



WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIP

The Washington County 4-H Trust Fund is making available scholarships to any past or present Washington County 4-H club member with at least **5 years** of 4-H club membership and who was an achieving 4-H member. This person is not required to have graduated from 4-H as long as they have completed a minimum of 5 years of 4-H club work. This person should be a graduating senior or past graduate who is enrolled or entering a vocational school or University in the fall of the current year.

Rules and Regulation

1. The scholarship may be used at any accredited vocational school or University for any level of fulltime continuing education.
2. Payment of scholarship money will be made at the discretion of the scholarship committee. For example – a freshman will be paid at the end of first term with a grade transcript showing a 2.5 point average.
3. If no worthy candidate is found, the committee also reserves the right to withhold the scholarship for a later time.
4. Youth can be a recipient of this scholarship once only.
5. The scholarship committee will base their selection upon:
 - a. Activities showing participation in 4-H, school, community, and full/part-time employment.
 - b. Essay – on selected topic.
 - c. Letters of recommendation.
 - d. Personal interview.
6. Evaluation Criteria: Each area is assigned a point value with the maximum being 100 points

Club Activity.....15	State/National Activity... 10	School/Work..... 10
County Activity.....15	4-H Leadership..... 15	Essay..... 10
		Interview.....25
7. The application form must be filled out and submitted to the scholarship committee by **March 15th** with the essay and **three (3) recommendations** from any of the following people: 4-H leader, high school principal, advisor, teacher, guidance counselor, a local business person, community leader, or employer. **Please type your application.**
8. Submit an original essay (approximately 250 words) on the subject **“WHY I THINK I SHOULD RECEIVE A 4-H SCHOLARSHIP” OR HOW 4-H HAS HELPED ME FOR THE FUTURE.**

Note: Financial need will not be utilized as a selection basis.

TIPS: Remember to write your application as if a non-4-H'er was reading it; avoid the use of acronyms; all applications must be typed on a computer. Handwritten applications will not be considered.

For more information contact the UW-Extension Office at 262-335-4478

NOTE TO THOSE WRITING LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

Your letter of recommendation is of great value to the scholarship committee. In writing your recommendation it would help the committee if you keep the following points in mind:

1. Character: What particular characteristics make the applicant especially deserving of this scholarship. Indicate in what capacity you have worked with the applicant.
2. Leadership Abilities: Past, Present, Future.

Please use the above list as a guide while writing your letter of recommendation. Feel free to include other information that will assist the scholarship committee in choosing the most deserving recipients. Give your written recommendation to the applicant in a sealed envelope. The applicant will then send it along with all the other forms to:

Washington Co. 4-H Trust Fund, UW-Extension Office, 333 E. Washington Street; Ste. 1200, West Bend, WI 53095.

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NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

A. SCHOOLS

High School Attended: _____

I intend to pursue a degree in _____

From _____
(school and address)

Please check whether or not you have or have not done the following:

I ___(have) ___(have not) applied for entrance to the above school and ___(have) ___(have not) been accepted.

Explain why field of study was chosen:

B. 4-H INFORMATION

Years in 4-H _____ 4-H Club _____ Years as youth leader _____

1. Projects taken during 4-H career (list by year and indicate when youth leader):

1. List all 4-H awards and honors received, including year received at the club, county and state level.

2. List 4-H activity and leadership involvement (based on last 5 years) at the club level.
(List offices held, committee chair responsibilities, youth leadership project experiences, etc.)

3. Describe one local 4-H club leadership experience you have had in 4-H. What did you do? What was the impact of your leadership role? (Use back of page, if necessary).

4. List 4-H activity and leadership involvement (based on last 5 years) at the county level. (List committee chair responsibilities, youth leadership project experiences, etc.)

5. Describe one county leadership experience you have had in 4-H. What did you do? What was the impact of your leadership role? (Use back of page, if necessary).

6. List 4-H activity and leadership involvement (based on last 5 years) at the regional, state, or national level.

(List any state team participation, committee chair responsibilities, youth leadership project experiences, etc.)

7. Describe one regional/state/national leadership experience you have had in 4-H. What did you do? (Use back of page, if necessary)

C. **SCHOOL, CLUB AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** (BASED ON LAST 5 YEARS)

1. High School Organizations and Activities – indicate leadership responsibilities:

2. Non 4-H Community Activities:

3. Full and/or part time work experience:

8. Other non 4-H activities and interests:

D. **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:** **All due with application on March 15**

1. An original essay on one of the topics below.

(May be written or typed, approximately 250 words in length)

- How 4-H Has Influenced My Career/Schooling Choice
- How 4-H Has Helped Me For the Future

2. Three letters of recommendation. One must be from a 4-H leader.

- A 4-H leader – required
- Teacher, advisor or guidance counselor
- Local community leader, employer, other

3. Transcript of high school grades and college grades, if applicable.

4. Proof of acceptance at college/school of choice, if selected for a scholarship.

5. **It is the applicant's responsibility to see that all recommendations and transcripts are on file by March 15 or the application will be marked late.**

Send completed application to: Washington County 4-H Trust Fund
c/o UW-Extension Office, Suite 1200
333 E. Washington Street
West Bend, WI 53095