

4-H Angel Scholarship

Financial Assistance Policy



- 1) All families will be asked to pay 50% of county dues and sign a promise of participation.
- 2) The purpose of participation requirements is to encourage scholarship recipients to make the most of their 4-H membership and to contribute to the county 4-H program through active participation. The requirements are to participate in at least 6 club meetings and at least 2 events at the county, region, state, or national level, one of which should include the annual Clay County 4-H Fair. It is incumbent on families of scholarship recipients to provide the 4-H office with proof of participation (e.g., copies of club meeting minutes or attendance sheets, proof of event participation such as nametags, t-shirts, photos, etc.). If the office has not received proof of participation, members will be presumed to have not met the participation requirements. If families do not meet participation requirements, they will not be eligible for scholarships the following year. However, if families were unable to meet the requirements due to an unexpected and catastrophic event (e.g., severe illness, death in the family, divorce, loss of primary income, loss of the family vehicle, etc.), they can appeal to be considered for funding again the following year.
- 3) For families with 4+ kids in 4-H who ask for financial assistance, we will cap their family contribution at \$60 (or 50% of dues for 3 memberships), provided that 4-H Council Angel Funds are sufficient to fund full scholarships.
- 4) It is recommended that the 4-H Council budgets at least \$400 for scholarship funds yearly, which may be in combination with or in addition to existing Angel Funds. Once funds run out, families may request for 4-H staff to petition the 4-H Council for more funds on their behalf (family information shall remain confidential), and the 4-H Council will decide whether there are sufficient funds in the total budget to cover additional scholarships.

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Participation Agreement



4-H Angel Funds were created by independent, anonymous donors who wished to ensure that all Clay County youth are able to join 4-H, regardless of financial need. Funds to cover are thus awarded in the spirit of the donations to families who request assistance with county dues (other scholarship opportunities are available for help with state dues; ask 4-H staff for more information). To encourage families who receive Angel Funds to make the most of their Clay County 4-H experience, the 4-H Council asks that 4-H members and parents (or guardians) who are recipients of Angel Funds commit to participating fully during the 4-H year of their award.

Qualifications

In order to receive Angel funds, 4-H member/family recipients must commit to:

- Participate actively in at least 6 club meetings;
- Participate in at least 2 events at the county, region, state, or national level, one of which should include the annual Clay County 4-H Fair;
- Send proof of participation (e.g., copies of club meeting minutes or attendance sheets, and/or proof of event participation such as nametags, t-shirts, photos, etc.) to the office by the end of the 4-H year in which the scholarship was awarded.

If families do not meet these requirements they will not be eligible to receive Angel funds the following 4-H year. However, if families are unable to meet the requirements due to an unexpected and catastrophic event, they can appeal to be considered for funding the following year.

We, the undersigned, have read the above qualifications and commit to fulfilling them within the current 4-H year, which begins October 1, _____ and ends September 30, _____.

Family name(s) of parents/guardians: _____

4-H Club Name: _____

Youth 1 Name: _____

Youth 2 Name: _____

Youth 3 Name: _____

Youth 4 Name: _____

Youth 5 Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____