Kentucky 4-H Foundation
2026 Scholarship Program

College Scholarships:

- $2,500 James W. Kidwell Memorial Scholarship (recipient MUST attend the University of Kentucky, be a full-time student and plan to pursue a career in agriculture or related field) provided by Courtney Barancin, Matthew Barancin and Dorie Smith
- $1,000 Ale-8-One/Michael Bandy Scholarship provided by Ale-8-One Bottling Company and the late Brenda Bandy
- $1,000 Chris Caddell Memorial Scholarship provided by the Caddell Family and Heritage Bank
- $1,000 Lexi Kinder Scholarship provided by Glen & Becky Kinder, along with family & friends
- $1,000 PW Lawrence Scholarship provided by PW Lawrence Trust Endowment
- $500 William T. and Joan Comer Family Scholarship provided by the Comer Family
- $500 Sawmill Farm Scholarship provided by Aaron & Melissa Miller
- $500 Fresh Start Farms Scholarship provided by Ryan & Misty Bivens
- $500 Dr. Mark Mains Leadership Scholarship provided by Dr. Mark Mains
- $500 Hazel Nadine Lacefield Memorial Scholarship provided by Glen & Becky Kinder
- $500 Donnalee Small Memorial Vocational Scholarship provided by Glen & Becky Kinder

Vocational Scholarships:

- $1,000 KCTCS Scholarship (4 $1,000 scholarships will be provided by KCTCS; recipient MUST attend one of KCTCS campuses.)
- $500 Dave Larson Designs Vocational Scholarship provided by Dave & Pam Larson
- $500 Bill and Darlene Noble Vocational Scholarship provided by Dr. Rachel Guidugli

NOTE: Foundation scholarships available for students who have completed one year college. If you need this application please e-mail melissag.miller@uky.edu.

The following requirements will apply to all scholarships:

1. Applicants must have a high school graduation date in 2026.
2. Applicant must be a full-time Kentucky resident.
3. Applicant must have been an active Kentucky 4-H member for at least the last 2 years (*the current year 2026 and last year 2025*).
4. Applicant must attend a post-secondary academic or vocational institution in Kentucky and be a full-time student.

Application Process:

1. Applications available at the Kentucky 4-H Foundation's website at www.kentucky4hfoundation.org
2. All applications must be electronically submitted to melissag.miller@uky.edu by Friday, May 15, 2026 in order to be considered. Scholarship winners will be announced and recognized during the Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference held on the University of Kentucky campus June 2-5, 2026; attendance is required.
3. Each application shall be accompanied with the following information:
    A. Completed Application with signatures of applicant, parent or guardian and agent.
    B. Essay (*Minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 300-600 words, double-spaced*) entitled "How has 4-H prepared me for the next chapter?"
    C. Two letters of recommendation, one from each of the following people:
        i. County Extension Agent
        ii. Non-family member
    D. Current High School Transcript or the equivalent.
    E. Recent color photograph of applicant (*preferably head-and-shoulders portrait*).
4. Selection process will be based on the following priorities:
    A. Top priority will be given to the level of 4-H involvement – evaluated by years of membership, depth of program involvement, and level completed in the Kentucky 4-H Achievement Program.
    B. Academic achievement.
    C. Financial need.
    D. Applicant attending a post-secondary academic or vocational institution in Kentucky and be a full-time student.
5. All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and their decision is final.
6. To receive scholarship funds recipient will provide to the Kentucky 4-H Foundation proof of enrollment to a post-secondary academic or vocational institution no later than May 31, 2027.
7. Scholarship will be awarded in a check made payable to the applicant, funds can be used for any costs related to their post-secondary education.

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2026 Application

ELIGIBILITY: Please circle Yes or No

The applicant…	
Yes No	Has a 2026 High School graduation date
Yes No	Is a full-time Kentucky Resident
Yes No	Is a current Kentucky 4-H member
Yes No	Kentucky 4-H member in 2026 & 2025

The following items have been submitted:

✓	Please check off each item…
	Completed Application (no additional sheets)
	Essay, Between 200 and 400 words, *double spaced*
	Letter of Recommendation, *County Extension Agent*
	Letter of Recommendation, *Non-family member*
	Current High School Transcript or Equivalent
	Recent color photograph of applicant (headshot photograph)
	Indicate which scholarships you are applying for (see page 2)

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name of Applicant		Birthday/Age
Address		Phone Number
City		Email Address
Zip Code		County
Name of University or Post-Secondary Institution		Name of High School and Graduation Date
Academic Major/Area of Concentration (If Known)		Name of 4-H/Extension Agent (Please Print)
Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print)		4-H/Extension Agent Signature

I certify that the enclosed information is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Additionally, I hereby grant permission to the Kentucky 4-H Foundation to use the photograph enclosed and photographs taken in connection with the scholarship presentation in print and online marking and promotion.

_____ _____

Applicant's Signature Date

_____ _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature Date

For additional information, please contact: Melissa G. Miller 859-618-9788 or MelissaG.Miller@uky.edu

Indicate Scholarships You Are Applying For *There are no limits on the number for which you can apply*

Please check off the scholarship(s) you are applying for *(please make sure you ARE eligible for the scholarships for which you are applying)* …	
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4-H Membership & Achievement Program

Number of continuous years in Kentucky 4-H: _____ If a participant in the Kentucky 4-H Achievement Program, please provide the level you have completed and received as of January 1, 2026: _____

4-H Project Work *List your 4-H projects and a skill/knowledge gained, please list by year. (example shown)*

Year	Project/Program
2024	*Horse Project / Proper care and feeding of my horse*

4-H Communication Activities

Identify the type of activity, who your audience was and the project or subject title about which a speech or demonstration was formally presented on the local, county, district or state level along with the year and number of time(s) presented. (example shown)

Year	Type of Activity/Audience/Presentation Title	Times Presented
2023	*County & State Speech Contest/Judges, 4-H members and parents/How to Identify Trees*	*2*

4-H Leadership & Citizenship

Indicate 4-H Leadership and Citizenship programs, events or activities you participated in by the year. Include club meetings or project groups where you held teaching, organizational or leadership roles. Include club officer roles. List the year, name of the group or activity and the role you played at the event. (2 examples shown)

Year	Leadership or Citizenship Program	Role
2022	*Clover County 4-H Club*	*Officer, President*
2023	*Day Camp, "Insects & More"*	*Workshop Leader*

4-H Recognition/Awards *List recognition and awards you have received in 4-H, why you received the award and who presented the award. (example shown)*

Year	4-H Recognition and Awards
2024	*Outstanding Club Member of the Year – For leading the Community Clean-up Day – Presented by the Cloverleaf Club.*

4-H Community Service *Please list community service projects you coordinated, implemented or in which you participated. Please provide brief description where appropriate. (2 examples shown)*

Year	Community Service	Role
2025	*Roadside Cleanup by Extension Office*	*Participant*
2024	*Clothing Drive – implemented county wide clothing drive to help a local children's home who had lost funding*	*Organizer*

Note: you may delete the examples provided above in each section and use the space to include more of your 4-H activities.

Financial Need

Combined Household Adjusted Gross Income From Previous Year's Tax Return:	Number of Dependent Children Claimed on Previous Year's Tax Return:
Explanation/Statement of Financial Need:	

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Programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.