

Vernon County 4-H Scholarships

Timeline: The Scholarships will be advertised in January and February. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 1. Recipients will be named in April of each year with the actual money to be paid in January of the following year upon proof that he/she is a student in good academic standing after the first grading period in a school of higher education. The recipient must also present a copy of payment for registration for the next academic period, unless course program is completed.

Eligibility: There will be four annual scholarship awarded: three to current graduating high school seniors and one to a past high school graduate (any age). Recipients must be or have been a 4-H member or an adult 4-H leader. If there are no qualified applicants in one of the categories, the scholarships may be awarded to the other category. Recipients can receive this scholarship only once.

Scholarship Amount: Each scholarship is valued at \$300. This money is derived from the interest on the Scholarship Account, not from the principal, and from the Federation.

Scholarship Committee: The Scholarship Committee shall consist of three currently enrolled 4-H adult volunteers serving staggered three year terms. Thus, a new member will be selected each year by the Federation. The person with the most seniority shall serve as chairperson of the committee.

Awarding of scholarships: Scholarship selections will be based on the application form and references, without consideration given to financial need. When a conflict of interest exists (i.e. close relationship to an applicant) an officer of the Federation will score all applications in place of the committee member with the conflict of interest. All information on the scholarship applications will be kept confidential by the Scholarship Committee.

If the recipient cannot attend college, due to extenuating circumstances, which will be decided by the Scholarship Committee, the money will be held in reserve up to a maximum of three years.

Alternates will be selected but not named. They will replace recipients only if recipients do not meet requirements at the time of disbursing scholarship money. Scholarships are presented at the summer Pie and Ice Cream social by a member of the Scholarship Committee. The 4-H Youth Development Educator will submit a press release and photo after the presentation of the scholarships.

Make sure and return checklist verifying all required information provided, along with the required documentation.

Example:

Checklist:

Vernon County 4-H Scholarship Application (3 pages)

Essay

Two Photographs

Class of 2018

High School Transcript

Three (3) Current Letters of Recommendation () One from 4-H Leader)

VERNON COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Eligible applicants: 2018 graduating seniors
2017 or older graduates**

**Application due in Extension Office by:
4:00 p.m.
March 1, 2018**

Checklist:

- Vernon County 4-H Scholarship Application (3 pages)**
- Essay**
- Two Photographs**

Class of 2018

- High School Transcript**
- Three (3) Current Letters of Recommendation**
(**One from 4-H Leader**)

Post-high School Applicant

- High School and/or College Transcript**
- Three (3) Current Letters of Recommendation**

VERNON COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____
City/Town Zip

AGE: _____ GENDER: _____ PHONE: _____

CURRENT STUDENT STATUS: _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____

YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____

APPROX. GRADE POINT: HIGH SCHOOL: _____ COLLEGE: _____
Use additional pages, if necessary, to complete application.

LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN 4-H ACTIVITIES:

AWARDS RECEIVED FROM 4-H:

SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

NON 4-H AWARDS AND HONORS:

WORK EXPERIENCE, IF APPLICABLE:

SCHOOL/CAREER PLANS:

**ESSAY QUESTION: EXPLAIN WHY THE COMMITTEE SHOULD SELECT
YOU FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP**

A personal interview may be requested.

Applications from current graduating seniors must include:

high school transcript and three current letters of recommendation. One of these letters must be from a 4-H leader (other than your parent or the 4-H Youth Development Educator) and the other two can be from adults of your choice. Copy of completed check list.

Applications from post-high school graduates must include:

high school and/or college transcript and three current letters of recommendation. Copy of completed checklist.