



**Wayne County 4-H Council
John Rickett Memorial Scholarship
For
High School Seniors**



Please keep this form for your records.

Date application was submitted to the Cooperative Extension Service Office: _____

Eligibility for Senior Student Scholarship

- Currently a high school senior.
- Be a traditional student taking a minimum of 12 hours at an accredited college/university or students pursuing technical certifications/degrees.

For consideration, the following items must be completed and submitted:

_____ **Cover letter**

This letter should be a detailed account highlighting your 4-H experiences. Provide a narrative about yourself. You should include: 4-H leadership, 4-H community service, 4-H project involvement and how 4-H has helped you prepare for higher education. You may include hobbies, scholarship need, and career goals.

_____ **Application**

Please submit an application. Be sure it is complete and typewritten. Applications may be found online at <https://wayne.mgcafe.uky.edu/4h-youth-development>

_____ **Transcripts**

Please submit a copy of your high school transcript that includes grades for the most recent semester.

_____ **Three Letters of Recommendation Forms**

Submit letter of recommendation forms from three different individuals. Form is included in this packet. Letter of Recommendation Forms should be addressed to the *4-H Scholarship Committee*. (Tip: When requesting letter of recommendation forms, attach a pre-addressed stamped envelope.)

Send cover letter, application, transcripts, and recommendation forms by March 25, 2026 to:

Wayne Co. Cooperative Extension Service
4-H Scholarship Committee
255 Rolling Hills Blvd.
Monticello, KY 42633

2026 Wayne Co. 4-H Council Scholarship Guidelines

Background and Purpose

The Wayne County 4-H Council Scholarship program was established in the 2009-2010 school year to help young people continue their efforts toward becoming self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. There are up to two (2) \$500.00 scholarships being offered to graduating seniors who will be enrolling in a higher education program. The scholarship program is open to residents of Wayne County only.

Selection Procedures and Criteria

Eligible applicants must 1) have reached the status of “High School Senior” and 2) be currently enrolled or have been enrolled in the Wayne County 4-H Program. Selected applicants may be interviewed before the scholarships are awarded.

Criteria used in the selection process will include, but is not limited to: preparedness for success, financial information, 4-H leadership activities, 4-H achievement, 4-H community service/citizenship and personal 4-H story.

Presentation of Award

All applicants will receive a letter in the mail stating the status of their application.





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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For office use only:

- ☐ Cover Letter
- ☐ Application
- ☐ Transcript
- ☐ Letter of Recommendation Forms (3)
- ☐ Date submitted: _____

Year of Application: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of High School: _____ GPA: _____ ACT: _____

Section A: Study/Career Plans

1) Name of college/university/technical school you plan to attend:

2) Area of Study: _____

3) Why are you interested in pursuing a higher education? *(additional pages may be added if needed)*

4) Outline your reasons for choosing your area of study. *(additional pages may be added if needed)*



Letter of Recommendation Form

(Name of Applicant)

For the Wayne County 4-H Council
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Please provide your assessment of the applicant's ability and qualifications. Please rate on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (truly outstanding).

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| 1. Achievement compared to peers | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2. Sense of dedication, commitment, and perseverance | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3. Personal discipline to manage time and responsibilities | 1 2 3 4 5 |
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| 9. Able to convey ideas and thoughts in writing and orally | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 10. Able to think analytically and critically | 1 2 3 4 5 |

What do you consider the applicants greatest strengths? If you were to advise him/her to change one aspect of behavior or attitude, what would it be?

Do you have any other comments for the committee? (You may write on the back of this form if you need additional space).

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Recommendation
Form 2

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