



Iowa 4-H Youth Development Member Fee Assistance Application Instructions for Youth

The Iowa 4-H Foundation has approved funds for use by youth who need financial assistance to pay the member fee for club and individual participation in the Iowa 4-H Youth program. These funds are intended to provide an opportunity for youth who otherwise would be financially unable to register as club or individual members in 4-H.

HOW TO APPLY

The following guidelines have been established for applying for financial assistance.

1. Any youth who are potential participants in Extension youth programs, or programs recognized by the 4-H Youth Development programs are eligible. The member fee applies to youth who are registered as individual members or as members of 4-H clubs.
2. An Extension staff member, a volunteer leader, teacher, or parent may submit an application using VI-070201-JL and follow all instructions.
3. Participants should ideally pay some portion of their member fee. It has been our experience that those who pay a portion of the cost to participate in 4-H do so with a more positive attitude. It is also encouraged that local or county groups help provide some assistance if possible.
4. The Iowa 4-H Foundation has a limited amount of money for financial assistance. These funds will be allocated among as many different individuals as feasible. We also recognize that many youth leave 4-H after their first year in the program, and that a current program goal is to retain more members after their first year in 4-H. Therefore, individuals requesting assistance in the first and second years of their 4-H involvement may receive priority over those who have been involved (and received member fee assistance) for a longer period of time.
5. Requests for member fee assistance may be submitted at any time to the Iowa 4-H Foundation. However, funding is limited, so timeliness is important (the Foundation operates on a budget year beginning July 1).
6. A brief statement **is required** by an Extension worker, 4-H leader, or parent explaining the financial situation of the family and other pertinent information. **No funding will be provided without a financial statement.**
7. Use a 4-H Member Fee Assistance Application for Youth Form (VI-070201-JL) **for each family or group home with an applicant or applicants.**

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