H scholarship will be based on your 4-H career. Consideration will be placed on your leadership, citizenship, life skills development, projects, activities, and community service.

Awarding of Scholarships:

Scholarship awards will be announced at the May Jefferson County 4-H Leader's Association meeting. This will be a group promotion with photos and information submitted to area newspapers.

Distribution Procedures:

Scholarship will be distributed upon completion of first semester of enrollment at the university, college, trade school, technical school, or other post high school training. Prior to receiving your scholarship award, recipient must provide the following:

- A collegiate academic transcript for at least one term showing a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0.
- All required documentation must be submitted by March 1 of the following calendar year to the 4-H Program Coordinator, Extension Office, 864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549. If not received by March 1, your scholarship is forfeited.

Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship Cover Sheet

Name _____ Years in 4-H: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Birth Date: _____ Grade as of January 1: _____

Name of 4-H Club: _____ Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

Name of post-secondary school you plan to attend /are attending: _____

Evaluation of My 4-H Program

- On 8-1/2 x 11 plain white paper answer the following questions. Remember to state the question before your answer. Answer each question with a minimum of one paragraph.
 1. Why do you want to pursue a post-secondary education?
 2. What are your career goals?
 3. How has your 4-H experience impacted your future educational and career goals?
 4. Describe your most significant 4-H experience and tell how it has related to your personal growth.
 5. 4-H provides opportunities for developing leadership. Explain your most meaningful 4-H leadership experience.
 6. Describe how you have given back to your community through your 4-H involvement.
 7. Highlight your 4-H experience by describing what 4-H means to you.
 8. What advice would you give to new 4-H members and why?
 9. What was your most memorable county level 4-H event?
- Attach a one-page Resume highlighting your 4-H involvement and awards.
- Attach a Press Photo.
- Contact your Club General Leader to fill out the General Leader Recommendation Form. Applicants should provide an addressed and stamped envelope to the leader for them to mail the recommendation letter directly to the Extension office.
- Contact a different 4-H Leader or 4-H staff member to complete the Leader Reference Form. Applicants should provide an addressed and stamped envelope to the leader for them to mail the recommendation letter directly to the Extension office.

Statement By 4-H Member

I prepared this application myself and certify that the information in it is true and accurate.

Member's Signature _____ Date: _____

We reviewed this application and believe it to be correct.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship 4-H Club General Leader Reference Form

This reference should be completed by your 4-H CLUB GENERAL LEADER. If this person is your parent or guardian ask another 4-H leader in your club to fill out this form.

Please return to: Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship
 Extension Office
 864 Collins Road
 Jefferson, WI 53549

Reference recommendations must be received by **March 17th**.

Applicant's Name: _____

General Leader's Name: _____

Trait	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Fair	Unknown
Club Involvement					
Club Meeting Attendance					
Leadership					
Attitude					
Initiative					
Dependability					
Adaptability					
Emotional Maturity					
Work Ethic					
Responsibility					

In the space below, briefly explain why you feel this 4-H member is worthy of a Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship.
 (You may also use the back of this page or attach a letter.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship 4-H Leader/4-H Staff Member Reference Form

This reference forms should be completed by a certified 4-H leader or 4-H staff member you have worked with. The 4-H leader cannot be an immediate family member and should not have filled out the General Leader Reference Form. The reference should highlight why the applicant would be a good candidate for the Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship. Please note the scholarship is based on your 4-H career. Consideration will be placed on leadership, citizenship, life skills development, projects, activities, and community service.

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Applicant Name: _____

Reference Name: _____

How long have you known this applicant: _____

In what capacity do you know this applicant: _____

In the space below, briefly explain why you feel this 4-H member is worthy of a Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship.
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Signature: _____ Date: _____