

**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 will interview for both scholarships at one time. Unless this individual has already received either award in the previous year.
3. Applicants must be high school graduates who have not yet reached their 25th birthday on July 1 of the year of application.
4. 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. Applicants may apply for this scholarship if they have participated in dual enrollment if they have met all the eligibility requirements.
5. The applicants must provide the Scholarship Committee* with a college transcript or grade report at the time of making an 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.
6. 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 must be from a current Berrien County 4-H leader. All letters of recommendation must be from the current school year. Examples of letters of recommendation can come from an employer, supervisor, or manager at your current job, teacher/professor, academic advisor, mentor, etc.
7. 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.
8. Applications will be available at the Berrien County MSU Extension office no later than April 1 of each year.
9. Applications and all recommendations must be received at the Berrien County Michigan State University Extension office on or by July 15, 2024. Submissions can be made via:
 - Faxed at 269-944-4128
 - Mailed or Dropped off to 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
 - Emailed to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at: msue.berrien@county
10. Interviews on selected applications will be held between the deadline date and August 1 of each year by the Scholarship Committee, tentatively scheduled for July 25, 2024, at the Berrien County MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor, MI. Applicants must attend an interview with the selection committee at a date, time and place selected by the committee.
11. Announcement of all scholarship recipients will be made on or before September 1.
12. An individual may receive each scholarship only once.
13. The Scholarship Committee shall keep all information received on applicant confidential.
14. The scholarship must be used by the recipient within one year from the date of the award.

**Scholarship Committee includes President of the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council, a Past Outstanding Leader, a Director of the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, a 4-H Leader, MSU Program Coordinator for 4-H Youth Development, and a representative(s) of the Cerny family for the Cerny Memorial award.*