



Instructions for Iowa 4-H Scholarships

The Iowa 4-H Scholarship program is designed to encourage Iowa 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school.

Iowa 4-H'ers participating in any 4-H and youth educational program are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet eligibility requirements. **Check eligibility carefully for specifics relating to each scholarship, i.e.: designated college and/or major program of study, county of residence.** Applicants must enroll as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours) to receive scholarship awards.

Unless otherwise stated, scholarship recipients will forfeit their award if they make changes to schools or majors that are not included in the scholarship criteria. Scholarships and amounts awarded are contingent on continued funding by award donors.

All application materials and instructions are available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/teens/scholarships.htm>.

1. **Scholarship applications must be received before or on February 1, 2010 at:** 4-H Scholarships, Extension 4-H Youth Bldg-ISU, Ames IA 50011-3630. Direct questions to Mitchell Hoyer, 515-294-1531, mhoyer@iastate.edu.
2. The following items are required with each application:
 - a. 4-H College Scholarship Transmittal form, VI-2028-SAS.
 - b. 4-H Scholarship Application, VI-950903-SAS for high school seniors, freshman level scholarships.
-OR-
4-H College Scholarship Application, VI-000901-SAS for current college students, upper class level scholarships.
 - c. Current, complete grade transcript (include Fall 2009 grades).
 - d. Two letters of recommendation:
 - 1) one from an Extension staff member or 4-H volunteer and
 - 2) one from a school/college academic advisor or teacher.
3. Refer to the Iowa 4-H Scholarship Listing for Fall 2010 for individual scholarship eligibility requirements. DO NOT ADD extra material.
4. All confirmed 4-H scholarships are listed including eligibility requirements. Announcements of any new scholarships will be sent to the county Extension offices and news media.
5. Only ONE application form is needed for all 4-H scholarships listed. 4-H'ers may apply for any scholarship for which they are eligible to receive. Only one 4-H Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member in any one academic year.

6. Evaluation Criteria (to be used as a guideline—individual scholarships may vary)

	% Value	Evaluated From	
		Freshman Application	College Application
4-H Participation/Service	40 %	pg 3 Q 8	pg 3 Q 9; pg 4 Q 11
Scholastic Record and Participation	20 %	pg 2; pg 4 Q 9	pg 3 Q 10; pg 4 Q 11 and grade transcript(s)
Goals and Future Plans	20 %	pg 2 Qs 3-4; pg 4 Q 10	pg 2 Qs 3,4,5; pg 4 Q 12
Need	10 %	pg 2 Qs 5,6,7	pg 2 Qs 6,7,8
Character	10%	pg 4 Q9	pg 4 Qs 10,11 and Letters of Reference

7. Hills Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grant Application packet for high school juniors (do not have to be 4-H members—see criteria for eligible counties). See special application packet for information.



Helpful Hints for Preparing Iowa 4-H Scholarship Applications

- The 4-H Scholarship Application, VI-950903-SAS is to be used by all entering freshman students, fall 2010.
- 4-H College Scholarship Application, VI-000901-SAS is to be used by all current college students.

Your attention to detail and inclusion of specific information will help the selection committee consider each application to identify the most worthy applicant(s).

Submit the completed application before or on **February 1** to:

4-H Scholarships
Extension 4-H Youth Bldg-ISU
Ames IA 50011-3630

Helpful Hints

1. Be sure to complete the information requested on the 4-H Scholarship Transmittal form, VI-2028-SAS. Attach Transmittal to the **front** of your application.
2. **DO NOT ADD PAGES TO YOUR APPLICATION.** Utilize only the space available. (Minimum font is 10 point, minimum margins .5 inches.)
3. Include current, complete grade transcript (include Fall 2009 grades/classes).
4. Complete SAT and/or ACT on page 2 of the application form. (Explain if not available.)
5. Page 2: freshman app. questions 3, 4 (or college app questions 3, 4, 5) will be important to the selection committee.
6. The major listed on page 1 will be used to verify eligibility for scholarships that require a specific field of study.
7. Need, Page 2: freshman app. question 6 (or college app. question 7) — Describe family income, unemployment, special circumstances, health, or other unexpected financial concerns. Include any facts you can to tell your financial needs and plans for financing advanced education.
8. Experiences in 4-H: freshman app. page 3, question 8 (or college app. page 3, question 9 and page 4 question 11) — Use space to **highlight** each year's **major 4-H experiences and participation**. Include leadership, citizenship, major accomplishments in projects. (Could use narrative format.)

Example:

2009 — Club president; County 4-H Council, Chr. of Jr. Lock-in; MC for County Award Program; attended CWF trip; President Older Youth Club.

Projects: Beef — Selected 3 head; Co. showmanship; Demonstrated "Grooming Techniques" at county workshop.

Clothing —Wardrobe plan; Represent Co. in State Clothing Selection; Conducted sewing workshop for three junior members.

Recognition: County Clothing Award; Communications Award trip

9. **Incorporate and/or emphasize information relative to the individual scholarship criteria; e.g., state fair participation, project accomplishment for some scholarships, etc.**
10. Include involvement in school, church, community, and college, if applicable. (Freshman app. page 4 or college app. page 3 and 4)
11. Letters of recommendation — confide in those who write recommendations for you specific information that will help them more effectively support your application.