Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association

**4-H Equine Educational Activity Scholarship - Application**

***Application Deadline: July 15 by 5:00 p.m. of each year***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Street Apt. No. City State & Zip

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School(s) attended (include Transcript): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cum. GPA\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ □ Undeclared

*If you attended another college or school of higher learning, list below (attach transcript)*

School Years attended Grade Point Average

**Letters of Recommendation:**

*One must be from either a current or past 4-H Leader in the Berrien County 4-H Horse & Pony Project. The other letter from a current or past college Instructor, employer or non-family character reference.*

Name Address Phone E-mail

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**Employment during College**: List employer(s) and approximate hours worked per week. Include summer jobs or holidays worked.

□ Not employed during academic year

Employer Hours per a week

***Attach copies of your college admission acceptance letter, high school transcripts and college transcripts. Applications missing materials will not be accepted.***

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**Name of 4-H Clubs related to the Horse & Pony project in which you were a member:**

Applicant must have completed a minimum of two (2) years in the Berrien County 4-H Horse and Pony Project area.

Club Years of Membership

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**4-H Equine Activities**: List the Area (Horse Judging, Hippology, etc.), and Year(s) of participation. Use additional page(s) if needed.

Area Year(s) Participated

**4-H Accomplishments within Educational Areas**: List the Area (Horse Judging, Hippology, etc.), Level (Club, County, State, etc.) and Result. Use additional page(s) if needed.

Area Level Result

**4-H Leadership/Volunteerism:** List along with year any Teen Leader, Officer Positions, Committees, Chairs, etc. Use additional page(s) if needed.

**Community Service post High School:** Use additional page(s) if needed.

**Extracurricular Activities in college**: List clubs, groups, etc. Use additional page(s) if needed.

*I hereby attest that all the information provided is true and accurate.*

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of applicant*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of parent or guardian, if applicant is a minor*

Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association’s

**4-H Equine Educational Scholarship**

***Please return completed application and all required documents by July 15th by 5:00 p.m. to****: Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association, 1737 Hillandale Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49022*

This scholarship was created to encourage active participation in the Berrien County 4-H Equine Project. Horse ownership and/or an equine-related Major/Minor are not a requirement for eligibility. Applications will only be accepted if the following requirements are met:

* Applicant must be a high school graduate and have been a member of the Berrien County 4-H Horse and Pony project for a minimum of two years.
* The applicant will have successfully completed at least their first year of college or trade school.
* Applicant may apply and be awarded the scholarship up to 3 times provided they have not reached their 21st birthday by January 1 of the application year. The scholarship will not apply for graduate school.
* Applicants may type answers to the application questions separately, however, the order and format of the questions must be maintained. If typing answers, the applicant’s name must appear on the upper left-hand corner of each page. Use 12 pt. font, double spaced with 1” margins.
* **A one to two-page essay** on what impact the 4-H Horse & Pony Project has had on your success in college is required. Essay to be printed in 12 pt. font, double spaced with 1” margins. Applicant’s name must be in the upper left corner. No handwritten essays will be accepted.
* **Official college transcript including grade report is required**. A minimum of a 2.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale is required for eligibility. If hand delivering transcripts, it must be received sealed with corresponding application. Transcripts may be mailed from higher learning institutions directly to the Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association. All transcripts must be received by the application deadline.
* **Two** **letters of recommendation are required**:
  + One must be from either a current or past 4-H Leader in the Berrien County 4-H Horse & Pony Project area.
  + The other letter may be from a current or past college instructor, employer or a non-family character reference.

**Rubric for Scholarship** (Total of 100 points possible)

1. ***College GPA***: minimum of 2.7 required. Up to 5 points \_\_\_\_\_\_
2. ***Number of Years in the 4-H Horse & Pony Project:*** Applicant must have completed a minimum of two (2) years in the Berrien County 4-H Horse and Pony Project area. Up to 5 points \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. ***4-H Equine*** ***Activities***: Applicant must have completed a minimum of one (1) equine educational area of interest in each year. Areas to be considered: Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Science Notebook, Public Speaking and Horse Bowl. Other animal educational areas will be considered, if a portion is on equine, i.e. Veterinary Science. Up to 30 points \_\_\_
4. ***4-H Equine Accomplishments:*** Applicant must have entered an official County level 4-H educational area competition at least once. Additional consideration will be given to those competing in multiple areas, going on to compete at regional, state and national levels, as an individual or part of a team. For Horse Science Notebooks – entered at a minimum of 4-H Spring Achievement. The Berrien County Youth Fair will be an additional consideration. Up to 15 points \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. ***4-H Leadership and Volunteerism:*** Consideration for applicants 4-H Leadership opportunities such as Teen Leader role, Chair positions, Committees served on, and Officer Roles. Additional participation in other educational areas of 4-H; such as 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus, 4-H Capitol Experience, etc. Up to 20 points \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. ***Other:*** Letters of Recommendation, Out of School Group participation, etc. Up to 15 points \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. ***Format:*** Essay will be scored on content, grammar, spelling, and format. Up to 10 points \_\_\_\_\_\_\_