

February 1, 2023

Dear Graduating Senior,

The time has come to fill out applications for Johnson County 4-H Scholarships! These scholarships are available due to generous community partners and families, and our county is fortunate to have these opportunities. Here you will find a listing of all the scholarship opportunities. Please read the detailed descriptions to verify your eligibility for each award.

To be eligible for these scholarships, the applicant must:

- Be an active Johnson County 4-H member.
- Be graduating during the current school year.
- Enter a curriculum leading toward a degree at a college, university, or trade/vocational school.
- Meet college entrance requirements and have made or in process of an application for admission.
- Letter of recommendation sent directly to Isabella Sexton by March 1, 2023
 - Letter must include highlights of the following:
 - Club participation
 - Leadership roles
 - Character qualities
 - Citizenship

Applications can be found on our website on the recognition and awards page:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/recognitionawards>

The applications are due at the Extension Office on March 1, 2023 by 5pm. Interviews will be conducted on Sunday, March 26th, from 1:00 until complete, at the Extension Office. Interviews will be scheduled every 10-15 minutes. Late applications will **NOT** be accepted.

Scholarships will be publicly recognized on Wednesday night during the Awards presentation at the Johnson County 4-H and FFA Fair. A member of our staff or the Youth Development Committee will be available to present at your school awards ceremony upon your request. Awarded money is disbursed following the completion of one semester/term of education in the fall. If you have questions, please call Johnson County Extension at 319-337-2145.

Sincerely,

Isabella Sexton
County Youth Coordinator

2023 Johnson County 4-H Scholarship Opportunities

The George Reeve Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is established in memory of George Reeve, a long time 4-H supporter. One scholarship will in the amount of \$200 will go to a graduating 4-H senior excelling in the Beef project.

The Ruth Wagner Farm Bureau Scholarship

The Johnson County Farm Bureau Board provides this scholarship. To be eligible for this \$250 scholarship your parents must be Johnson County Farm Bureau members and you must plan to pursue a degree in the Agriculture field. This scholarship is based on academics; community, school, and 4-H involvement; leadership and honors; and a one-page essay should be attached.

Bowersox Memorial Scholarship – Ends 2026

This scholarship has been established in the memory of Jim Bowersox. One scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$300. This scholarship is open to any 4-H member and will be based upon leadership and involvement in the program.

Tom Wall Memorial Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is being donated by American Mutual Insurance. Beside 4-H, one of Tom's passions was his family farm. He lived and breathed the epitome of what being a farmer means. Members are required to be pursuing a career in agriculture in order to qualify for this award.

Ruth Pate Memorial Scholarship – Ends 2024

Ruth was an active volunteer in Montgomery Hall for many years. This \$300 scholarship will be based on overall 4-H involvement and citizenship with preference given to members excelling with Montgomery Hall projects over your 4-H career.

The Pauline Redfern-Wasson Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in the memory of Pauline Redfern-Wasson. One scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$300. This scholarship is open to any 4-H member and will be based on leadership and involvement in 4-H.

Larry Downes Memorial Scholarship

Larry Downes farmed in rural Oxford where he founded L&L Simmentals and Show Supplies. He and his wife, Emma Lou were leaders of the Cosgrove Hustlers 4-H club. Larry continued to be a strong supporter of the 4-H program as well as the Johnson County Cattlemen's Association after retirement. This award is sponsored by the Downes' family and the Cosgrove Hustlers. One \$500 will be awarded to a graduating senior 4-H/FFA in the beef project. Applicants should be enrolled in the breeding or market beef project areas, show leadership and a passion for the industry, and have at least three years of showing experience.

The 4-H Youth Development Committee Scholarships

These scholarships are made possible by funds raised from the Pizza/Pop concession stand at the Johnson County Fair. These scholarships are based on 4-H involvement, leadership, and citizenship.

