



**University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development  
 Illinois 4-H Foundation, Inc.  
 Legacy of Leadership Scholarship Application**

***Applicant Criteria:***

1. This scholarship is available to current 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.). Members must have been enrolled in the 4-H program a minimum of five years.
2. The number of recipients shall be determined annually by the University of Illinois Extension State 4-H Office and Illinois 4-H Foundation, Inc. Scholarships will be for \$1,000 and will be paid directly to the scholarship recipient upon receipt of proof of enrollment in an approved post-high school educational program. Once a member has been awarded a Legacy of Leadership Scholarship, they are ineligible to reapply.
3. Applications must be complete and include the following:
  - Completed front page of personal information (5 points)
  - Maximum of FOUR (4) typed pages, single-sided, that provide answers to questions included in the application (70 points)
  - TWO written recommendation letters, enclosed in sealed envelopes with the applicant’s name on the front of the envelope and signature of the persons providing the recommendations across the seal on the back of the envelope. One recommendation must be from a 4-H volunteer OR a University of Illinois Extension staff member; the second recommendation must be from a high school or college staff member OR an individual from your community. Recommendation letters should NOT be from individuals related to the applicant. (5 points each, 10 total)
  - Completed contact information on individuals who wrote recommendation letters, including verification of 4-H enrollment
  - An official transcript from your high school or your post-high school educational program, if currently enrolled in such a program
4. Semi-finalists will be required to participate in an interview. Dates and locations of the interviews will be determined after March 1. Interviews will only be conducted on the specific dates as determined by the selection committee. Interviews will be videotaped for scoring by a selection committee at a later date. (15 points)
5. Complete applications must be **postmarked no later than March 1** of the year applying. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Semi-finalists will be notified as soon as possible after the initial selection proceedings as to available interview dates, times, and locations.

Applications should be sent to:

*Debra Stocker  
 Attn: Legacy of Leadership Scholarship  
 State 4-H Office  
 302 E. John, Suite 1901  
 Champaign, IL 61820*

**Scoring Criteria:**

4-H Accomplishments	15 points
4-H Leadership	15 points
4-H Projects	15 points
Community Service/Employment Record	15 points
School, Church, and/or Community Activities	3 points
Give Back to 4-H	3 points
Educational Plans & Career Goals	3 points
What Else Should We Know?	1 point
Recommendation Letters (2)	10 points
Interview (Semi-finalists only)	15 points
Application Bonus Points	5 points

**TOTAL**

**100 Points**

**ILLINOIS 4-H LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP  
APPLICATION FORM**

*Please type.*

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

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

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

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #\* : \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County of 4-H Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of 4-H Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide your high school/post-high school grade point average. *(An official transcript must included with this application or the application will not be considered. Post-high school students should complete both levels listed.)*

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ point scale. Rank in class: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Post-High School: \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ point scale.

What percentage of your educational expenses will be covered by:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Parents
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your employment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other scholarships/grants
- \_\_\_\_\_ Savings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student Loans
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: (please list other major sources)

Are there other members of your immediate household that will be attending a post-high school educational program during the same school year for which you are applying? *(For definition, see #1 of Applicant Criteria.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No                      If yes, who?

\*Social Security Numbers (SSNs) are collected by the University of Illinois/Illinois 4-H Foundation as the individual unique identifier for the purpose of accurately processing and maintaining educational records as required by state, Federal and other agencies. Your SSN will be used for scholarship award disbursement by the University of Illinois and Illinois 4-H Foundation; it will not be disclosed to individuals or agencies except in accordance with University of Illinois policy. The law requires the University to include SSNs on information returned by the University to the IRS. If you wish not to submit this number until after award notification, that is your option; however it will be required for disbursement of funds. Withholding the SSN (at that time) may result in a \$50 penalty being imposed against you by the IRS as authorized by law.

**Recommendation Contacts & Membership Verification**

Complete the information below on the two individuals who will be writing your recommendation letters for this scholarship. **NOTE:** The contact listed for the 4-H Volunteer or University of Illinois Extension staff member **MUST SIGN THIS PAGE** and verify the years you were a 4-H member. Years of 4-H membership do not need to be consecutive nor in the same county or state; however the member must be currently enrolled as an Illinois 4-H member.

Recommendation Letters should be sealed in envelopes with the signature of the author across the seal and attached to this scholarship application.

**Recommendation #1 – 4-H Volunteer or University of Illinois Extension Staff Member**

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

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

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

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

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification:**

I verify that the 4-H member who is completing this scholarship application:

1. Is currently enrolled as an Illinois 4-H member, AND
2. Has been enrolled in the 4-H program a minimum of five years.

List Years & Location(s) of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendation #2 – High School or College Staff Member OR Individual from Applicant’s Community**

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

Association to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 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 10 point Times New Roman. Margins must be a minimum of ¾” on all four edges. Questions and pages should be numbered.

1. Summarize your most important 4-H accomplishments. (15 points)
2. List your major 4-H leadership roles. This could include, but is not limited to, committees and offices held. Please provide the level of participation behind each role (L=Local club; C=County; M=Multi-county; R=Regional; S=State; N=National; I=International) (15 points)
3. Provide information on the breadth and scope of your 4-H projects. Please limit your information to a maximum of three project areas. (15 points)
4. List on-going community service projects or paid employment over the past five (5) years. Include number of hours per week/month you served/worked and total duration of your service/employment. (15 points)
5. Highlight your school, church and/or community activities. (3 points)
6. In what way do you see yourself giving back to 4-H in the future? (3 points)
7. What are your educational and career plans? (3 points)
8. What else should we know about you when considering your scholarship application? (1 point)

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