

WASHINGTON STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Washington State 4-H scholarships are offered to encourage 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school. All five pieces of the Washington State 4-H Scholarship application are required. Each applicant will be considered for all Washington State 4-H Scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY: Current and former Washington State 4-H members who are high school seniors or completing their GED are eligible to apply. Applicants must have accumulated at least 2 years of 4-H affiliation. Scholarship awards will be based on:

1. Compatibility to scholarship criteria.
2. Leadership and participation in 4-H as demonstrated through your essay and resume.
3. Community service.
4. Scholastic ability and achievement.

Required Parts of Your Application

Please write and gather all parts of the application before you fill out the application in 4HOnline. All components must be included with your application for your application to be considered complete.

- 1) **Washington State 4-H Youth Scholarship Application** – deadline **March 15 before 9:59 p.m.** Applications are completed through 4HOnline and must be submitted prior to the deadline.

The following pieces are to be compiled as a single .PDF file and uploaded into 4HOnline.

- 2) **Resume** - include the duration and extent of your involvement in 4-H, your roles and responsibilities, the size and scope of your effort, time spent, community impact, and what you accomplished individually or as part of a team. Also, include any non-4-H volunteerism and community involvement.
- 3) **Essay** – Introduce yourself, including where you live, when and why you became involved in 4-H. Highlight your 4-H projects and activities, including major learning experiences, special interests, and achievements. Write about the ways 4-H has influenced your life, how your involvement in 4-H exemplifies each part of the “4-H pledge”, what life skills 4-H provided you and how you will utilize them in the future. Be sure to describe how 4-H has affected your personal development and prepared you for a successful life. Describe non-4-H related involvement, employment, school, sports, youth, and community engagement. Describe what two or four-year College you will be attending, what you plan to major in and plans for your future.
- 4) **Two Letters of Recommendation** - one of which must be from an academic advisor, or school official on institution letterhead. One must be from someone who knows you personally and what you have accomplished (not a parent or relative).
- 5) **Academic Transcript** – include a scanned copy of your high school transcript (unofficial is fine).

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