



## **2026 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **BAYFIELD COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association will award up to 3 scholarships per year, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Scholarships may vary in amounts up to \$750 per award and is dependent on available funding. We encourage all eligible 4-H seniors to apply!

#### **Requirements for eligibility are as follows:**

1. Must have been a Bayfield County 4-H member (minimum of three years) at the time of high school graduation.
2. Must have plans to enroll in post- high school education or apprenticeships following graduation.
3. Must have the application form, essay, and activities document completed and returned to the Bayfield County 4-H Youth Development no later than March 1st, 2025. Applications, or incomplete applications received after this time will not be considered.
4. Must have two letters of reference to be returned separately to the Bayfield County 4-H Youth Development staff. (One reference must be a current 4-H leader. The other reference may be any unrelated adult – teacher, minister, etc.) The references should include any comments the adults care to make, the date, and signature of the reference giver.

#### **Application Instructions:**

1. Please write an essay not to exceed 1000 words containing the following:
  - a. Using the Life Skills Wheel ([Life Skills Wheel – Wisconsin 4-H](#)), identify five of the thirty-five life skills listed which you feel the 4-H program has helped you most develop. Of these five life skills, explain how 4-H has helped you develop three of them.
  - b. Discuss two to four significant contributions you have made to the 4-H program.

Applicants should use their own words when writing this essay. AI generated essays may be disqualified.

2. Describe in a separate document the 4-H and non 4-H activities you have participated in. Describe accomplishments and/or leadership roles in 3 areas:
  - a. Club roles and activities (maximum 5)
  - b. County, district, state, and national 4-H events (maximum of 5)
  - c. Non-4-H roles and activities (maximum 5).

#### **Selection Information:**

1. The applications will be submitted to the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board for selection of the winner.
2. The scholarship will be awarded at graduation time and the applicant will be recognized at the 4-H Awards and Recognition Banquet in the fall.
3. Selection criteria will be based 25% on the essay, 25% on 4-H club activities and leadership, 25% on 4-H county (and beyond) activities and leadership, 15% on non-4-H activities, and 10% on references.

**A hard copy of your complete application is preferred. Please plan ahead to give yourself time to get everything in.**



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**TO THE APPLICANT:**

Complete parts I-III using extra pages as necessary. After you have completed the application, essay, & activities report, sign it and send it to the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association, c/o Clair Emmons, Courthouse, P.O. Box 218, Washburn, WI 54891. Ask one 4-H leader and one unrelated adult to send a dated and signed reference about you to the same address by March 1st.

**All application materials must be received by March 1, 2026\*\***

**Part I: Applicant Information**

- a. Name:
- b. Date of Birth:
- c. Address:
- d. Phone:
- e. Parent's Names:
- f. High School Attended:
  - i. Date of Graduation:
- g. Name of post high school institution you plan to attend:
- h. Career plans:

**Part II: Activities**

What are the major 4-H and non 4-H activities in which you've been involved? List and describe your involvement and accomplishments in 3 areas:

- 1) 4-H club accomplishments and leadership roles
- 2) county, district, state, and national 4-H accomplishments
- 3) non-4-H accomplishments

Give some important details and focus on the top five things you want the selection committee to know about you in each of the three areas. This should be no more than one page. (Attach separate page for this.)

**Part III: Essay**

Please write an essay not to exceed 1000 words. Please see the application information above for further instructions. (Attach a separate page for this.)

**Scholarship Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my essay to be printed in the 4-H Newsletter:  Yes  No