

Spokane County 4-H Large Animal Committee

Scholarship Policy – Adopted 2020

I. Continuing Education Scholarship Policy

The mission of the Spokane County 4-H Large Animal Committee (LAC) is “Giving today’s youth the opportunity to become tomorrow’s leaders through exceptional instruction, hands on practice and intentional livestock experiences.” The LAC has enacted this scholarship policy in support of that mission. Related forms are the tip sheet and support flyer.

II. Continuing Education Scholarship Availability

- A. The LAC will determine the total amount of support available and determine the amounts at the annual budgeting meeting.
- B. Support for the Continuing Education Scholarship will be a separate line item from the State/National Leadership Events.
- C. Other
 - i. All offers for scholarship will be subject to funds being available, set in the yearly budget.
 - ii. Youth will be eligible for one Spokane County LAC Scholarship in their lifetime

III. LAC Continuing Education Scholarship (Case by case basis):

A. College Scholarship

- i. Scholarships will be \$500 each or the determined amount set in the yearly budget
- ii. Open to members of Spokane County 4-H
 - a. 4-H Large Animal Member must be in good standing
 - b. Has been a 4-H member for a minimum of three years
 - c. A current high school senior scheduled to graduate in the scholarship year. “Graduate” defined as a student who will complete high school in the spring or summer of scholarship year.
 - d. That will be attending an accredited two or four year educational or two-year vocational institution in the fall.
- iii. If the applicant meets the requirements in Section VI, then the award will be furnished to the institution of their election.
- iv. Applications are due by March 1 of each year.

Applications will include:

- I. *Spokane County LAC 4-H Continuing Education Scholarship Application*
 - a. *Applicant information*
 - b. *Three essay questions (additional pages can be included)*

IV. Continuing Education Scholarship Eligibility:

- A. Current Spokane County 4-H members in good standing (approved by county extension agent).

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- B. Printed YQCA certificate (attached)
- C. Enrolled in 4-H livestock projects for a minimum of three years (approved by county extension agent).
- D. Current year record book (up to date)
- E. The applicant has not met or exceeded (2 state, 2 national scholarships, and only 1 academic continuing education scholarship- section 2 C)

V. Awarding of Scholarships

- A. A scholarship subcommittee composed of three to five LAC members will accept applications and required materials.
 - ✓ Will be allowed to meet electronically due to certain circumstances.
- B. The scholarship subcommittee will present at a regularly scheduled meeting with a recommended action.
- C. The full LAC committee will discuss and vote on scholarship subcommittee recommendations, recorded in the minutes. Decisions will be based on
 - i. Refer to budget for set amounts for the current year awarding
 - ii. Continuing education college scholarship
 - iii. If applicant has received support prior
 - iv. Applicants involvement during their 4-H membership
 - a. Livestock and leadership events representing Spokane County
- D. Family members of applicants will be excused during discussion and voting.
- F. The LAC will have full decision-making capability and all decisions by LAC will be final
- G. Once a decision is made:
 - ✓ Youth will be notified
 - ✓ Be asked to present at a regular LAC meeting
 - ✓ Provide college acceptance information

**** Note from the LAC committee:** For 2020 the livestock committee will issue college scholarships for students graduating in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 academic years in lieu of Livestock, Leadership or Public Speaking Scholarships. This is due to the difficulty in hosting in-person events. Going forward, the Livestock Committee will decide when Livestock, Leadership or Public Speaking Scholarships can resume.

Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who participate in 4-H events and programs. Contact Kate McCloskey at the Spokane 4-H Extension Office at 222 N. Havana, Spokane, (509-477-2165; kmccloskey@spokanecounty.org) at least two weeks prior to the event.