

## Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Missouri 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce educational scholarships for 4-H youth and former 4-H members pursuing post-secondary study. One scholarship application form permits the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to conditions specified by the donor. Ask your County University of Missouri Extension Center about available scholarships or go online at <http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/>

**Applications are accepted after January 1 and are due by April 1 to the state office. The county due date for applications may be earlier than the April 1 state deadline.** After county approval and signature, your application will be mailed to the state 4-H office by the county.

### Guidelines

- High school applicants must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Home-school youth should submit 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 inch margins. Use a font no smaller than 12 point. Single-space within each answer and double-space between questions.

### 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 attached – **please note signatures are required**.

(Sections 2 – 7 must be computer generated)

### **Section 2: Leadership** (two page maximum)

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 and 4: Citizenship (1/2 page) and Community Service (1/2 page) [1 page total]**

On a separate sheet of paper, write a narrative of your citizenship and community service experiences. (include 4-H experiences)

**Citizenship** is an important part of the 4-H program. It can be described as who or what we are, as what we believe, or as what we do. *Legal citizenship* focuses on citizens' government-guaranteed rights and responsibilities such as voting, following the law and qualifying for benefits. Legal citizenship offers us important freedoms, protections and responsibilities. *Patriotic citizenship* is based on a belief that American citizens share a common core set of values. Our commitment to democracy is one of these values. Active citizenship focuses on the collective action we take to address our common concerns. It emphasizes our ongoing involvement in making the decisions and doing the work that creates the world around us. It focuses our understanding of democracy on its literal meaning: rule by the people.

Identify ways you have participated in citizenship experiences and describe what you learned about your community, school or country, as well as about yourself, in the process. Experiences may include, but are not limited to, volunteering on election day, participation on local extension councils, attending local government days, job shadowing a government official, participating in Citizenship Youth Forum, writing a letter to the editor of the local newspaper, voting and voicing your opinion at club meetings or learning about other cultures such as attending the Kansas City Global Conference.

**Community service** is what you do as an individual or group to help your community. Identify community service projects and activities in which you have participated and describe what you learned through the experience

### **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:

- How will your post-secondary education assist you in attaining your career goals?
- What is your major field of study?
- What are your reasons for choosing this course of study?

**Section 7: Additional Information**

- How many total years have you been in 4-H?
- What is the name of your hometown newspaper?
- 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 the financial need information form attached. **Please note signatures are required.**



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## Section 9. 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.

<b>Name of Applicant</b>
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### Parent/Guardian/Family Information

<b>Number of family members</b> (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</b>
<b>Number of family members in college at least half-time during the next calendar year</b> (include the applicant)
<b>For the year immediately past, what was the family's Adjusted Gross Income?</b> (Use Adjusted Gross Income line from federal IRS forms. If information for the year immediately past is not available, give the prior year.)  <b>\$</b>
<b>Are there any special circumstances that have influenced your need for financial assistance?</b>

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.

<b>Date</b> (month, day, year)	<b>Signature of Applicant</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Signature of Parent/Guardian</b>