



4-H Auction Scholarship Application

Dakota County 4-H, 2026 application - due February 27, 2026

How the scholarship is funded

The Dakota County 4-H Auction scholarships are funded through Dakota County 4-H Livestock Auction funds received from the sale/donation of the last pen of rabbits/turkeys/ducks/geese/chickens. This last pen is sold and donated back to 4-H repeatedly until buyer interest diminishes. Money generated from this "sale" has allowed Dakota County 4-H to offer college scholarships to deserving 4-H'ers, in addition to paying for livestock related equipment, state trip participant scholarships, state trip chaperone expenses, educational workshop supplies, 4-H promotion, project bowl buzzer systems, and supplies for the county fair.

Requirements

1. Applicants must be a high school senior graduating in 2026.
2. Applicants must be a current Dakota County 4-H member enrolled in 4-H Online, and paid county member dues.
3. Applicants must be attending an accredited college, university, community college, or technical college as of the fall quarter/semester of 2026.
4. Applicants can be enrolled in any project area.
5. Winners will be awarded the scholarship upon proof of completion of the first semester at a post-secondary institution. Scholarship winners will be awarded \$1,500 in 2026. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to your college or university to go toward your spring semester tuition.
6. Scholarships are awarded based on the content of your application.
7. Applicant names are removed from applications, so applications are anonymous when reviewed by the selection committee. Scholarships are awarded based on scholarship selection committee review/scoring.
 - o *Please note: The auction committee does not select scholarship winners.*
8. Please complete all pages and review them for completeness and accuracy before submitting.

Expectations of scholarship recipients

1. Call potential auction buyers to invite them to the auction. This requires approximately 2 hours of calling at the Dakota County Extension Office prior to the county fair. A script and calling log will be provided.
2. Assist at the 2026 4-H livestock auction.
3. Prepare and present a short speech on what 4-H has meant to you at the 2026 4-H livestock auction.

Applications must include the following:

- Completed scholarship application form (preferably typed)
- Copy of high school transcript (not report card) - unofficial is acceptable.

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Return applications to:

**Dakota County 4-H
Attention: 4-H Scholarship Committee
4100 220th Street West, Suite 101
Farmington, MN 55024**

Questions:

Contact Jessica Beissel at reed0324@umn.edu.

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Applicants full name _____

Grade _____ 4-H Club _____ Years in 4-H _____

Full Address _____

Contact information: Cell _____ Email _____

High school graduating from in 2026 _____

Your high school G.P.A. will account for 5% of the evaluation score for your application. Please attach a COPY of your most current high school transcript (not your report card). It is not necessary to purchase an official school transcript; you can print one off the school webpage.

G.P.A. Range ___ 4.0+ ___ 3.0-4.0 ___ 3.0-2.0

Name, city, and state of the institution of higher learning you will be attending:

College Major: _____

Scholarship winners need to provide proof of completion of 2026 fall quarter/semester to receive scholarship funds. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to your school.

I hereby certify that I personally have completed this application and that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____



4-H Involvement: List and briefly describe your involvement in 4-H activities (club and county offices held, projects involved in, experiences, and what you learned and how you will apply what you have learned to the future, etc.). State years in 4-H and years in the respective project area or when involved in the 4-H program. Example: Club secretary 2021, Vice president 2022, Executive Board 2022, Federation Secretary 2019, or other projects you are involved in and how many years. Emphasize leadership roles you have taken and highlight ways you have “given something back to 4-H” or helped others in 4-H. Activities that help develop teamwork or build life skills such as self-confidence, public speaking, and/or decision-making (etc.) are also important. Materials will not be returned, so do not send anything you need back. You may attach *one* additional page for 4-H activities if necessary.

Your involvement in 4-H activities will account for 60% of the evaluation score for your application.



Work/Employment History: Have you ever been employed? Are you currently employed? How many hours do you work at your current position? What have you learned from your employment? How has your current employment prepared you for your future?

Your work/employment will account for 20% of the evaluation score for your application.



School/Community Involvement: List and briefly describe your involvement in school/community (non-4-H) activities, involvement with other organizations, teams, groups, etc. Emphasize leadership roles you have taken and highlight ways you have “given something back to your community” or helped others. Activities that help develop teamwork or build life skills such as self-confidence, public speaking, and/or decision-making (etc.) are also important.

Your involvement in school/community (non-4-H) activities will account for 10% of the evaluation score for your application.

List other pertinent information (special circumstances, financial need, etc.) that you feel qualifies you for this scholarship.

Other factors will account for 5% of the evaluation score for your application. Do not leave this section blank.

