



# 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. **Application material must be received on site or postmarked no later than March 1, 2012 to be considered.** Send to: 4-H Scholarships, Extension 4-H Youth Bldg, ISU, Ames IA 50011-3630. Direct questions to Mitchell Hoyer, 515-294-1531, [mhoyer@iastate.edu](mailto:mhoyer@iastate.edu). (Exception is the Lloyd, Inc. 4-H Scholarship, for first year Vet Med students, which has an April 1, 2012 deadline.)
2. The following items are required with application:
  - a. 4-H College Scholarship Transmittal form, VI-2028-SAS.
  - b. 4-H Scholarship Application, VI-950903-SAS for high school seniors, freshman fall 2012.  
--OR--  
4-H College Scholarship Application, VI-000901-SAS for current college students.
  - c. Current, complete grade transcript (include Fall 2011 grades).
  - d. Two letters of recommendation:
    - one from an Extension staff member or 4-H volunteer  
and
    - one from a school/college academic advisor or teacher.
 [**OR** college undergraduates may submit **both** letters from academic advisors.]
3. Refer to the Iowa 4-H Scholarship Listing for Fall 2012 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)

	<u>% Value</u>	<u>Evaluated From</u>	
		<u>Freshman Application</u>	<u>College Application</u>
4-H Participation/Service	<b>40 %</b>	pg 21 Q 11	pg 26 Q 12; pg 27 Q 15
Scholastic Record and Participation	<b>20 %</b>	pg 19 Qs 1,2; pg 22 Q 12	pg 24 Qs 1,2; pg 27 Q 14; pg 16, Q 13 and grade transcript(s)
Goals and Future Plans	<b>20 %</b>	pg 19 Qs 3,4; pg 22 Q 13	pg 24 Qs 3,4,5; pg 27 Q 15
Need	<b>10 %</b>	pg 02 Qs 5,6,7,8,9,10	pg 25 Qs 6,7,8,9,10,11
Character	<b>10%</b>	pg 21 Q 11; pg 22 Q 12	pg 26 Q 13; pg 27 Q 14 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. Application material must be received on site or postmarked no later than **February 1, 2012** to be considered.



# 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 2012.
- 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).

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## **Helpful Hints**

- 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 materials.
- DO NOT ADD PAGES TO YOUR APPLICATION. Utilize only the space available. (Minimum font is 10 point, minimum margins .5 inches.)
- Include current, complete grade transcript (include Fall 2011 grades/classes).
- Complete SAT and/or ACT on the second page of the application form. (Explain if not available.)
- Questions 3, 4, 5 (second page) will be important to the selection committee.
- The major listed on the first page will be used to verify eligibility for scholarships that require a specific field of study.
- Financial need (third page) — 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.
- Experiences in 4-H (fourth page).
  - Use space available to describe, highlight, and/or summarize your accomplishments that uniquely qualify you for the scholarship(s) for which you are applying.
  - Options for documenting 4-H experiences
    - Narrative—well organized, by year, project, experience, etc. Consider using headings for reviewers to easily locate information.
    - Listing of accomplishments/activities:
      - Summarize significant contributions and activities.
      - Organize by year, project, event, etc.
      - Document/include your contribution/involvement/leadership
      - May use abbreviations: **c**=county; **a**=area; **s**=state; **sf**=state fair, etc.
    - Combination of narrative and listing.
- **Incorporate and/or emphasize information relative to the individual scholarship criteria; e.g., state fair participation, project accomplishment, leadership/citizenship, etc.**
- Include involvement in school, church, community, and college, if applicable. (Freshman app. pg 22 Q 12 or college app. pgs 26,27, Qs 13,14)
- Letters of recommendation — confide in those who write recommendations for you specific information that will help them more effectively support your application.