# **Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarship Guidelines**

The Missouri 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce educational scholarships for 4-H youth and former 4-H members pursuing post-secondary study. One scholarship application form permits the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to conditions specified by the donor. A list of scholarships is online at <http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/>

## Applications are accepted after January 1 and must be postmarked by March 1.The county due date for applications may be earlier than the March 1 state deadline. You must send your application to your county MU Extension office for approval and signature.Your application will be mailed from the county office to the state 4-H office.

# **Guidelines**

* High school applicants must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Home-school youth should submit an ACT or SAT score. College applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
* The scholarship must be used within nine months after it is awarded (applicant must be enrolled in school).
* Use plain white 8 ½ x 11” paper with1‑inch margins. Use a font no smaller than 12 points, single-space within each answer and double-space between questions.

## Scholarship Selection Criteria

The Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarship application form should be completed and must include:

* Signature of applicant and county MU Extension office staff
* High school/college transcript (must include GPA or copy of ACT/SAT score or GED certificate)
* Financial information page must be completed by parent/guardian

A committee determines scholarship selection based on the following score system unless otherwise defined by the scholarship donor:

* 70% 4-H achievement in leadership, citizenship, community service and projects
* 20% financial need
* 10% work/career goals

Financial need scoring is determined as follows:

* 1 point for each dependent child under the age of 21 in the family
* 2 points for each family member attending college

Adjusted gross income:

* 10 points – $15,000 and under
* 7 points – $15,001 to $20,000
* 5 points – $20,001 to $30,000
* 2 points – $30,001 and above

**Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application**

Submit the following information (Sections 1 - 9)**.**

## Section 1: Biographical Data

* Form attached*(signatures are required).*

## Section 2: Financial Need Information

* Youth and parent(s)/guardian must complete the financial need information form attached*(signatures are required).*

(Sections 3-8 must be typed)

**Section 3: Leadership***(two page maximum)*

Write one paragraph on each of the seven leadership life skills: (1) understanding self(2) communicating (3) getting along with others (4) learning to learn (5) making decisions (6) managing resources and (7) working with groups. It is very important to relate these skills to the 4-H leadership roles you have held during the past two years, such as holding an office, serving on a committee, and/or 4-H project work. Discuss what you learned from your leadership experiences.

**Section 4 and 5: Citizenship***(1/2 page)* **and Community Service** *(1/2 page) (1 page maximum)*

On a separate sheet of paper, write a narrative of your citizenship and community service experiences (include 4-H experiences).

**Citizenship** is an important part of the 4-H program. It can be described as who or what we are, or as what we believe, or as what we do. *Legal citizenship* focuses on citizens’ government-guaranteed rights and responsibilities such as voting, following the law and qualifying for benefits. Legal citizenship offers us important freedoms, protections and responsibilities.*Patriotic citizenship* is based on a belief that American citizens share a common core set of values. Our commitment to democracy is one of these values. *Active citizenship* focuses on the collective action we take to address our common concerns. It emphasizes our ongoing involvement in making the decisions and doing the work that creates the world around us. It focuses our understanding of democracy on its literal meaning: rule by the people.

Identify ways you have participated in citizenship experiences and describe what you learned about your community, school or country, as well as about yourself, in the process. Experiences may include, but are not limited to, volunteering on Election Day, participation on local Extension councils, attending local government days, job shadowing a government official, participating in MCIA, writing a letter to the editor of the local newspaper, voting and voicing your opinion at club meetings, or learning about other cultures such as attending the Kansas City Global Conference.

**Community service** is what you do as an individual or group to help your community. Identify community service projects and activities in which you have participated and describe what you learned through these experiences.

**Section 6: 4-H Story***(1 page maximum)*

Share information about you as a person. Emphasize your personal growth and development. This is your opportunity to share how 4-H has contributed to who you are! You could include your most significant 4-H projects, activities and experiences. If you identify projects and activities, discuss the skills you learned and how these experiences are important to you now and in the future. Lists of accomplishments, activities and projects are nice but the review committee is more interested in what you **learned** from these experiences and how they will assist you in the future.

**Section 7: Career Goals***(1 page maximum)*

Discuss the following questions:

* How will your post-secondary education assist you in achieving your career goals?
* What is your major field of study?
* What are your reasons for choosing this course of study?

## Section 8: Additional Information

* How many total years have you been in 4-H?
* What is the name of your hometown newspaper?
* To be considered for the Missouri 4-H Foundation Miller-Thorne Scholarship, you must attach an essay regarding “free enterprise.”

**Section 9: Academic Record**

Submit a copy of your high school or college transcript. **GPA must be identified on the transcript**. Home school youth must submit a copy of ACT or SAT scores.

**Section 1. Biographical Data**

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| **County:** | 🞎**Male**🞎**Female** |
| **Name (first, middle, last):** |
| **Home Address:** | **City:** | **State:** | **Zip:** |
| **Phone:** | **E-Mail:** |
| **Birth Date:** | **Age as of January 1 this year:** |
| **Name of high school attending and expected year of graduation:** |
| **University/college/school you plan to attend and location:*****Please Note:****If your college plans change between now and April 1 (i.e. you will be attending a different school than the one listed on this application), you must provideupdated informationto the 4-H Foundation office at 573-882-2680.* |
| **If you are now attending a University/college/school, name,location, and expected year of graduation:** |
| **Declared major or areas of study:** |
| **Name of parents/guardians:** |
| **Race**(check all that apply):🞎 White 🞎 Black 🞎 American Indian/Alaskan 🞎 Asian 🞎 Asian/Pacific Islander |
| **Ethnicity:**🞎 Hispanic 🞎Not Hispanic |
| **Residence** (check one):🞎Farm🞎 Rural less than 10,000🞎Town of 10,000 to 50,000 🞎City of more than 50,000🞎Suburb of more than 50,000 |

**Statement by 4-H Member:** I prepared this application myself and certify that the information is true and accurate.

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| **Date** (month, day, year): | **Signature of Applicant:** |

**Approval of this Application:** We reviewed this application and believe it to be correct.

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| **Date:** | **Signature of Parent/Guardian:** |
| **Date:** | **Signature of County 4-H Extension Staff:** |

**Section 2. Financial Need**

The following information will be used solely for the purpose of determining need for financial assistance for Missouri 4-H Foundation scholarship applicants. The information will be kept for three years following application and then destroyed.

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| **Name of Applicant:** |

**Parent/Guardian/Family Information**

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| **Total number of family members:***(include the applicant and parents’ other children or family members for whom they provide more than half of their support)* |
| **Ages of all children in family who were claimed as dependents in the year immediately past:***(include the applicant)* |
| **Number of family members in college at least half-time during the next calendar year:***(include the applicant)* |
| **For the year immediately past, what was the family’s Adjusted Gross Income?***(Use Adjusted Gross Income line from federal IRS forms. If information for the year immediately past is not available, give the prior year.)***$** |
| **Are there any special circumstances that have influenced your need for financial assistance?** |

**Statement by 4-H Member:** I verify that this information is true and accurate. I understand that failure to provide true and accurate information may result in forfeiture of any scholarship award.

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| **Date**(month, day, year): | **Signature of Applicant:** |
| **Date:** | **Signature of Parent/Guardian:** |