

April 28, 2009

Dear 4-H Alum or Member:

On behalf of the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc., I would like to introduce you to two scholarship opportunities – the Alumni Scholarship and the Joseph Cerny & Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarship. Recipients may only receive each of these scholarships once. *If you are a previous recipient, we ask for your assistance to help promote this opportunity.*

The Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. annually awards one or more scholarships, for a minimum of \$700 each. If you are planning to continue your education, we encourage you review the requirements and if eligible, apply for these scholarships.

Also being offered is the \$500 Joseph Cerny & Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarship. This is awarded to an individual that was actively involved in Berrien County 4-H Horticulture/Plant Science projects during their years in 4-H. The Cerny Scholarship is offered independently of the Alumni Scholarship. Although both scholarships are not awarded to one recipient in the same year, an eligible applicant may be awarded the Cerny Scholarship one year, and the Alumni Scholarship another year.

The eligibility requirements and application for both scholarships are available on our website at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/berrien/4hyouthdev/CtyAwdRes.htm> or by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office on Hillandale Road. Please review the requirements carefully. You may wish to talk to academic advisors and professors now for recommendation letters that you will need.

**The Berrien County MSU Extension Office must receive completed applications by July 15, 2009. All eligible applicants will be interviewed on Monday evening, July 20, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Interviews will be held at the MSUE Office at 1737 Hillandale Road in Benton Harbor.** You will be contacted July 16-17 with a specific interview time. Recipients will be notified by August 1, 2009, and will be awarded their scholarship at a 4-H reception held during the Berrien County Youth Fair. Reception details will be shared during the July 20 interviews.

Questions regarding the process should be referred to Wendy Monroe, President of the 4-H Leaders Council. Wendy may be contacted by phone at 269-422-1132, or by e-mail at [udderlynat@csinet.net](mailto:udderlynat@csinet.net).

Sincerely,



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Cc: Wendy Monroe

**BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS OF  
THE SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND AND  
THE JOSEPH CERNY & EVELYN CERNY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. offers academic scholarships. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Each scholarship recipient must be or have been an active Berrien County 4-H member for a total of at least five years including his or her senior year in high school.
2. Applicants must be high school graduates who have not yet reached their 25th birthday on July 1 of year of application.
3. Applicants must be attending an accredited two or four-year college, university or trade school and enrolled in a program of at least two years. They must have completed at least one year in that program by July 15 of the year of application.
4. The applicants must provide the Scholarship Committee\* with a college transcript or grade report at the time of making application. The applicant must have a grade point average of at least 2.8 on a 4.0 scale at an institution of higher learning.
5. The applicant must supply the Scholarship Committee with a letter of recommendation from three persons, excluding relatives, with whom he or she is well known. One letter of recommendation should be from an instructor at current college. One must be from a Berrien County 4-H leader.
6. Scholarships will be paid directly to the college attended by the scholarship recipient during his or her second or succeeding years of attendance. The scholarship will not apply for graduate school.
7. Applications will be available at the Berrien County Extension office not later than May 1 of each year.
8. Applications and all recommendations must be received at the Michigan State University Extension office, 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022-9630, on or before July 15 of each year. Interviews on selected applications will be held between the deadline date and August 10 of each year by the Scholarship Committee. Applicants must attend an interview with the selection committee at a date, time and place selected by the committee.
9. Announcement of any and all scholarship recipients will be made on or before September 1.
10. An individual may receive each scholarship only once.
11. The Scholarship Committee shall keep all information received on applicant confidential.
12. The scholarship must be used by the recipient within one year from the date of the award.
13. Note: Applicants for the Cerny Memorial Scholarship must have completed 4-H horticulture projects.

\*Scholarship Committee includes: President of the 4-H Leaders Council, Past Outstanding Leader, Director of the 4-H Foundation, 4-H Leader, MSU Extension Educator-4-H Youth Development, and a representative of the Cerny family for Cerny Memorial applicants.

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