



Fall 2023 Senior Scholarship Announcement & Application Materials

Thank you for sharing this announcement with senior students in our community! The Ashland County 4-H Leaders Association grants funds to graduating 4-H members who meet the criteria below. This is a competitive scholarship based on applicant qualifications, written work, and character. Use past and current records to complete the application form and remember to ask 2 adult references to support the application. Best of luck!

GENERAL TIMELINE & GUIDELINES

1. Scholarship application materials are announced and available the 1st full week of September.
2. Applicants must submit materials to the 4-H Educator by the due date. – **October 13, 2023 at 4PM**
3. Scholarship recipients and dollar amounts are approved by the Leaders Association. Generally, there are 4 scholarships of \$500 each, but this is subject to change.
4. Scholarship recipients will be announced during the upcoming Achievement Ceremony in November.
5. Senior(s) will receive their scholarship funds as soon as the applicant submits evidence to the LA Treasurer of being enrolled for the first semester of their continuing education institution.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Anyone considering applying for this scholarship must:

- ✓ Be a current high school senior of a school district within Ashland County.
- ✓ Be currently enrolled in the Ashland County 4-H youth program via [4-H Online](#).
- ✓ Have been an active member of 4-H and in good standing for no less than three (3) years.
- ✓ Complete the application materials in full and submit them by the due date (see above).

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application materials include these different components

- Identify two (2) non-related adults that can evaluate the applicant's work and character. Send each a Reference Form (attached) to be submitted to the local 4-H Educator by the due date (see above).
- Complete an Applicant Form (attached).
- Write a list of activities (max. 2 pages) outlining involvement in 4-H Club & County and other groups.
- Write answers to the 4 questions below in essay form (typed, double-spaced, max. 500 words each):
 1. Describe a specific experience in 4-H where you had to problem solve and/or work with a team. What was the result? What lessons did you learn? How did the experience help you grow as a person?
 2. Describe a specific experience where you befriended and/or supported a fellow 4-H member. What motivated you to reach out to this person? What was their reaction? What did you learn from that experience?
 3. Describe a 4-H event or activity you participated in that met 4-H's commitment to larger service. What did you do? What new things did you learn at that event or activity? What new things did you learn about yourself?
 4. Describe a 4-H experience or activity that you think improved your physical, mental, or emotional health. How did this help you grow? How can this experience help your family, friends, and/or your community?

Thank you for applying for the Ashland County 4-H Senior Scholarship! If you have questions, please call Ashland County Extension at [715-682-7017](tel:715-682-7017), or contact the 4-H Youth Development Educator:



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Ashland County 4-H Leaders Association (LA) Senior Scholarship

REFERENCE FORM

Submit completed materials to Ashland County 4-H Educator by due date: **October 13, 2023 at 4 PM**

SECTION A: General Information	
Reference Name & Surname:	
Reference Contact Information (Phone & Email):	
Name of Applicant:	Relation to Applicant:





SECTION B: Applicant Impression			
1. Please assess the following qualities of the applicant:			
Cooperation:	Average ___	Good ___	Excellent ___
Personality:	Average ___	Good ___	Excellent ___
Leadership:	Average ___	Good ___	Excellent ___
2. Additional comments: Your perspective will aid the scholarship committee in their decision making. If desired, you may include further comments or documents regarding the applicant. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!			

SECTION C: Reference Signature

"I have completed this form to the best of my ability and will send it directly to the Ashland County 4-H Educator."

_____	_____
Reference Signature	Date

Thank you for being a reference on behalf of this applicant for the Ashland County 4-H Senior Scholarship! If you have questions, please call Ashland County Extension at 715-682-7017, or contact the 4-H Youth Development Educator:

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