

Rowan County 4-H Cloverbucks & Event Grant Guidelines

Goes into effect: January 1, 2019

Event Grant Deadline: April 15 of each year

(If April 15 is on a Sat/Sun, then it is due the Friday BEFORE the 15th)

Cloverbucks:

Cloverbucks are earned scholarship vouchers awarded to any 4-H'er for participation in a particular 4-H activity. These vouchers can be used to offset costs associated with 4-H trips and events. 4-H'ers may earn Cloverbucks for the following activities and in the following amounts:

- Project Record Book: \$10 for each entered at county level (limit of 2)
- District Project Record Book/Portfolio Qualifiers: \$5 per record book/portfolio
- Portfolio: \$15 total (limit of 1)
- County Presentation: \$10
- District Presentation: \$10
- State Presentation: \$10
- 4-H Entertains: \$10 per individual or \$5 per 4-H'er if group performance (given per participant as a one-time only amount; not given at each level of participation)
- Participation in Photography or Expressive Arts (county level): \$10 total per participant, not per category
- Dairy, Equine, Livestock, or Poultry Judging or Quizbowl Team: \$10 per team
- Selling Paper Clovers: \$5 per day worked (limit of 4 annually, max of \$20 total)

The amounts will be recorded by the 4-H agent and kept on file at the Extension Office. These records are confidential. Contact the 4-H Agent to check Cloverbucks balance. Cloverbucks earned must be used within the same calendar year or the following calendar year (if issued in 2019, must be used by Dec. 31, 2020).

Cloverbucks will be forfeited if the child leaves 4-H. Cloverbucks can only be used by the 4-H'er that earns them. They cannot be transferred to another child or family member. Cloverbucks cannot be traded in for actual cash, but parent reimbursement for 4-H events may be allowable and must be approved by 4-H Agent prior to event.

4-H Event Grants:

4-H Event Grants allow for 4-H'ers to apply for extra money to assist with the parental cost associated with attending more costly 4-H events such as Summer Fun, 4-H Workshops, Citizenship Focus, NC 4-H Congress, 4-H Camp, 4-H competitions (shooting sports, horse, etc) and National 4-H events. Youth can use the application to apply for financial help towards 4-H events that will occur from the application due date through December 31 of that year. **The grants are merit-based and designed to assist any 4-H'er who wants to attend a 4-H event that costs money to the family.** Amounts awarded will vary. 4-H'ers may apply for event grants by using the 4-H Event Grant application form. The grant applications are reviewed by a committee designated by the 4-H agent.

In awarding event grants, preference is given to 4-H members who meet the requirements below, based on participation in the past 12 months. **However, it is not required that they meet all of these qualifications and it is ok to answer "no" to questions listed below.** The grant committee will make the final decision.

1. Attended at least 3 county council meetings; if you cannot attend due to an on-going conflict, you may provide an explanation of why you cannot attend in lieu of this requirement. (County Council is only open to 12-18 year olds.)
2. Attended at least 6 4-H club meetings.
3. Participated in club or county 4-H fundraisers.
4. Have participated in 4-H presentations or submitted a project book (minimum county level).

5. Participated in at least one other 4-H activity other than those listed above.

The 4-H Event Grant committee will consist of: Treasurer of PALS (Parents, Alumni and Leaders), and 1- 2 parents/4-H volunteers. The Treasurer of PALS will serve as the committee chair. If you would be interested in serving on this committee, please let the 4-H agent know. If your personal child is applying for an event grant, you must eliminate yourself from reviewing or voting upon his/her event grant application(s).

Funding for these grants will be provided by PALS and/or Rowan County 4-H. Rowan County 4-H members who have up-to-date enrollment forms can apply. **No 4-H'er can receive more than \$150 in grant funding per calendar year (January-December).** A submitted application does not guarantee event grant funding; approved funding will be at the discretion of the event grant committee. The grant committee has the final say in how much is/is not given and to which event(s) it is given. Grants can only be used for the event(s) in which the 4-H Event Grant Committee specifically awarded them for. If the 4-H'er needs to use the money for a different event (after they have been awarded this grant), or if the 4-H'er no longer is attending the event they specified, the 4-H'er/parent should contact the 4-H agent immediately. The 4-H agent will work with the grant committee chair to determine how to proceed.

The grant program may be revised or suspended at any time if funding is not available.

If you have questions, please contact Laura Allen, Rowan County 4-H Agent, at 704-216-8970 or laura_allen@ncsu.edu.

Parent Funding for 4-H Events

In the past, Rowan County 4-H has fully funded 4-H events that county 4-H'ers attend. However, this is not a sustainable practice and is not something that Rowan County 4-H can afford to do. After researching the costs associated with various county level 4-H events, it has been decided that parents are expected to pay a portion of the cost of each of these events, as designated below. If 4-H'ers have Cloverbucks or if they are awarded an event scholarship, those monies will be put toward the parent's cost of the trip.

*The list below just includes county level trips that the 4-H Agent is in charge of and attends with 4-H'ers. Please note that there are other 4-H events within 4-H clubs or within the 4-H experience that may require payment in full by parents (club trips, 4-H Horse Shows, shooting sports, etc).

*The list below includes the prices for the families of currently active 4-H'ers. 4-H'ers who are not currently active prior to wanting to attend these 4-H events will have to pay full cost.

<u>County Level 4-H Trip</u>	<u>Parent Cost</u>
4-H Camp	\$475
4-H Congress	\$175
Winter Enrichment*	\$15
Teen Retreat*	\$80-\$100
YouthVoice	\$0

*These events are not covered through 4-H Event Grants due to the timing of them being prior to the 4-H Event Grant application deadline. Cloverbucks can be used.