



Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association Funding Policies

The following experiences are awarded to Bayfield County 4-H members in grades 8-12 during the Older Member Awards process conducted in the fall (usually September). To be eligible for funding for these trips for the current 4-H year, 4-H members need to participate in this process. The Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association will assist with the expenses as outlined in this document. If a member is not able to travel for any reason, they will need to reapply to be considered in the future. (Funding may not be carried from one year to the next.) Members are usually awarded funds for up to one travel experience a year. (#1-5 on the list on page 2.) Additional trips may be considered if the member was not able to travel the previous year due extenuating circumstances of no fault of their own. These reasons include: the trip's organizer cancelled the experience; the member was too ill at the time of the trip to travel; or a close family member died just before/during the trip. Job conflicts, conflicts with other youth, family, school, & community commitments, and the 4-H member/parent changing their mind about the member participating in a trip experience **are not** considered extenuating circumstances.

All trip funding requests must be made before the travel experience occurs and during the 4-H year in which they are occurring. Trip awards are not transferable to other trip experiences. If a member wishes to change trips, they will need to reapply for funding during the spring funding cycle.

An additional opportunity to apply for funding for trips is available in the spring **if funding is available**. It is strongly recommended that members apply for trip funding in the fall. *Funding for all 4-H travel opportunities for youth in grades 8-12 must be requested through one of these two opportunities. This includes state teams (art, drama, Youth Council, etc.)* The exception is if a **new** experience is announced after the spring funding cycle has concluded. In those rare situations, the member must submit a written request (OMA application) to the 4-H Awards Committee for consideration before traveling and be willing to participate in an interview, if requested by the 4-H Awards Committee.

Additional Information:

- Funding for each 4-H travel experience will be awarded a maximum of one time per member. Though a member may participate in a 4-H travel experience more than once, depending on the organizer's policies, funding will not be available from the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association past the 1st time the member utilizes funds from the Association for that experience.
- Members awarded funds agree to remain an **active** member in the Bayfield County and their Club's 4-H program throughout the course of the current 4-H year. Members and their parents will also sign a contract related to funding at the time the trip's fees are due. By accepting funds, the member also agrees to share their experiences with the Bayfield County 4-H program through written and oral means.
- 4-H members and their parents should be aware there are other costs associated with many of these experiences that are not included in the registration fees. Each experience has different additional costs. Some of these costs may include transportation to the experience, lodging before and/or after the experience, some food, and trip memorabilia. For more information about the complete costs of an experience, consult with the 4-H Youth staff at the Extension Office, the Wisconsin State 4-H website, and/or recent trip participants.
- For some travel experiences, the member may have opportunities to request and/or raise funds outside of the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association. When this occurs, the Association will continue to fund the trip as outlined below as long as the member does not receive more funds than the total costs of the experience. In those situations, the Association will only grant funds up to the total cost of the experience.
- The 4-H Executive Committee and/or Leaders Association may change the amounts listed if the organization's budget is unable to fund these amounts or if the total registration costs of a trip are adjusted.

1. Wisconsin State Academy: ½ the registration cost. (2024 Total Registration Cost: \$500.00.)
2. Citizen Washington Focus: ½ the registration cost for award winners. Award winner alternates may attend, based on availability, if they pay the full cost. (2024 Total Registration Cost: \$2,500.00.)
3. American Spirit Trip: ½ the registration cost. (2024 Total Registration Cost: \$1,900.00)
4. Participation on State Teams (Art, Drama, Youth Leader Council): Funds may be available for up to ½ of the registration costs.
5. 4-H Senior Trip: Grades 11-12. This is a special opportunity to receive funding for a project related educational experience of your choice. This should be a conference, show, or learning opportunity related to a 4-H project that you are passionate about. Individuals can only be given this award one time. If awarded, The Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association will pay half of or up to \$800 of your trip costs including registration, & lodging. Some examples of this trip include: Advanced Space Academy, 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, international 4-H travel, Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership, Ignite by 4-H, and others. Trips listed in 1-4 & 6-7 cannot be considered for this funding.
6. District Winter Camp: ½ the registration cost.
7. Fall Forum: will cover registration, lodging, and costs that are not reimbursable from other sources. Receipts are required for reimbursement. Transportation will be considered provided the member carpools with other attendees from Bayfield County. Ride sharing is expected for mileage reimbursement.

Additional expenses funded by the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association:

8. 4-H Summer Camp: Scholarships for campers and other camp costs as determined annually by Leaders Association.
9. Cloverbud Day Camp: Full cost.
10. 4-H Scholarship: *Up to two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded annually.* Members may apply more than once but receive the award only once. Application information will be distributed to High School Senior 4-H members by the Bayfield County Extension Office in the winter.
11. Member Accident Insurance: The Leaders Association pays \$1 or \$2 rate per member depending on project.
12. Leader Dues: Leaders Association pays \$2 annually per Horse project leader to American Income Life for accident insurance.
13. Ribbons, trophies, monetary prizes, and judges' fees: Funding for 4-H county contests and events not already covered by the Bayfield County Fair or individual entry fees may be considered by the Leaders' Association.

Participants requesting funding for the following experiences must submit a request to the Bayfield County Leaders Association for consideration *before* the experience begins. The Leaders Association and/or the Association's Executive Committee will vote on requests. Meetings occur on the 3rd Monday of each month except August and December. Submit requests to the Bayfield County Extension Office.

14. 4-H Space Camp: Participants in this state 4-H sponsored experience may be awarded up to ½ the registration cost.
15. District and State 4-H Competitions: Up to \$50 per 4-H member per year will be considered for registration costs for these events. (Team requests need to complete the mini-grant application.)
16. State Fair: Funds may be available. Contribution will be based on decision made by the Finance and/or Executive committee of the Leaders' Association. Receipts are required for reimbursement.
17. Adult Leader Training (including Fall Forum): \$50.00 per event for registration, lodging, and requested mileage at \$.35 per mile may be available. Transportation may be covered provided the leader carpools with other attendees from Bayfield County. Ride sharing is expected for mileage reimbursement.
18. Adult Chaperoning: Mileage, at \$.35/mile, may be requested for any adult leader serving as an appointed chaperone for a district or state event if the distance traveled is 50+ miles round trip and not reimbursable by other sources. (Pre-approval is necessary to facilitate ride sharing). Ride sharing is expected for mileage reimbursement. This include s the State Fair.

Other Costs:

19. Any Other Costs: Request for financial assistance for all other 4-H activities must be made by use of the mini-grant application form before the experience. A youth or adult making such request should appear in person at a scheduled Bayfield County Association Meeting to help explain the project. Mini-grant applications can be accessed on the web or by contacting the Bayfield County Extension Office.

[PDF Grant Application](#)

[MS Word Application](#)

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