

4-H EDITION

Scholarship Guide



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Question 3

Make sure to answer this question, even if you think you don't have anything to say here. The judges ask every question on the application for a reason, so be sure to answer every question. For example, you could answer this question in a variety of ways:

Explain why you think you deserve this scholarship and how much it would assist in lightening the financial burden of college.

List other accomplishments that you think could contribute or help in increasing your chances of receiving this scholarship. This could include your grade point average, school awards, athletic accomplishments, extracurricular club awards, positions or nominations.

A scholarship application is the ideal place to brag about yourself; let the judges know what you are proud of and what you have accomplished thus far.

List any factors you wish the committee to consider.

Question 1

Be personal and authentic when answering this question. You should reflect on the best and worst parts of your 4-H experience and analyze how those experiences impacted you.

If the experiences affected you in a negative way, try and put a positive spin on it such as highlighting the fact that even though the experience was not as great as it could've been, you learned a lesson.

We are looking for personal stories and how that developed your character in terms of increased responsibility, heightened curiosity, amazing experiences, lifelong friends, useful skills, newfound passions, or even how your 4-H experience has changed what you want to do with your life or how you may react in certain situations.

Essentially, you are describing how your 4-H experience has affected or influenced you in any way.

How has your experience in 4-H had an impact on you?

Question 2

Consider all your experiences in 4-H and think about which one or ones have made the biggest impact on you and how you changed in responses to those experiences.

DON'T BE CLICHE! Be unique in your response. A common response with this question is helping younger members which can be a legacy, but make sure to be very specific in describing how you helped a younger member and why you felt the need to help them. Explain how helping the younger member will influence the program or club.

Another common answer is that the individual is known as the "girl/boy who always helps out." Please refrain from saying this. Find a different way to say this if this is your legacy, be creative, unique and descriptive.

Think outside the box when answering this question. Make the judges want to read your application and remember you.

What would you consider your 4-H legacy? How have you influenced the 4-H program?

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Application Checklist

Resume with comprehensive list of 4-H activities

Academic Transcript from your High School

2 Letters of Recommendation

Make sure you have submitted everything!

Resume

Include skills and abilities, prior work experience, education, references and leadership experiences on your resume. This is the exact same as a resume you would turn in when applying for a job.

However, this is a 4-H scholarship application, so you will also need to include all the activities, awards, clubs, clinics, domestic and foreign trips, leadership experiences, fairs and community service projects you've participated in through 4-H.

Put these experiences in a comprehensive list that is neat and easily readable.

This will take some time to write down but it could be the difference in you receiving a scholarship or not.

List all of it! We want to know!

General Knowledge

Read and answer all the application questions thoroughly

Brag about yourself when answering the questions

Reread your application answers to ensure there are no grammar or spelling mistakes and that your answers make sense

Turn in your application in on time

Be authentic, unique and descriptive when answering the questions

