

Application Form

2021 4-H Youth Council Scholarship Award Program

Application Deadline: Completed application, including 4-H leader letter of recommendation, is due in St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 16, 2021**. Only applications received by this deadline will be submitted to the Scholarship Selection Committee. It is the responsibility of the applicant to follow-up and make sure all application requirements have been met by the **April 16** application deadline, including receipt by the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office of your 4-H Leader Recommendation Form and copies of your high school/college transcript and 4-H Project Completion Record*. **Note:** Please be informed that the timeliness with which you meet the various application requirements will be taken into consideration in the scholarship recipient selection process.

* Available at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office. Call 269/467-5521 to request a copy.

Purpose: To assist graduated seniors and college students who are current or former St. Joseph County 4-H members fund their education beyond the high school level. The **4-H Youth Council** will award one (1) \$500.00 scholarship in memory of Midge Bender, up to four (4) scholarships in the amount of \$750.00 each in 2021, plus a \$1,500.00 and two (2) \$1,000.00 scholarship for high school seniors and college students. The **4-H Achievement/Service/Leadership Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,500.00 will be awarded to an exceptional high school scholarship applicant. The recipients of any and all scholarships covered by this application/interview process will be selected from among eligible applicants as described below.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Must be a current or former member of the St. Joseph County 4-H Program.
2. Must be a graduated senior (or college student for the Youth Council Scholarship), during the year of application.
3. Must have completed a minimum of three (3) years of 4-H work during your four (4) years of high school.
4. Must have been accepted at a post-high school educational institution, and will attend as a full-time student.
5. College student applicants for the Youth Council Scholarships must be in their first four (4) years of college immediately following high school graduation.

Note: You are ineligible to apply for this scholarship if you have already received a full-pay scholarship or scholarships/grants, which together cover all your tuition, textbooks and laboratory fees.

Application (no pencil):

Applicant Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address _____

Your name as you wish it to appear for publicity purposes _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age as of January 1, 2021

High School _____

High School Guidance Counselor's Name _____

School/Institution where you have been accepted for post-high school education _____

Vocation/Career you plan to pursue _____

Number of years needed to complete course of study _____

Current High School Student: _____

Current College Student: _____

Year of High School Graduation _____

List 4-H Clubs in which you are/have been a member:

Number of years in 4-H in St. Joseph County _____, Number of years in 4-H in other county(ies) _____

(County Name(s) _____)

Leadership: List 4-H leadership activities in which you have been involved which have made a significant contribution to your local 4-H club and/or the county 4-H program (i.e. club officer, teen leader, 4-H Youth Council member, camp counselor, workshop/clinic resource person, committee member at club/county/state level, etc.).

Community Service: List community service activities you have been involved with where you have given of your time/skills/abilities in service to others.

Through 4-H ... _____

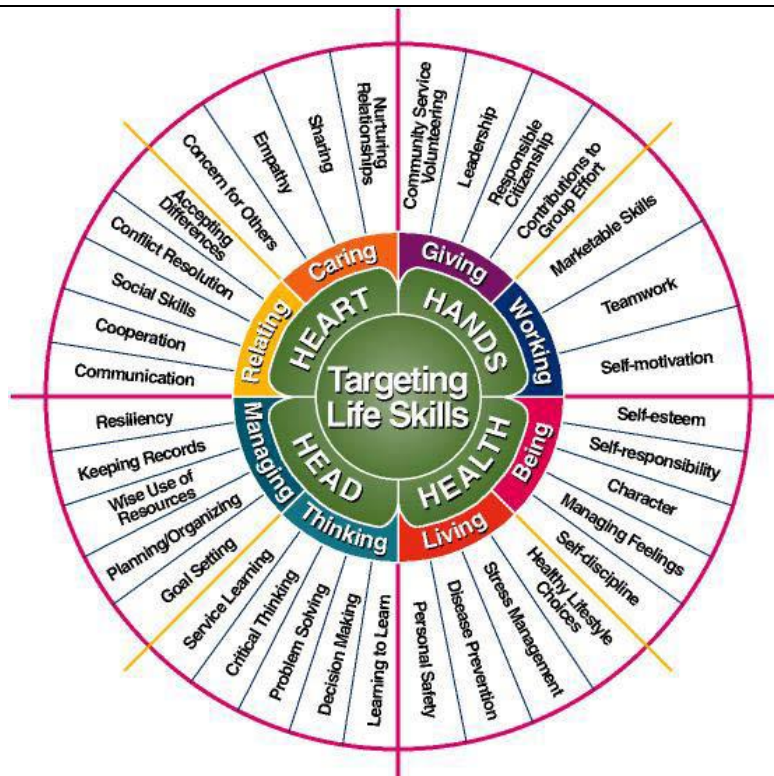
Through church, school, other clubs/organizations... _____

Recognition and Awards: List 4-H recognition and/or awards you have received which are the most meaningful to you.

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4-H Promotion: Indicate ways in which you have promoted/encouraged participation in 4-H (i.e. general promotion, or promotion of a particular 4-H project/program/event/activity, etc.).

Essay (500 words or less): Using the 4-H Life Skills Model, choose 3 life skills that 4-H has helped prepare you for your future.



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Growth and Development (350 words or less): How has your involvement in 4-H contributed to your career plans:

Your personal growth and development? _____

References: List three (3) references (do **not** include relatives or MSU Extension staff members), and provide complete information requested on each reference.

1. Name _____ Telephone No. (_____) _____
Street/P.O. Box _____ City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Email _____
Relationship to applicant _____

2. Name _____ Telephone No. (_____) _____
Street/P.O. Box _____ City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Email _____
Relationship to applicant _____

3. Name _____ Telephone No. (_____) _____
Street/P.O. Box _____ City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Email _____
Relationship to applicant _____

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Applicant Statement of Understanding:

1. I understand completion of this application is only part of the scholarship selection process.
2. I understand I am responsible for seeing that the 4-H leader of my choice (organizational or project leader) and community member receives, completes, and returns the 4-H Leader Recommendation Form to the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office, 612 E. Main St., Centreville, Michigan, 49032 by the **April 16, 2021** application deadline.
3. I understand I am responsible for calling (269/467-5521) the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office to request a copy of my official **4-H Project Completion Record** to submit with my scholarship application.
4. I understand I am required to participate in a personal interview either in person or by ZOOM with the 4-H Youth Council Scholarship Selection Committee on **Saturday, May 15, 2021**.
5. I understand the decision of the 4-H Youth Council Scholarship Selection Committee is final.
6. **I understand that should I receive this scholarship and subsequently receive another full-pay (100%) scholarship or scholarships/grants, which together cover all my tuition, laboratory fee, and textbook expenses, I will be required to return the full amount awarded in this scholarship.**
7. **I understand I am responsible for repaying the 4-H Youth Council the full amount awarded in this scholarship if I drop out of school before I complete the term/semester of schooling for which the scholarship is in force. I further understand that such repayment must be made by no later than April 16 of the following year.**

Verification of Scholarship/Grant Status:

This is to verify that as of the date of this application, I have not received a full-pay (100%) scholarship or scholarships/grants, which together cover all my tuition, laboratory fee and textbook expenses for the term/semester against which this scholarship would be applied.

Further, I agree to return the full amount of this scholarship, if received, should I subsequently receive a full-pay (100%) scholarship or scholarships/grants, which together cover all my tuition, laboratory fee, and textbook expenses.

Applicant Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian
Scholarship Application Approval
and
Statement of Understanding and Support

- I/we have reviewed this application and believe it to be accurate and correct.
- I/we have read, understand and support the Applicant Statement of Understanding and Verification of Scholarship/Grant Status found on page 5 of this application.

Parent/Guardian Signature(s):

_____ Date ____/____/____

_____ Date ____/____/____

Mail/deliver all pertinent information to:

4-H Youth Program
Attn: Scholarship Committee
612 E. Main St
Centreville, Michigan 49032

Note: St. Joseph County MSU Extension office hours are as follows:

- Monday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: by appointment
- Thursday: 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.