



**University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development
 Illinois 4-H Foundation, Inc.
 Illinois 4-H Livestock 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.). ***Applicants must have been enrolled in a Livestock Project a minimum of 3 years during their involvement in the 4-H program; must be pursuing a college degree related to the agriculture industry; AND plan to be actively involved in the agriculture industry after graduation (such as farming, teaching, large animal veterinarian, etc.)*** Applicants must be currently enrolled 4-H members.

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 school where the recipient is enrolled* in an approved post-high school educational program. **Scholarship monies must be used before the winner's 21st birthday or the scholarship will be forfeited.** Once a member has been awarded an Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship, they are ineligible to reapply. Winners will be required to complete a specific 4-page form from the University of Illinois in order to meet IRS requirements. This will include a request for the winner's Social Security Number. Your SSN will be used for scholarship award disbursement by the University of Illinois; it will not be disclosed to individuals or agencies except in accordance with University of Illinois policy. The law requires the University to include SSN's on information returned by the University to the IRS. Withholding the SSN when required for disbursement may result in a financial penalty being imposed against you by the IRS as authorized by law.

3. Applications must be complete and include the following:
 - Completed front page of personal information
 - Maximum of FOUR (4) typed pages, single-sided, that provide answers to questions included in the application
 - 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. **Recommendation letters should focus on involvement in the livestock industry and leadership demonstrated by the applicant.**
 - Complete contact information on individuals who wrote recommendation letters, including verification of 4-H enrollment
 - An official transcript from your high school **and** your post-high school educational program, if currently enrolled in such a program

4. Semi-finalists *may* be required to either participate in an interview or provide a self-made presentation on DVD. Final determination of the required procedures will be made by State 4-H Office after initial scoring of the applications. Interviews will only be conducted on specific dates as determined by the selection committee. Interviews may be videotaped for scoring by a selection committee at a later date. **Winner(s) will be recognized at the 4-H Family Picnic at the Illinois State Fair.**

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 what will be required for interview or presentations. Applications should be sent to the State 4-H Office as noted on the last page of the application.

Scoring Criteria:

4-H Livestock Accomplishments	15 points
4-H Leadership	20 points
4-H Livestock Project Information	20 points
Community Service/Employment Record	15 points
School, Church, and/or Community Activities	5 points
Give Back to 4-H	5 points
Educational Plans & Career Goals	5 points
Recommendation Letters (2)	15 points
TOTAL	100 Points

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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 enrolled in a 4-H Livestock project.** 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 letters should focus on leadership demonstrated and community involvement of the applicant.

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

Name: _____
Title: _____
Current Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____
E-mail Address: _____

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 a 4-H livestock project a minimum of three 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: _____
Current Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____
E-mail Address: _____

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 livestock 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) (20 points)
3. Provide information on the breadth and scope of your 4-H livestock projects. (20 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. (5 points)
6. In what way do you see yourself giving back to 4-H in the future? (5 points)
7. What are your educational plans and career goals? (5 points)

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*State 4-H Office
Attn: 4-H Livestock Scholarship
801 N. Country Fair Drive, Suite E
Champaign, IL 61821*