

Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarship Application

Selected scholarship recipients will receive a *one-time grant of \$1500.00* provided that they have been accepted for a regular course of study or are currently a student attending a college, technical or vocational school. Somerset County 4-H Members in 12th and 13th grades are eligible. The scholarship will be awarded over the course of two years (year 1: \$1,000 & year 2: \$500.00).

We encourage you to attend the **Scholarship Information Session on Tuesday, 3/06/18 at 7:00pm in the large conference room.** At this meeting you can ask questions and gain knowledge about how to better fill out your Scholarship Application. If you plan to attend; please register with the 4-H Office. Registrations will be taken until the day of.

Requirements:

- Be a graduating high school senior or 13th grade student;
- Is a current member in good standing with a Somerset County 4-H Club; and
- A letter of recommendation from an adult currently active in the Somerset County 4-H Program will need to accompany this application or be submitted to the 4-H office by the due date.
- Currently registered on 4Honline
- Has not previously received the Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarship

Criteria:

- 4-H Participation and Achievement;
- Demonstrated Leadership;
- Contribution to the 4-H Program; and
- Demonstrated Personal Growth and Character Development

This application and a letter of recommendation from an adult currently active in the Somerset County 4-H Program must be returned to the 4-H Office by Monday, April 2. We may want to contact your reference and present/past leaders. Please have your references include their address and phone number. **This application must be submitted typed or applicant will be disqualified. Any incomplete application submissions will result in disqualification.**

Personal Information

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Names of Parents/Guardians: _____

Name of High School and Graduation Date: _____

By signing this application, you are certifying the accuracy of all information enclosed.

Your signature: _____

Parents/Guardian's Signature: _____

Club Leaders Signature (required): _____

4-H Achievements: Spaces will expand as you type, and please use as much space as you need to fully answer each question.

1. **Leadership Roles:** Within the prior section, you identified leadership positions and / or club committee(s) you were engaged in. Please provide a **brief description** of which committees you served on and **activities planned and delivered** to the 4-H Program and outside community.

Club (<i>note: you can have more than one example per club</i>)	Leadership Role(s) & Committee(s)	Year(s) involved in leadership role / committee	Explanation of leadership role while involved with committee (activities planned & delivered)
Ex.: Senior Council	Leaf Raking Committee Chair	2014 & 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Within this leadership role I was responsible to be in communication with the families of the yards the club raked. - I confirmed times and sign-up / follow through of fellow club members. - I reported back to club as well as the Association regarding the success of the initiative.

2. **4-H Mentoring:** Describe ways in which you have **coached others** within the 4-H program.
Mentorship: is a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person. Mentoring can also include experiences related to opportunities to “step up” to challenges and / or initiatives as well as nurture the abilities / goals of another member(s).

3. **4-H Community Service:** Describe the **activities you participated** in and any **specific responsibilities** you had for the activity. *Examples include events which benefited the well-being of another individual, group, population, or environment. [Road clean ups, Cards for Veterans, Operation Shoebox, Leaf Raking / Clean-Up, Clothing Drives, etc.]*

4. **4-H County Participation:** Describe the activities in which you participated, any specific responsibilities you had related to it, and the number of years you were involved. *There are many examples of county participation. Please review the provided list of examples and utilize these within your answer. Please include any additional examples that may not be listed.*

Wreath Sales Yearbook Ad Sales BIG Rummage Sale BIG Tricky Tray Sale	Science-sational Day County Public Presentations Prep New Year Winter Camp Family Camp	Fair Responsibilities: - Setup (in tent & throughout fairground) - Tent / Project Responsibilities - Herdsman
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5. **4-H State and National Involvement:** List the activities in which you participated, any specific responsibilities you had related to it, and the number of years you were involved. *Many project areas include state and / or national events. Please include these examples, if applicable, in the "other" categories.*

Event	Year(s) Applied	Year Accepted & Attended	Responsibilities (IE: Committee(s), Action Plan(s), Leadership Roles)
State Public Presentations			
North Jersey Teen Conference (NJTC)			
Leadership Washington Conference (LWF)			
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)			
National 4-H Congress			
National 4-H Conference			
Other:			
Other:			

6. **4-H Influence:** Please describe how 4-H has influenced your decision in selecting a college, major, or career choice.

7. **Activities Beyond 4-H:** List activities and interests beyond 4-H (such as school, community, athletics, work, hobbies, music, etc.) in which you have participated. Highlight any leadership or special honors you have received in these activities.

Essay: Please write an essay of 200 - 300 words that describes a memorable 4-H experience and how it has helped to **shape your character**

*The Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarship Committee will interview all applicants
Thursday April 19th, Monday April 23rd, Wednesday April 25th, and Thursday April 26th.
You will be contacted via e-mail to schedule your interview; you must respond to the e-mail.*

Scholarships will be awarded at the May 17th 4-H Association Meeting.

Paperwork for whom and how the scholarship is to be paid must be completed and submitted by September 1. Thereafter, the scholarship will be forfeited and awarded to an alternate. In the event that you transfer to another institution of higher education / vocational school, it is your responsibility to update the office regarding the name and address of the institution by January 1st (if mid-year transfer) or September 1st.

Please review your application to make sure it is complete. Revised 2/2/18