



Howard County 4-H Alumni Scholarship



Dear 4-H'er,

The "Howard County 4-H Alumni Scholarship" is a \$500.00 scholarship designed to encourage 4-H'ers to continue their education beyond high school.

ABOUT THE 4-H ALUMNI GROUP

The Howard County 4-H Alumni group was formed in August 2007. The committee is made up of Howard County 4-H Alumni who believe young people today can provide positive outcomes in our world through leadership, citizenship, knowledge, personal life management and communication.

ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. Nominee must be a member of the Howard County 4-H Program and submit the application form by March 15, as instructed.
2. Nominee must participate in a scheduled interview on March 31, 2023. Failure to participate in an interview will disqualify your application.
3. Nominee must be planning to enroll in an accredited college or university in the fall following the application.
4. Funds will be rewarded to scholarship recipient(s) upon submission of their first semester transcript and second semester class schedule.
5. Recipient(s) will be chosen through written application and personal interview by Howard County 4-H Alumni board members.
6. Recipients of the scholarship will be recognized and receive an award certificate at their high school "Award Night" program.
7. Scholarship will be disbursed upon receipt of first semester grade transcript and second semester class enrollment. This must be received by April 1 following award ceremony in order for this scholarship to be awarded.

EVALUATION CRITERIA (to be used as a guideline)

1. 4-H Participation/Service
 - Evidence of leadership – roles, positions, leading or teaching
 - Project Work and accomplishments
 - Depth of 4H work – club, county, state – what are you involved in.
2. Scholastic Transcript & Participation
 - Transcript signed by administrator
 - Leadership roles in school
 - College acceptance letter, if available
3. Two Letters of Recommendation
 - One from teacher, school official or coach
 - One from non-family community 4-H Volunteer – paid Extension staff does not qualify
4. Essay from Applicant
 - 300-500 words typed about yourself and future
5. Professionalism, Goals and Future Plans
 - Personal Interview with Committee

REQUIRED ITEMS TO BE SUBMITTED:

1. Application.
2. Written Essay: Write and attach a one-page (300-500 word) typed essay about yourself including future plans beyond college.
3. Two Letters of Recommendation: (a) one from a teacher, school official or coach; and (b) one from a non-family community 4-H *volunteer* (paid Extension staff do not qualify).

Copy of college acceptance letter, if available.

Official High School Transcript.

Return completed application by **March 15, 2023 no later than 4 p.m.** to:

ISU Extension and Outreach Howard County

132 1st Ave West

Cresco, IA 52136

(Remember to include two letters of recommendation)

Instructions for Letters of Recommendation for the Howard County 4-H Alumni Scholarship For Howard County 4-H'ers

To the applicant: Please submit two letters with application.

1. Contact and ask a non-family 4-H volunteer (paid Extension staff do not qualify) to write a letter of recommendation. Provide them with the following information or other details that will help them write a letter to support your application.
2. Contact and ask a teacher, school official or coach to write a letter of recommendation. Provide them with the following information or other details that will help them write a letter to support your application.
3. This letter of recommendation, vouching for the applicant's character and stability, should not exceed one type-written page.
4. Be sure your letters of recommendation are signed.
5. Two Letters of recommendation should accompany the application, **due to ISU Extension and Outreach Howard County Office by 4 p.m. on March 15, 2023**

What does Howard County 4-H Alumni Do?

- The goals and mission were developed during the founding of the 4-H Alumni Group. The group strives to reach the goals of the mission each year. If you have ideas that the Alumni Committee can build from in order to reach our mission, please share with the Extension Office.
- To increase Howard County 4-H Endowment Fund to a level that the interest created can help support and grow our county 4-H program as well as provide scholarships for young people.
- To rekindle the 4-H spirit in 4-H Alumni to move local alums to volunteer their talents and time to the Howard County 4-H Program. • To create an alumni pool of short-term volunteers from which we can fish for long-term volunteers in years to come.
- To provide opportunities for alumni to gather, to provide fellowship, and to support and promote the benefits of being a 4-H member in Howard County.



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4-H Achievement Scholarship
for Howard County 4-H'ers



Return Completed Application and Letters of Recommendation

By 4 p.m. on **March 15, 2023** to
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I. General Information

Name of Applicant _____
Current Address _____ Phone Number _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Name and address of parent or legal guardian _____

Years in 4-H, including senior year _____ Probable Major _____
What 4-H Club are you affiliated with: _____

II. Academic Scholarship Record (to be signed by Educational Administrator)

Please submit official academic transcript signed by an administrator.

III. Leadership Activities (Please denote level of participation or which award was received— Local, Area, State or National.) May submit response on additional page.

A. Major activities, projects and offices held in 4-H:

B. Community or high school involvement outside of 4-H:

IV. Written Essay: Write and attach a one-page (300-500 word) typed essay about yourself including future plans beyond college

Date

Applicants signature

EVALUATION CRITERIA for COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE:
(to be used as a guideline)

1. 4-H Participation/Service-50%

Knowledge and skills gained.
Goals and growth in projects.
Citizenship and service.
Leadership related to projects.
Personal growth with project learning - club, county, and/or state.

2. Scholastic Transcript & Participation-10%

Leadership in school.
Transcript.
College acceptance, if available.

3. Two Letters of Recommendation-5%

One letter from teacher, school official or coach.
One letter from non-family community 4-H volunteer (paid Extension staff do not qualify).
Character in school and community.

4. Essay from Applicant-25%

300-500 words typed about yourself and future.
Uses concise information.
Demonstrates benefits of 4-H.
Evaluates self.
Organizes thoughts for easy readability.
Applies correct grammar and spelling.

5. Professionalism, Goals and Future Plans-10%

Personal interview with committee demonstrating poise, confidence, posture, clear articulation and professional appearance.
Communicates well in person.
Shares experiences and learning with others.

TOTAL _____