

## WSU 4-H Scholarships Offer Ability to Make the Best Better



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Washington State University (WSU) Extension 4-H Youth Development Program and the WSU College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) are pleased to announce the 2022 scholarship winners. We are proud to offer scholarship assistance to support Washington high school students currently enrolled as 4-H members.



**Shannon Allen** (Thurston County) and **Kathleen Sciarotta** (Kitsap County) each received the **J. Orville/Helen Young and 4-H Fund Scholarship**. Allen will be attending South Puget Sound Community College in the fall of 2022. She has been part of 4-H for eight years, has shown rabbits, pack goats, and participated in several leadership activities including teaching an after-school program about gardening, plants, and healthy living once a week. Sciarotta will be attending Washington State University (WSU) Pullman in August with plans to major in neuroscience on the pre-vet track. She has been in 4-H for eleven years and had the opportunity to take on a 4-H Academy community service project event that boosted involvement with local 4-H clubs.

**Molly Greiner** (Skagit County), **Alaina Houser** (Thurston County), and **Chloe Mattson** (Kittitas County) were awarded the **Lewis County Leaders 4-H Council Scholarship**. Greiner plans to attend WSU Pullman in the fall and double major in biochemistry and English with her goal being to attend the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine. 4-H has played an influential role in Greiner's life for the past six years as she barely recognizes her painfully shy elementary school self as her leadership and organizational skills have developed significantly. Houser has been a member of 4-H for ten years and will be attending Oregon State University to major in environmental science. She hopes to become an involved leader and help the next generation of 4-Hers have as valuable an experience as she was given. Mattson will be attending the WSU Honors College and plans to study biological science (with a pre-medical track) and Spanish. Over the last ten years in 4-H the projects Mattson participated in include lambs, food and nutrition, leadership, and Know Your Government.

**Haley Neumiller** (Spokane County) was the recipient of the **Thomas R. Quann 4-H Scholarship** and will be attending the University of Washington this fall to major in

bioengineering to become a pediatric occupational therapist. In Neumiller's seven years in 4-H she learned to seek opportunities to serve the community and owes many accomplishments to the skills and lessons she learned through the guidance from countless 4-H leaders and mentors.

**Olivia VanderVeen, (Whatcom County)** received the **O.M. Plummer Scholarship of the Oregon Community Foundation**, and will be attending Iowa State University to major in animal science and become a large-animal veterinarian. VanderVeen has been a 4-H member for nine years and has raised market hogs, dairy goats, rabbits, chickens, and more. Her goal is to use her education to give back to the community that she loves and has already given her so much through their support and countless opportunities.

**Tressa Wade (Grant County)** was awarded the **Woody and Joan Bernard 4-H Higher Education Scholarship** and will be carrying on a Vandal family tradition and attend the University of Idaho to major in animal sciences and minor in agriculture communications to seek a career in the field of genetics and artificial insemination (AI). Eleven years as a 4-H member has built Wade's passion for agriculture which led to her desire to produce her own livestock and grow a cattle and sheep breeding business using AI.

**Katherine Moen (King County), Rosetta Renwick (Walla Walla County), and Aubree Triplett (Pacific County)** have all been 4-H members for over ten years and are the recipients of the **WSU 4-H CAHNRS Dettman Scholarship**. Moen will be pursuing a major in animal science with the pre-veterinary pathway in the CAHNRS program. She gained experience and knowledge, with the leadership roles in her club, as well as presenting on poultry care and handling, organizing community service projects, and teaching incoming members about 4-H and showing chickens. Renwick has wanted to attend WSU for as long as she can remember and the generous contribution towards her continued education will help make her goal of majoring in wildlife ecology a little easier to achieve. She showed swine for eight years, participated in livestock judging and oral reasons, and gave demonstration presentations to improve her public speaking and presenting skills. Triplett has carried on a 4-H family tradition with her livestock projects based on beef cattle, swine, sheep, rabbits, and marketing off livestock at her county auction. She will be majoring in agribusiness at WSU. Triplett's thank-you letter shares a compassionate reminder that, "One of the biggest reasons I would love to give back to 4-H is because it has taught me countless life skills and blessed me with valuable memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. Every child should get the opportunity to experience that like I did."

Congratulations to all the 2022 award recipients that dedicated their 4-H experience "to make the best better," and continue working towards accomplishing their next steps in higher education. For more information on the Washington State 4-H scholarship opportunities or to support 4-H visit [extension.wsu.edu/4h](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h).

