



Iowa 4-H Youth Development Financial Assistance for 4-H Volunteers

The Iowa 4-H Foundation has approved funds for use by 4-H volunteers who need financial assistance to participate in the Iowa 4-H Youth program. These funds are intended to provide an opportunity for 4-H volunteers who otherwise would be financially unable to participate in events or activities at the area, state, regional, or national level.

HOW TO APPLY

The following guidelines have been established for applying for financial assistance.

1. Any 4-H volunteer who is a participant in an Extension 4-H youth program, or programs recognized by the 4-H Youth Program, is eligible.
2. An Extension staff member on behalf of the volunteer or a volunteer leader may submit an application using a copy of the Financial Assistance Application form, VI-8063-FS.
3. Participants should ideally bear some portion of the activity cost. It has been our experience that those who pay a portion of the cost to participate in an event do so with a more positive attitude. It is further expected that local, county or area groups will also provide some assistance if possible.
4. The Iowa 4-H Foundation has a limited amount of money for financial assistance. These funds should be allocated among as many different individuals as feasible. Therefore, individuals requesting assistance for a second opportunity will not receive as high a priority as someone who has not previously received assistance.
5. Financial assistance applications should be made at least 30 days prior to the event except for the Regional Volunteer Forum, which is due September 1. This deadline will permit a more careful analysis of requests and allocation of funds.
6. The applicant should attach a brief (one page or less) statement of what they hope to gain, how they will share the information as a result of their participation, and why they are requesting financial assistance.
7. Please include a statement by an Extension staff member explaining the volunteer's participation in the 4-H program.

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