

# Ashland County's 4-H Leaders Association

## Scholarships for 2021:



**Clearer Thinking Scholarship**  
**Greater Loyalty Scholarship**  
**Larger Service Scholarship**  
**Better Living Scholarship**



4-H Pledge: "I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world."

The Ashland County 4-H Leaders Association offers four (4) scholarships to outstanding, graduating Ashland County 4-H members. All scholarships are competitive, non-renewable, and based on the applicant's qualifications, merit and commitment to the values of 4-H.

### **Timeline:**

1. Seniors must have their completed application packet submitted to the Extension Ashland County Office (201 W Main St, Courthouse Rm 107, Ashland) by **Wednesday, April 28, 2021**.
2. You only need to submit one application packet in order to be considered for all the Leaders Association scholarships. Each applicant may receive no more than one scholarship.
3. Scholarship recipients and award amounts will be approved by the Leaders Association at the May meeting. Award amounts vary from year to year but all scholarships in the same year will be awarded at the same amount. In the past, awards have averaged \$500.
4. Scholarships will be announced at the high school awards night in May.
5. Seniors will receive their scholarship funds as soon as the applicant submits evidence of being enrolled for the first semester to the Leaders Association Treasurer.

### **Requirements:**

To eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must:

- Be a high school senior currently enrolled in the Ashland County 4-H youth program.
- Be an active member in good standing for no less than three years.
- Must have participated in county level 4-H fundraising events.

Submit a complete application packet including:

- Completed application form.
- A list of all activities.
- Four short essay answers regarding the four H's in the pledge.
- Provide reference evaluations from two adults not related to the applicant that can speak to the character and achievements of the applicant.

**Activities list should include, but are not limited to:**

- 4-H Club Activities
  - Club offices/Committees
  - Club activity participation
  - Club community service
  - Work with younger members
  - Fundraisers
- 4-H County & State Activities
  - 4-H camp counselor
  - Ambassador
  - Participation and role at county and state level events
- Activities Outside of 4-H
  - All other group, club and co-curricular activities
  - Community service
  - Volunteering
  - Employment

**Short Essays:** Answer all of the following questions using double-spaced format. Each answer should be 200-500 words. *We are aware that the pandemic has disrupted our normal activities this past year – write about your experience over the past few years.*

1. “I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,” addresses our desire to become positive problem solvers and supportive team members. We pledge to become mindful in our thinking, which helps us develop leadership skills and critical thinking skills.

Please describe a specific experience you had in 4-H where you had to problem solve and/or work with a team. What was the result? How did that experience help you become more mindful and grow as a person?

2. “I pledge my Heart to greater loyalty,” is pledging to befriend and support our fellow 4-H members. This includes welcoming new members, sharing what we’ve learned with other members, and supporting their efforts.

Please describe a specific experience where you befriended and/or supported a fellow 4-H member. Why did you reach out to this person? What was their reaction? What did you learn from that experience?

3. “My Hands to larger service,” is a promise to put others first and lend a hand when needed. This may include participation in county, club and/or state activities.

Please describe a 4-H event or activity, in which you participated, that you feel met our commitment to larger service. What did you do? What new things did you learn about at that event or activity? What new things did you learn about yourself?

4. “My Health to better living,” is pledging to take good care of ourselves physically, mentally and emotionally. This is a positive thing for you and your community.

Please describe a 4-H experience or activity that you think improved your physical, mental or emotional health. How did this help you to grow and how can this help your friends and family?



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**Scholarships for 2021 Reference Form**

Student Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Years known \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student's personal qualities:

	Average	Good	Excellent	Not observed
Cooperation				
Personality				
Leadership				
Motivation				
Creativity				
Communication				



Please describe why you feel the applicant is a good candidate for a college scholarship.

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Reference Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form on or before **Wednesday, April 28, 2021** to:

Doug Liphart, 4-H & Youth Development Educator, Extension Ashland County Office,  
 201 West Main Street, Courthouse Rm 107, Ashland, WI 54806. Phone: 715-682-7017

Please DO NOT give this form back to the student.

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