

February 2, 2017

Ms. Gloria Ellerhorst
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Dear Gloria,

This letter is in response to the County requests for 2017 4-H Exploration Days scholarships for financially limited youth and/or diversity efforts.

4-H Exploration Days is an essential part of our Calhoun County 4-H program, particularly with financially limited and diverse audiences. 4-H provides youth with the opportunity to learn new skills and experience college life, which enables them to make future decisions toward higher educational goals. We receive contributions from local donors, and youth planning to attend Exploration Days provide a portion of their own funding; however, obtaining significant financial resources continues to be an ongoing effort.



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The Calhoun County 4-H program has had a large diverse delegation in previous attendances at this event, which last year also included two diverse groups from Albion. Calhoun County *youth* delegation for the 2016 totaled **65**; the total delegation, including nine (9) chaperones totaled **74**. With our continued expanding audience, and difficulty in attaining funds to sustain the growing demand for our services, the Calhoun County 4-H Program is requesting **50 scholarships**.

We are truly grateful for the support you have provided to our Calhoun County delegates over the past years, and look forward to your continued support.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Again, thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy".

Kathy Fischer

4-H Program Coordinator, Calhoun County

cc: Vera Prince