

4-H Foundation Scholarship Application form

The 4-H scholarship application is designed to help young people involved in 4-H programs to build a resume and to profile their educational and work experiences. The Maine 4-H Foundation feels this can be helpful in higher education and future professional work. For this reason, the Maine 4-H Foundation encourages young people to begin this application early.

**Application Deadlines:** Applications must be received in your county 4-H office/Camp and Learning Center **by Monday March 3, 2025**. *4-H Staff must send approved applications to the Foundation by March 10,2025*.

**Eligibility:** The qualified candidate must be: 1) a graduating senior or an individual who has graduated from high school but has delayed going to college for no more than one year, 2) currently active in 4-H activities **and** 3)participates in 4-H in at least one of the following ways:

* Involvement in many 4-H programs/activities over their primary and/or secondary educational years.

and/or

* A current member of a 4-H club (enrolled by December 31) who is currently active in 4-H activities

*4-H activities can include but are not limited to being a member of a 4-H club, participation and leadership at a 4-H Camp and Learning Center, online 4-H education, homeschool education, afterschool or community-based programs at the local or state level, leadership or service-learning initiatives or serving as a 4-H volunteer.*

*Please note:* A limited number of scholarships in partnership with the University of Maine Foundation are available for all four years in college or higher education as long as the student is in good standing academically and attending the University of Maine.

**Scholarship and Special Awards:** The Maine 4-H Foundation has many scholarships and special awards available ranging from $500 to $2,500. In most years there are more than 20 scholarships awarded. Scholarships are awarded based on 4-H excellence and demonstrated academic performance. Emphasis is placed on your 4-H experiences, leadership, and/or service. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants from Maine.

**Receiving the Scholarship:** Recipients are asked to attend the Maine 4-H Foundation’s Annual Meeting scheduled in late spring/early summer to receive the scholarship in person.

**Payment Requirements:** Awards are payable upon successfully completing the first semester of school. To receive the award funds, recipients must mail a completed first-semester transcript to the 4-H Foundation office. Special Awards can be awarded before the student begins school.

**For Further Information:** Please call the Maine 4-H Foundation (207) 581-3739. The latest information and applications for this and other Foundation-funded activities are available on the 4-H Foundation's website at http://www.umaine.edu/4hfoundation/ and click on "Receive Funding".

***When applying, please do not send ribbons, trophies, or certificates as part of your application. Please send black and white photocopied or electronic versions of your 4-H application, essay, and resume to us and keep the originals for your records.***

*Applications must be submitted to your 4-H staff by* ***March 3, 2025.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in 4-H activities \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Please check what best describe your 4-H participation*

\_\_\_\_\_I have been involved in many 4-H activities/programs over my primary and/or secondary educational years.

\_\_\_\_\_I am a current member of a 4-H club (enrolled by December 31) who is currently active in 4-H activities.

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List of schools to which you are applying Check if accepted

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**Essay:** Please write a 2–3-page essay about how 4-H has impacted your life. In your essay, include information about who you are, your history with 4-H, how you’ve grown as a person, leader, and/or volunteer, and your future plans. It’s important to share detailed experiences from your 4-H activities. Your story and resume will be the main ways the 4-H Foundation will evaluate your application, so make sure to include lots of details!(See the evaluation rubric sheet for details.)

Please include the following **required materials** in order, in your scholarship application

**Please do not send any other materials than those listed below.**

\_\_\_ Completed 4-H Foundation scholarship application form

\_\_\_ High school academic transcript (Please note: SAT and ACT Scores are not required)

\_\_\_ Essay: “How 4-H has impacted my life?”

\_\_\_ 4-H Resume (Please see the outline provided to help create your resume)

\_\_\_ Recommendation form/letter from a 4-H staff member or educator (not a parent/relative)

\_\_\_ Your application must be reviewed and signed by a 4-H staff member (your application will not

 be accepted without this signature)

\_\_\_ A quality digital photo (to be used at the Annual Meeting for those selected for an award)

Mail or email your completed application to the 4-H staff person that you feel can best confirm your 4-H involvement. To ensure equity among applicants, incomplete or late applications will not be considered in the review process.

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Signature of 4-H Staff Date