2025 JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Who can apply? Current Jefferson County 4-H Members who are:

- 1. Current high school seniors continuing their education after graduation
- 2. Current high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors taking Career & Technical Education Pathway courses through a Technical College Program
- 3. Current high school sophomore or juniors who will be enrolled in prerequisite concurrent classes during the high school day

Requirements:

- 1. Completed Application Form
- 2. Personal Statement *See Attached Personal Statement Guidelines
- 3. Two Letters of Recommendation can not be from a family member
 - a. One must come from a 4-H Club Leader, Project Leader, or 4-H Volunteer
 - b. One must come from a teacher, advisor, professor, or other
- 4. A copy of your high school transcript (not a copy from your SIS; ie PowerSchool, etc.)
- 5. 4-H Record Book

Deadline for Submission: March 28, 2025

- Deliver all items together in the order stated above to the Meadowlark District Office in Oskaloosa by the end of the business day. Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
- If you need to mail items, please sent to:

PO Box 326, Oskaloosa, Kansas 66066

Electronic copies will NOT be accepted.

How will I be notified if I received a scholarship and when will I receive my funds?

- Scholarship winners will be announced at local high school graduations and/or award ceremonies.
- Parents of homeschooled and college students will be contacted directly.
- Proof of enrollment must be submitted by October 1st to the attention of:
 - 4-H Foundation Scholarship Committee % Meadowlark Extension District Office PO Box 326, Oskaloosa, Kansas 66066
- Monies will be awarded at the Annual 4-H Achievement Banquet in November

No additional pages are allowed with this application unless otherwise indicated based on a specific scholarship. The selection committee reserves the right to split scholarships based on qualifications and the number of applicants. All applicants for the Jefferson County 4-H Foundation Scholarship will be expected to schedule an interview with the selection committee. A sign-up sheet for interviews will be available when you submit your application.

| Full Name: _ | | | | Current Age: |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| | First | Middle | Last | |
| Address: | | | | |
| | Street or PO Box # | | City/Town | Zip Code |
| High School | Name: | | | Year in High School: |
| College or F | Pathway Enrolled in c | or Planning to Enroll in: _ | | |
| Anticipated | Maior [.] | | | |

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| Applicant Name: | |
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All applications will be looked over for the following scholarship opportunities. Please read the description and qualifications as well as any other items needed to be considered for the scholarship.

If items are missing you will not be considered for a scholarship.

| Name of Scholarship & Amount | Description of Scholarship & Qualifications | Other Items Needed |
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| 4-H Foundation Scholarship (2) - \$500 each Check here if you are applying for this scholarship | Must have been in 4-H for at least 5 years May be used at the college or trade school of your choice for any curriculum | - An interview with the selection committee set up at the time of submitting your application |
| Dorothy Phillips Scholarship - \$300 Check here if you are applying for this scholarship | - Must have been in 4-H for at least 5 years - May be used at the college or trade school of your choice for any curriculum | |
| Norris Rees Scholarship - \$150 Check here if you are applying for this scholarship | Applicant must attend Kansas State University (KSU) May be used in any curriculum Priority given to Horticulture Majors | |
| Clifford Houk Scholarship - \$200 Check here if you are applying for this scholarship | May be used at the college or trade school of your choice for any curriculum Priority given to Dairy Majors | |
| Allen Houk Scholarship - \$500 Check here if you are applying for this scholarship | May be used at any post-high school college or trade school of your choice for any curriculum Priority given to Agricultural related fields High priority given to applicants wanting to continue the family farm or return to work in their community in an agricultural related field | Must include a statement of educational or career objectives |
| Nedra Boyce Scholarship - \$300 Check here if you are applying for this scholarship | May be used at the college or trade school of your choice for any curriculum High Priority given to applicants that are or have been a Jefferson County 4-H Beef Project Member Other livestock project members may apply for this scholarship but are not high priority Applicants may only receive this scholarship one time Check here if you are or have been a member of the Jeff. Co Beef Project | - Must include a short essay, not to exceed 250 words, describing the leadership activities/involvement in the beef project, or in other livestock projects should no current applicants have been/are enrolled in the Beef Project |

| Applicant Name: | |
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Available Scholarships Continued

| Name of Scholarship & Amount | Description of Scholarship & Qualifications | Other Items Needed |
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| Dorothy Kirkham Scholarship - \$200 Check here if you are applying for this scholarship | May be used at the college or trade school of your choice for any curriculum | |
| Karl L. Kabus Scholarship - \$200 Check here if you are applying for this scholarship | May be used at the college or trade school of your choice for any curriculum High Priority is given to relatives of Karl Kabus Check here if you are a relative to Karl Kabus | |
| Ruth Winter Scholarship - \$150 Check here if you are applying for this scholarship | May be used at the college or trade school of your choice for any curriculum High Priority is given to relatives of Ruth Winter Check here if you are a relative to Ruth Winter | |
| Rob Hensleigh Scholarship - \$400 Check here if you are applying for this scholarship | May be used at a four-year university or college of your choice for any curriculum | |
| Joan Pentlin Scholarship - \$100 Check here if you are applying for this scholarship | May be used at the college or trade school of your choice for any curriculum Priority goes to Fairview 4-H Club Members involved in the Arts & Crafts Project | . 101 |

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the information below based on your club involvement.

Section 1: CLUB INFORMATION

| Name of Club: | |
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| Years in 4-H: | |
| # of monthly meetings held since October 1, 2024 | |
| # of monthly meetings attended since October 1, 2024 | |

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY: Please indicate if the item below is a (L) local, (C) county, or (S/N) state/national event. Applicants can list no more than five items in each area, one activity per line. items in each area. **Review Section 3 – do not include those items in Section 2.**

Section 2: ACTIVITIES

| L | C | S/N | Briefly list & describe your top five 4-H leadership experiences. | | |
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| L | С | S/N | Briefly list & describe your top five 4-H achievements. | | |
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| | | | 4. | | |
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| L | С | S/N | Briefly list & describe your top five 4-H community service projects. | | |
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| | | | 5. | | |

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INSTRUCTIONS: Check the box that applies to you. Do not include anything listed in Section 2.

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Section 3: ADDITIONAL 4-H ACHIEVEMENTS

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| Award/Achievement | Year(s) | Title/Position | | |
| □ Received the Key Award | | | | |
| □ Served as a 4-H Club Senior Officer* | | 101 | | |
| □ Served as a 4-H Council Officer | | 5; | | |
| □ Served as a 4-H Ambassador | | 2/2/ | | |
| *Senior Officers include: President, Vice-Presid | ent, Secretary, Treasurer, F | Reporter | | |
| Applicant Name: | | | | |
| Applicant Signature: | Date: | | | |
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| Community Leader Name: | | | | |
| Community Leader Signature: | Date: | | | |

^{*}if your community leader is your parent/guardian please use another leader in your club to sign off on the information above

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Jefferson County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Personal Statement Guidelines

Your personal statement serves as a powerful opportunity to introduce yourself, explain why you deserve a scholarship, and offer insights that are not covered in your references or any other part of this application. This is your chance to speak directly to the scholarship committee and highlight your individual story. A strong personal statement will have three distinct sections: an introduction, a body, and a conclusion.

Introduction

Start by introducing yourself. Mention who you are and explain why you are applying for this scholarship. Conclude your opening paragraph with a statement that captures the committee's attention and makes you memorable. This is your first chance to make an impression, so think about what makes you unique, sets you apart from other applicants, and how you can connect your experiences to the scholarship opportunity.

Body

The body of your personal statement should focus on your experiences in 4-H, community involvement, and how 4-H has influenced your academic and career goals. Describe your achievements in 4-H and the impact those experiences have had on both you and your community. Rather than simply listing tasks you've completed (like helping at a fair), go deeper: explain how you contributed, what you learned, and how your actions benefited others. This is where you can set yourself apart from other applicants by illustrating your leadership, commitment, and the tangible difference you've made in your community through 4-H.

Conclusion

In your conclusion, recap how your achievements and community involvement through 4-H make you a strong candidate for this scholarship. Be clear about how receiving this scholarship will help you pursue your educational and career goals. End with a compelling statement about why you believe you deserve this scholarship, ensuring the committee understands your passion and commitment.

Guidelines for Your Personal Statement:

- Format the letter in a professional business style
- Keep it to one page in length single spaced, or two pages double spaced
- Use a font no smaller than 11-point size and no larger than 14-point size
- Ensure it's free from grammatical or spelling errors
- Include a signature block at the end, and be sure to sign the letter
- Address the letter to the Jefferson County 4-H Foundation

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