

State Fair Jr. Horse Show Scholarship Program

This scholarship is available to currently enrolled Illinois 4-H and FFA members who are in their senior year of high school OR freshman year of college when the application is due (September 15). **The applicant must have exhibited at the State Fair Jr. Horse Show at least once in the past three years.**

The scholarship amount and the number of recipients shall be determined annually by the State Fair Jr. Horse Show Scholarship Committee. Funding shall be monitored through the State 4-H Office. All scholarship transfers shall be made through that office.

The scholarship can only be used for educational purposes: college, clinics, seminars, etc. Proof of enrollment, registration/attendance, will be required to receive scholarship monies.

In 2016, scholarship applications will be available electronically only and must be completed in that manner. (No handwritten applications will be accepted.) The link will be provided to local Extension offices and will be promoted at the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show. The typed application forms must be completed and **postmarked by September 15** of the year applying to:

Debra Stocker
Attn: Horse Scholarship
State 4-H Office
801 N. Country Fair Drive, Suite E
Champaign, IL 61821
217/333-9291

The following criteria will be used as a means of selecting the recipient(s) of the scholarships:

Years of Involvement	5
4-H/FFA Equine-related Activities	15
4-H/FFA Equine Accomplishments	15
4-H/FFA Leadership	15
Equine Industry Involvement	15
Mentors and Mentoring	15
Educational Plans	5
Transcripts	5
Recommendations	<u>10</u>
	100

**STATE FAIR JR. HORSE SHOW SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM**

Application must be completed electronically.

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone () _____ Home Phone () _____

County: _____

Birthdate: _____ Most recent year exhibited at SF Jr. Show: _____

Name of 4-H Club: _____

Name of FFA Chapter: _____

College/Technical School Attending: _____

***NOTE:** Should the member be selected as a scholarship winner, the University of Illinois State 4-H Office will provide the member a four-page University of Illinois form that is required by the University and IRS in order to issue the scholarship check.*

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

- ★ **A recommendation from your 4-H Leader, local Extension staff, OR FFA Advisor MUST be attached to this application.**
- ★ **Your high school AND, if applicable, college transcript MUST be attached to this application.**
- ★ Applicants *will be disqualified* if the above recommendation and transcripts are not included with the application. Applicants will also be disqualified if the application is postmarked after the deadline date.

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Number of years with a 4-H and/or FFA Equine Project: 4-H _____ FFA _____

For the following items, limit your responses to **a maximum of 300 words** each.

List a maximum of ten (10) 4-H/FFA equine-related activities in which you have participated. Include the year(s) of participation in each activity:

List what you feel are your five most important 4-H/FFA equine accomplishments and describe what makes them the most important to you.

How have you demonstrated leadership skills in 4-H/FFA programs? *(Give specific examples; these are not limited to horse-related activities.)*

What additional involvement – besides 4-H and FFA – do you have in the equine industry?
Describe.

Who has served as your mentor(s) in the equine project and how have they influenced your involvement and growth?

Describe how you have mentored other members in this project area and what impact you feel you have made on their lives.

What are your future educational and career plans?