

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation 2017 Scholarship Application Guidelines

Opportunity

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by March 15, 2017. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2017-2018 academic school year.

All applications must adhere to the strict conventions outlined below. Any application that does not meet these requirements (including all document names) will not be considered. All documents must be attachments to the email; Google docs or any cloud/internet shared documents will be NOT be accepted.

Application

Applications must be emailed to scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org. Applications will consist of:

1. Résumé

- Applicant's name and contact information (including county where the applicant is/was a 4-Her) at the top of the page
- Not to exceed one page
- No less than 3/4-inch margins and using type no smaller than 10 points
- Suggested résumé headings include: Career Goals, School Experience, Work Experience, 4-H Experience, Leadership Experience, Activities Outside of 4-H
- Résumés must be either a Word Document or a PDF and must be named Applicant Last Name Résumé (example: Smith Résumé)

2. Cover Letter

- Applicant's name and contact information (including county where the applicant is/was a 4-Her) at the top of the page
- Not to exceed one page
- No less than 3/4-inch margins and using type no smaller than 10 points
- Cover letters should include information relevant to the application, including how 4-H made an impact and how skills learned in 4-H will be used in the future. The strongest cover letters expand on information on the résumé; they don't repeat the same information.
- Cover letters must be either a Word Document or a PDF and must be named Applicant Last Name Cover Letter (example: Smith Cover Letter) and attached to the email.

3. List of 4-H projects in which the applicant participated

- Applicant's name and contact information (including county where the applicant is/was a 4-Her) at the top of the page
- Not to exceed one page
- No less than 3/4-inch margins and using type no smaller than 10 points
- The project list should be in order of importance to the 4-Her, with the most important projects at the top of the list. This does not need to be a complete list of every project ever taken by the 4-Her.
- Project list must be either a Word Document or a PDF and must be named Applicant Last Name Project List (example: Smith Project List)

4. One recent photo of the applicant preferably at a 4-H event or working on a 4-H project
 - Photo must be 5" x 7" or less and may be snapshots or professional photos
 - Photo should be clear and, while other people may be in the photo, the applicant must be prominent
 - Photo must be submitted electronically and titled Applicant Last Name Photo (example: Smith Photo)
 - Photo may be used for promotional purposes

Résumés and cover letters with extreme quantities of text will be disqualified – documents with the most words will not receive preference!

Résumés, cover letters, project lists (a total of three pages) and one photo must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email on or before March 15, 2017. Applications received after March 15, 2017 (as time stamped in the email), and any USPS mailed applications will not be considered. Apply early to avoid any confusion.

Selection Process

A panel of experienced youth advisors will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be screened by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The finalist applications will be ranked. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria (example: scholarships are available for specific geographical areas and project areas).

Notification

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and/or email in May. This letter will include information about how to access the scholarship. Scholarship awardees are required to send a thank-you note to the scholarship sponsor. Scholarship recipients and portions of their application materials (including their photo) may be featured in Wisconsin 4-H Foundation materials.

Questions

Call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation: 608.262.1597 or info@wis4hfoundation.org