

STATE 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Due in state 4-H office April 1

Check with your county 4-H office for local due date.

4-H Youth Development Programs

829 Clark Hall

Columbia, MO 65211

The Missouri 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce educational scholarships for 4-H youths and former 4-H members pursuing post-secondary study. Contact the county University of Missouri Extension center for a list of scholarships and details regarding each one. One scholarship application form permits the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to conditions specified by the donor.

Guidelines

- High school applicants must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Home-school youth should submit verification of passing the GED and an ACT or SAT score. College applicants must have at least a GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- The scholarship must be used within 9 months after awarded. (Applicant must be enrolled in school).
- A Word processor must be used to complete the application. Use plain white 8 ½ x 11" paper with 1 ½ margins. Use a font no smaller than 12 pitch. Single-space within each answer and double-space between questions. It is difficult for the review committee to read your application if the print is too small!

Scholarship Selection Criteria

- The Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarship application form should be completed and must include:
 - Signature of applicant and 4-H/Extension staff
 - High school/college transcript (must include GPA) or (copy of ACT/SAT score or GED certificate)
 - Financial information page completed by parent/guardian
- A committee determines scholarship selection based on the following score system:
 - 70% 4-H achievement in leadership, citizenship, community service and projects
 - 20% Financial need
 - 10% Work/Career Goals

Financial need scoring is determined as follows:

1 point for each dependent child under the age of 21 in the family

2 points for each family member attending college

Adjusted gross income:

10 points - \$15,000 and under

7 points - \$15,001 to \$20,000

5 points - \$20,001 to \$30,000

2 points - \$30,001 and above

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Submit the following information (Sections 1 - 9) in a **folder**.

Section 1: Biographical Data

Form enclosed – *please note signatures are required.*

(Sections 2 – 7 must be computer generated)

Section 2: Leadership

Write one paragraph on each of the seven Leadership Life Skills (Understanding Self, Communicating, Getting Along with Others, Learning to Learn, Making Decisions, Managing Resources and Working with Groups). It is very important to relate these skills to the 4-H leadership roles you have held during the past two years, such as holding an office, serving on a committee, and/or 4-H project work. Discuss what you learned from your leadership experiences.

Section 3: Community Service (one page maximum)

Write a narrative about your **4-H** community service experiences.

Definition

- *Community service - activities that make a community a better place to live (i.e., trash pick up, clean up days, nursing home visits, etc.).*

Identify what you personally contributed to community service activities. For example, if your 4-H club picked up trash or visited a nursing home, identify what you personally contributed and what you learned. Discuss how these experiences helped you in school, work and family life.

Section 4: Citizenship (one page maximum)

Write a narrative about your 4-H citizenship experiences.

Definition

- *Citizenship – any activity that increased your participation in democracy in your community (Example: describe a time when you had a say in, were part of or helped make things happen in your community (i.e., voting activities, talking with legislators, city or county council discussions or presentations, writing a letter to or article for your newspaper, attending Citizenship Washington Focus, Missouri Youth Forum, Missouri Girls/Boys State, etc.)*

Write a narrative about your citizenship experiences. Identify what you personally contributed to citizenship activities and what you learned. Discuss how these experiences helped you in school, work and family.

Section 5: 4-H Story (one page maximum)

Share information about you as a person. Emphasize your personal growth and development. This is your opportunity to share how 4-H has contributed to who you are! You could include your most significant 4-H projects, activities and experiences. If you identify projects and activities, discuss the skills you learned and how these experiences are important to you now and in the future. Lists of accomplishments, activities and projects are nice but the review committee is more interested in what you *learned* from these experiences and how they will assist you in the future.

Section 6: Career Goals (one page maximum)

Discuss the following questions: a) How will your post-secondary education assist you in attaining your career goals? b) What is your major field of study? c) What are your reasons for choosing this course of study?

Section 7: Additional Information

- a. How many total years have you been in 4-H?
- b. What is the name of your hometown newspaper?
- c. If the application is for the Missouri 4-H Foundation Miller-Thorne Scholarship, you must attach an essay regarding “free enterprise”.

Section 8: Academic Record

Submit a copy of your high school or college transcript. **GPA must be identified on the transcript.** Home school youth must submit an ACT or SAT scores.

Section 9: Financial Need Information

Youth and parent(s)/guardian must complete this form (enclosed). *Please note signatures are required.*

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Section 8: Financial Need

The following information will be used solely for the purpose of determining need for financial assistance for Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarship applicants. The information will be kept for one year following application and then destroyed.

Name of applicant _____

Parent/Guardian/Family Information

- a. Number of family members? _____
Include parents' other children or family members for whom they provide more than half of their support.

- b. Ages of all children in the family who were claimed as dependents in the year immediately past: _____

- c. Number of family members in college at least half-time during the next calendar year (include the applicant): _____

- d. For the year immediately past, what was the family's **Adjusted Gross Income**?
\$ _____. (Use Adjusted Gross Income line from federal IRS forms.
If information for the year immediately past is not available, give the prior year).

Are there any special circumstances that have influenced your need for financial assistance?

I verify that this information is true and accurate. I understand that failure to provide true and accurate information may result in forfeiture of any scholarship award.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date