

THAYER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

Answer the following items within a minimum of 1 page, maximum of 4 pages. Please use headings (**4-H Experiences**, **Leadership Experiences**, **Community Involvement/Service-Learning Experiences**, and **Career Spark**) to separate your responses.

Part 1 - Describe your collective and this last year's 4-H experience.

- Indicate the depth and breadth of your 4-H experience.
- Identify the number of years in the program.
- Identify program experiences in which you engaged.
- What skills have you learned as a result of being a part of the 4-H program?
- What have you learned about yourself as a result of being a part of 4-H?
- What was your level of involvement?
- Identify 3 program experiences that you would consider a "highlight" of your year.
 - Describe these experiences. What did you do? What was involved? Who was a part of this experience? Why did you want to participate? What was accomplished through this experience? What was your favorite part of the experience? What did you learn?
- How will this past year influence your future (i.e., 4-H experience, classroom experience, career, etc.)?
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Part 2 – Describe your 4-H and non-4-H leadership experiences that have helped build your leadership skills.

- What type of leadership was it?
 - For example: Roles (Club President), Activities (4-H Lend a Hand Day), Experiences (Being a Junior Ambassador for my county).
- When did these experiences occur?
- Identify your part in the experiences:
 - Duties you completed
 - Responsibilities you fulfilled
 - Skills you utilized
- What did you learn about leadership through these experiences?

Part 3- Describe two times you were involved in volunteer service to others and/or the community through 4-H or other opportunities.

- List the type of involvement
- When did the experiences occur?
- What were duties, responsibilities, and skills you used to be successful?
- What did you learn in each of your experiences?

Part 4- Describe how your 4-H experiences have sparked your interest in a future career field.