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Introduction

Dear Idaho 4-H Members,

Congratulations on your decision to pursue post-secondary education! We have several scholarship opportunities that are available to you through the Idaho 4-H Scholarship Endowment Fund as well as our 4-H college sponsors. To qualify for these scholarships, you must complete the 4-H College Scholarship Application and meet the individual scholarship requirements outlined in the scholarship opportunities section.

Applying for a 4-H College Scholarship **does not** mean you have to accept the University of Idaho as your institution for higher education to receive the 4-H scholarship, unless specified with the scholarship requirements.

We have created this guide to help you through the 4-H College Scholarship Application process and to provide information on our scholarships. You can find additional information at https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/impact.
Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding the application process.

Best Wishes,
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***** NOTE: If you are awarded a 4-H College Scholarship and then decide to take a gab year, for any reason (i.e. going on a mission, helping on the family farm, not sure what to major in, going to take a year and walk to the East Coast), please let our office know ASAP.**
We might be able to award that college scholarship to the runner up.
Please note some college scholarships are open to 4-H youth between the ages of 16 and 20.

Getting Started with the 4-H College Scholarship Application

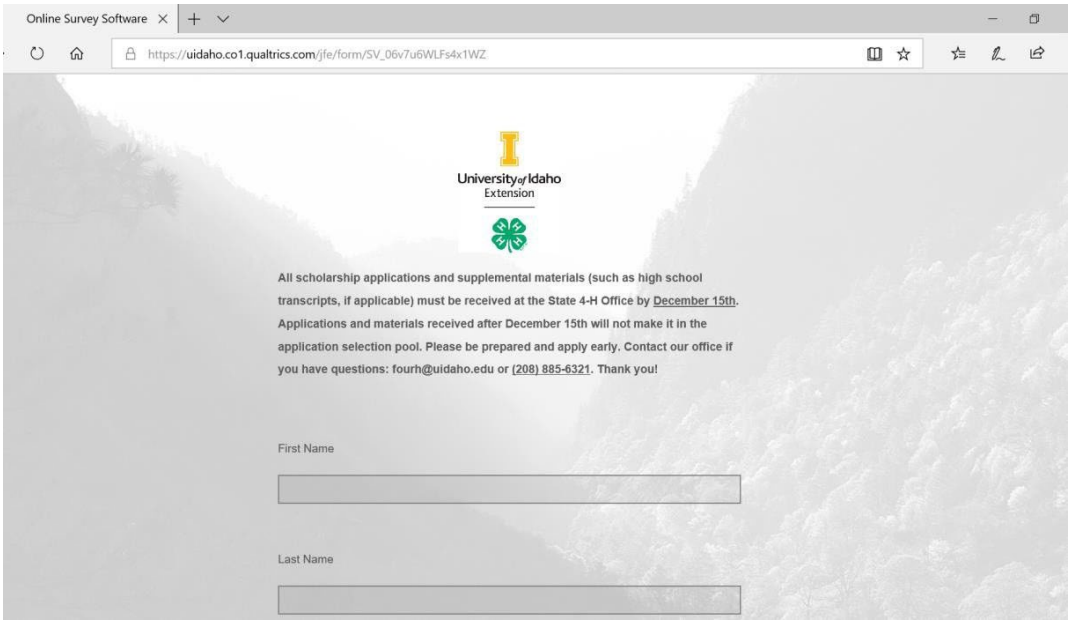
Step One:

Prepare for the application process. To ensure your application is completed to the best of your ability, you should be prepared with the following items before beginning the application:

- The name and address of the college you plan to attend
- Know the scholarship(s) you are applying for
- 4-H Resume
- Two Letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an academic advisor or school official. (teacher, counselor, principal, or coach). One must be from a 4-H Leader or 4-H Professional (Extension Educator, 4-H Specialist, 4-H Program Coordinator)
- Include a copy of your high school transcript, unofficial is acceptable.
- Some scholarships may require a short 250-word essay, please be aware and prepared.

Step Two:

Visit https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/impact to access the link to the current application.
You will upload your 4-H resume, 2 letters of recommendations, and high school transcripts in this application, along with any essay's needed for certain scholarships.
Please make sure the documents are in PDF format.



Step Three:

Fill out application information including:
Helpful Hint- please ensure this part of your application is complete and accurate; inaccurate information may result in your application not being considered.

Personal Information

- Name
- Contact Information – please use a personal email and not a high school email address

- County or Tribal 4-H Program
- 4-H Project Areas & enrollment information

Academic Information

- High School graduation date
- Name of the college you plan to attend
- Description of financial need (if applicable)

Scholarship Information

Complete this section to the fullest. Highlight your achievements and accomplishments. This is the section that helps determine your qualifications for scholarships. This section needs to be clear and concise. Highlight your greatest accomplishments relative to both the questions you are answering and the scholarships you feel you are qualified for. For more information about the scholarships, please see pages 5-7.

4-H Resume

Using the resume sample as a guide, you need to create a one-page 4-H Career Resume including:

- The projects you have taken, and the years involved
- Your leadership experience and responsibilities (i.e., offices held and duties, 4-H ambassador activities, etc.)
- Projects or activities as a Teen Leader
- State and national-level experiences/ activities

Essay Questions

If you are applying for a scholarship that requires a brief essay, a text entry box will populate you to enter your essay. It is highly encouraged that you complete your essay questions on a separate document and copy them into the form when they are complete. While it is rare, sometimes the scholarship application platform may glitch and not submit your application correctly, in these instances, if you do not have your essay answer saved elsewhere you would likely have to rewrite it.

Don't forget to check your spelling and grammar. All your documents submitted should be easy to read and understand for the scholarship committee. Don't forget to tell us about all your projects and leadership roles during your 4-H Career. Your application will be reviewed by committee members from outside of your district.

Attach Your Letters of Recommendation & Transcripts

Once you have all your information uploaded into the application, you will need to attach your two letters of recommendation and an unofficial copy of your high school transcript. PDF files are the best to upload, your school or extension office should be able to help you scan your documents if you do not have a digital copy. Ensure no information is cut off. If you wish to send your files via mail, they can be sent to the University of Idaho 4-H, Attn: 4-H College Scholarship Application, 875 Perimeter Dr., MS 3015, Moscow ID 83844-3015. Documents must be received by January 16, to be considered as part of your application.

Submit

Click submit and ensure you are automatically routed to a screen that confirms your application has been submitted.

Congrats! You have just applied for a 4-H College Scholarship!!

Idaho 4-H Scholarship Opportunities

ALL scholarship applications and supplemental materials must be submitted by January 16. Applications received after January 16 will not qualify for the application selection pool, so be prepared and apply EARLY!!

Avista North Idaho 4-H Scholarship

The Avista Foundation has established an annual scholarship program to support 4-H members attending the University of Idaho. Nine $500 scholarships will be awarded each year.

The scholarship shall be available to students who are enrolled full-time at the University of Idaho with a preference for first-year students. Recipients must be former members of a 4-H club from one of the North Idaho counties (Kootenai County, Benewah County, Bonner County, Boundary County, Clearwater County, Idaho County, Latah County, Lewis County, and Nez Perce County). Demonstration of leadership and civic engagement shall be a primary consideration.

Cooper "Whitey" and Leona Fletcher Memorial Scholarship

“Whitey” and Leona Fletcher were residents of Butte City, Idaho, and enjoyed assisting high school students involved in rodeo, cutting horse competitions, and related programs such as 4-H Horse projects.

A $1,000 college scholarship is available to graduating 4-H members who meet the following requirements:

- From the Eastern District (formerly District IV Bannock, Bear Lake, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Clark, Custer, Fort Hall, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Oneida, Power, and Teton counties).
- In 4-H at least five years.
- Leadership and 4-H achievement in horse projects, with secondary considerations of community involvement, academic achievement, and financial need.
- High school GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Attending an Idaho sponsored college or university.
- Completed applications must include a 250-word achievement story.

The scholarship will be granted $400 for the first semester. Upon completion of the first semester with at least a 2.5 GPA, the remaining $600 will be issued. The successful student must notify the UI Extension 4-H Youth Development office with college enrollment information and completion of the first semester to receive funds.

Gwendolyn Brunelle Memorial 4-H Scholarship

The Gwen Brunelle Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to eligible 4-H students who will be incoming freshmen at any public higher education institution in Idaho, including two-year institutions.

Priority is to youth from Ada or Canyon counties, and the second priority is to youth from Gem, Payette, Washington, Boise, or Owyhee counties. Third priority for any Idaho youth. $1000 a year, or $500 per semester.

Idaho Friends of 4-H College Scholarship

The Idaho Friends of 4-H offers $1,000 college scholarships to Idaho 4-H members attending post-secondary schools in Idaho. Scholarships will be offered for first-year students at Idaho universities, colleges, technology, or trade schools.

Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 20 and have been a 4-H member for four years, with at least two of those years during high school.

Johannessen Leadership Scholarship

This scholarship honors the late Erling Johannesen.

A $1,000 college scholarship is available to graduating Idaho 4-H members who have been in 4-H for at least four years and are currently enrolled in 4-H. Overall leadership and 4-H achievement shall be the primary considerations. Community involvement, academic achievement, and financial need are secondary considerations.

Lillian Jeanette Craig Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is offered in memory of Lillian Jeanette Craig, age 2½ who lost her battle with leukemia on Aug. 12, 2008. Lillian's father, Jim Craig, was an active 4-H member and served as judicial workshop coordinator for the Idaho 4-H Know Your Government Conference as an adult. Lillian's grandmother, Mary Jean Craig, retired from the University of Idaho Extension 4-H Youth Development office in December 2009 and was instrumental in establishing the Idaho 4-H College Scholarship Program.

A $1,000 college scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior, or someone currently enrolled in an institution of higher education, who has been involved in 4-H in Idaho and is a childhood cancer survivor or the sibling of someone who has or has had childhood cancer.

Using 250 words or less, describe your involvement in Idaho 4-H and your experience with childhood cancer as a survivor or as a sibling of someone who has or had childhood cancer.

If a sibling, the applicant must have lived in the same household and been between the ages of 4 and 18 when his/her sibling was diagnosed and treated.

The scholarship may be used at any college, university, or vocational institution. Preference will be given to applicants attending academic institutions in Idaho.

Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply 4-H Scholarship

The Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply Company offers $1,000 college scholarships to Idaho 4-H members attending post-secondary schools, not limited to Idaho only. Scholarships will be offered for first-year students at any universities, colleges, technology, or trade schools. Priority consideration will be given to 4-H members from Lemhi County.

Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 20 and have been a 4-H member for four years, with at least two of those years during high school.

O.M. Plummer Memorial Scholarship

The Oregon Community Foundation offers an annual scholarship to an Idaho 4-H member who has participated in livestock showing or judging beyond the county level. Applicants must be a senior in high school, a member of a 4-H livestock club, and have taken livestock projects for at least three years. The amount of the scholarship has varied from $300–$570 in recent years.

Quinn Family 4-H Food Preservation Scholarship

The Quinn Family 4-H Food Preservation Scholarship shall provide eligible Idaho 4-H students who have participated in food preservation projects with scholarships to support their post-secondary education. Applicants must provide 250 words detailing their participation in food preservation projects during their 4-H Career. This scholarship is available to students planning to attend a two-year trade school, an associate degree program, or a four-year college or university of the student's choice.

Roy and Mamie Jones Scholarship

Roy and Mamie Jones were long-time 4-H volunteers in Clearwater County. Mamie became a clothing leader in 1955 and was a leader for 20 years. Roy was never an official leader but was always there to help and encourage youth. Their three girls, Edna, Penny, and Jeannie, were all very active in 4-H.

A $1,000 college scholarship is available to graduating 4-H members from the Northern District, formerly District I (Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai/Shoshone, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce counties), who have been in 4-H at least 5 years.

Leadership and 4-H achievement in projects other than livestock shall be the primary consideration. Community involvement and academic achievement are secondary considerations. The award is not based on financial need.

Ruth Shane Memorial Scholarship

Ruth Shane was a Home Economics (FCS) graduate of the University of Idaho, working as Home Economics researcher for the University of Idaho. She served as Extension Home Economist in Latah and Gooding Counties.

A $1000 scholarship is available to any Idaho graduating high school senior, who has been in 4-H at least 4 years and is currently enrolled in 4-H. Applicant must attend the University of Idaho and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Primary consideration will be given to applicants based on their Family and Consumer Sciences project achievement and leadership experience in 4-H and their community. The successful student must notify the Idaho 4-H Youth Development office with college enrollment information to receive funds.

Scholarship Tips:

1. Apply EARLY. It's important to get your application early to ensure your application is received by January 16, deadline. Applications are open from November 1st through January 16

2. FAFSA information is not needed to apply for these scholarships.

3. When applying for a specific scholarship, be sure to read the criteria and indicate in your written application section how you meet those criteria. For example: if you are applying for the Johannessen Scholarship, the criteria are:
   a. Have been in 4-H for at least four years – share the number of years you have been involved under the achievement section and exponents you did in those activities.
   b. Currently enrolled in 4-H – can be determined through ZSuite. Be sure you are currently enrolled through ZSuite for the current year to be considered for this scholarship.
   c. Primary consideration given to overall leadership and 4-H achievement – Expand about your leadership and 4-H achievements in the activities and achievements section on the application.
   d. Secondary considerations are given to:
      i. Community involvement - this can be expanded in your Community Service section of the application.
      ii. Academic achievement – this can be determined by your high school transcripts
      iii. Financial need – for consideration of certain scholarships, please describe your need for financial assistance.

4. If you are unsure or have questions about this process, please contact us. Feel free to contact our office at any time; we are happy to help! (208) 885-6321.

5. All applicants will be informed by mail by May 1st.

Appendix A- Sample 4-H Resume

First & Last Name

Address • _Home phone: • _Email:

Projects

- **Livestock (2009-2019) – Beef (2009-2019); Dairy Cattle (2010-2019); Meat Goats (2015)**
- **Family Consumer Science – Quilting (2014-2016); Scrapbooking (2014-2015)**
- **Leadership (2015-2018)**
- **Citizenship – Know Your Government (2015)**

Leadership

- **State Idaho 4-H Teen Association Vice President (2018-2019)** – Duties include being an active member of the executive committee for Idaho 4-H, running new officer elections and interviews, updating the by-laws, and planning the annual Teen Conference
- **4-H Club President (2017-2018)** - Duties included presiding at monthly club meetings, being a member of the executive committee, and preparing meeting business
- **County 4-H Council of Presidents (2016-2017)** – Attended Council meetings and reported events to my club
- **District two 4-H Camp Counselor (2016-2017)** – Duties included being responsible for kids in my cabin, leading workshops, and organizing activities for the campers
- **4-H club Vice-President (2015-2016)** – Duties included running the club mentoring program and presiding in the absence of the President
- **4-H club Treasurer (2014-2015)** – Duties included creating the club budget, keeping track of all finances, and composing a monthly treasurer's report
- **4-H club Secretary (2012-2013)** – Duties included recording and typing minutes of every meeting and being on the executive committee
- **Sergeant of Arms of 4-H Club (2009-2010)** – Duties included leading the club in the pledge of allegiance and the 4-H pledge

Projects/Activities as a Teen Leader

- Club Mentoring program organizer (2015-2016)
- Testified before the Idaho House & Senate Transportation Committee in favor of the 4-H license plate bill 2016
- Presented at the State 4-H Know Your Government Conference 2016, 2017
- Went school shopping for needy kids with my club 2009-2019
- Helped clean 4-H camp and paint benches 2016-2017
- Raked Leaves for Rake-Up-Boise with my club 2009-2015
- Served food at Leader's Auction 2016, 2017

State and National Contests and Activities

- **State Livestock Judging Contest** (Competed 2011-2013), Qualified and competed in, Won first place junior team (2010) and Second place senior team qualifying us to go to Nationals (2015)
- **State Livestock Skill-a-thon** (2016) – First place senior Team
- **Ambassador's retreat** (2015-2016) – Attended, met other 4-H members around the state, and gave a speech.
- **Teen Conference** (2015-2016) – Helped plan and attended the Leadership, Challenge course, and reporting tracks
- **National 4-H Dairy Conference** (Madison, WI 2017) - Was a delegate and learned more about the dairy industry
- **Western National Round-Up Livestock Judging contest** (Denver, CO 2018) Champion Goat Judger and 19th team

SAMPLE