

Financial Aid for 4-H Opportunities

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is committed to ensuring that financial need is not a barrier to participation in the Iowa 4-H Program or Iowa 4-H events.

Financial aid is available for:

- Program membership fee
- State-wide events such as State 4-H Conference
- Regional or county events such as camps, workshops, etc.

Many counties offer support as well. Applicants should reach out to their [County Extension Office](#) before applying to better understand what might be available to them.

Fully complete the [application form](#) and return to your County Youth Coordinator. You'll be notified of any assistance awarded via e-mail a week after application submission to the Foundation.

Applicants do not need to be 4-H members to apply, but must be attending an Iowa 4-H sponsored event or activity.

Para version español presione [aquí](#).

If you have questions or need assistance completing the form, please contact us at 515-294-1537 or email iowa4h@iastate.edu.

Additional Details / Information for 4-H Staff

- 1) Applications for assistance may be submitted at anytime and will be evaluated on a rolling basis. Applicants and county staff will be notified of their financial aid award within one week of submission.
- 2) Any youth who are potential participants in Iowa State University Extension youth programs, or programs recognized by the State 4-H Youth Development office are eligible. Young people do not have to be a 4-H club member to receive financial assistance, but do need to be residents of Iowa.
- 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 or county groups will also provide some assistance if possible.
- 4) The Iowa 4-H Foundation has a limited amount of funding available for financial assistance. These funds will be distributed 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) The application requires two statements. One from the applicant telling us why they want to attend the event/activity. This should be written by the applicant, or dictated to an adult if assistance is necessary. The second from a parent/guardian, 4-H leader, or Extension staff member explaining the financial circumstance of the family and any other relevant information. No funding will be provided without these statements. The statements can be attached on a single, separate page or written/printed on the back of the application form.

6) Use a separate Financial Assistance Application for Youth Form for EACH applicant.
Exception for youth attending a 4-H Connect.

7) Receiving financial assistance does not register youth for the event/activity. Enrollment, registration forms and/or deposits must be sent according to their instructions.

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[Application Form](#)

[Aplicación Para Asistencia Financiera En Español](#)



Financial Assistance Application for Youth

Applications for assistance may be submitted at any time and will be evaluated on a rolling basis. Applicants should return their form to their county extension office for submission to the Foundation.

1. Participant Information

Name: _____ County: _____

Home mailing/street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Parent Email: _____

Grade: _____ Current 4-H Member: Yes No If yes, years in 4-H: _____

2. I am applying for:

*Requests for assistance for multiple opportunities can be made at the same time **or** by submitting separate forms*

4-H Membership Fee (*not to exceed \$40 per youth*)

I am a first year 4-H'er

Iowa 4-H Camp, Event or Activity

Event I would like to attend: _____

Date(s): _____ Type of event/activity (check one): County Multi-county/Regional State

Total Cost \$ _____

Amount I am able to pay \$ _____

Other support \$ _____

Amount requested from Iowa 4-H Foundation \$ _____

Have you previously received financial assistance from the Iowa 4-H Foundation? Yes No

If yes, when and for what purpose: _____

**** Please complete interest statement and statement of financial need on second page**

Required Signatures:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of County Extension Staff Member: _____ Date: _____

County Staff: Send form to: Iowa 4-H Foundation, Ext. 4-H Youth Building, Ames IA 50011
Or email: iowa4h@iastate.edu.

For Office Use: Amount Funded: \$ _____ Approved by: _____ Confirmation Letter Sent: _____

3. Interest Statement: To be completed by youth or dictated to parent/guardian, Extension staff, or volunteer leader. Please share a statement of interest below and tell us why you want to participate in this event or activity. **Application will NOT be considered without this statement.**

4. Financial need: To be completed by parent/guardian, Extension staff, or volunteer leader. Please share a statement of financial need. **Application will NOT be considered without this statement.**