

**DeKalb County 4-H Foundation  
Educational Scholarship Application**

**Applicant Criteria:**

1. Applicants must be current or past DeKalb County 4-H members, who are high school seniors or in an approved post-high school educational program (junior college, 4-year university, trade school, etc.). Applicants should also be a fulltime student.
2. The number of recipients shall be determined by the DeKalb County 4-H Foundation. The recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship. Once a member has received the scholarship, they are ineligible to reapply.
3. **All applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 26.** Application should be typed or neatly written.
4. Applicants will be **REQUIRED** to participate in an interview. Applicants will be contacted for an interview day and time.
5. The application must include one reference letter (Not from an Extension staff member). Reference letters should address applicant's leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and interpersonal skills. Reference letters should NOT be from individuals related to the applicant.
6. Completed applications and questions may be directed to:

University of Illinois Extension - DeKalb County  
1350 W. Prairie Drive  
Sycamore, IL 60178  
(815) 758-8194
7. Complete the following signatures.

**Applicant Statement**

I personally have prepared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my work.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years as a 4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club Affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the information below. This will only be utilized if you are selected as a scholarship recipient.

Colleges you have applied to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there other members of your immediate household that will be attending college during this year?

Yes  No If yes, who?

**Recommendation Contact**

Complete the information below on the individual who will be writing your recommendation letter for this scholarship.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Section I – 4-H Participation**

Indicate activity participation throughout your 4-H membership.

<b>A. Club/County Level</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b># of Years</b>
1. County 4-H Federation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Jr. Federation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. County 4-H General Project Show	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. County 4-H Livestock Fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. I Dare You Award Recipient	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. 4-H Achievement Award Recipient/Bronze Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. 4-H Service Award Recipient/Silver Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
8. 4-H Leadership Award Recipient/Gold Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
9. Diamond Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
10. Emerald Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
11. County Project Award Winner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
12. Record Book Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
13. 4-H General Project Show Plaque Winner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
14. 4-H Livestock Fair Plaque Winner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
15. 4-H Federation Foodstand Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
16. 4-H Foundation Pork Chop BBQ Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
17. Biking with Beanie Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
18. 8-12 Year Old Holiday Fest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
19. Recognition Night	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
20. 4-H Public Speaking Contest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
21. 4-H Project Days	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
22. 4-H Super Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
23. Officer Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
25. County Horse Bowl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
26. County Hippology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
27. County Shooting Sports SPIN Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
28. Other 4-H Club/County Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
a) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
b) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**B. State and Multi-County Level**

1. Illini Summer Academies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Legislative Connections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Junior Leadership Conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**B. State and Multi-County Level (continued)**

	Yes	No	# of Years
6. State Fair Exhibitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. 4-H Camp Participant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
8. Regional Horse Bowl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
9. Regional Hippology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
10. State Horse Bowl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
11. State Hippology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
12. Livestock Judging Contest(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
13. State Livestock Conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
14. State Shooting Sports Competition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
15. Other 4-H State/Multi-County Activities			
a) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**C. National Level**

1. National 4-H Conference (Washington D.C.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Citizenship Washington Focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. International Exchanges (Japanese Exchange, IFYE, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. National Congress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. National 4-H Dairy Conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. National Livestock Judging Contest(s) (all species or areas)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. National Shooting Sports Competition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
8. Other 4-H Activities _____	<input type="checkbox"/>		_____

**Section II – 4-H Leadership**

Indicate leadership involvement throughout your 4-H membership.

1. State 4-H Youth Leadership Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Illini Summer Academies Planning Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. 4-H Ambassador/Legislative Ambassador	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. 4-H Science Ambassador	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
8. Federation Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
9. Expansion and Review Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
10. Jr. Leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
11. Discover 4-H Activity Leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
12. 8-12 Year Old Holiday Fest Activity Leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
13. Cloverbud Super Saturday Leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
14. Super Saturday Workshop Presenter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Section II – 4-H Leadership (continued)**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b># of Years</b>
15. Fashion Review Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
16. 4-H General Project Awards Program Presenter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
17. Recognition Night Presenter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
18. Camp Counselor (ex. Science Siesta, 4-H Camp)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
19. 4-H Club Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
20. 4-H Club Committee Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
21. NIU STEM Fest Presenter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
22. County 4-H General Project Show volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
23. Cooking School Teen Teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
24. Other 4-H Leadership			
a) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
b) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**Section III – Scholarship Questions**

Applicants must answer the following questions in order to be considered for this scholarship. Answers to your questions must be typed using a format of your choice; however, you are limited to four (4) single-sided pages. Type should be no smaller than 12 point. Margins must be a minimum of 1/2" on all four edges. Questions and pages should be numbered.

1. What do you feel are your most important 4-H accomplishments?
2. What projects have you excelled in, and why did you pursue this project area?
3. List community service involvement over the past 5 years and hours per week/month you served/worked and total duration of your service.
4. Highlight your school, church and/or community activities.
5. In what way do you see yourself giving back to the 4-H in the future?
6. What are your educational and career plans?