James M Shearer Scholarship Announcement

James Shearer was a dedicated father of three 4H-ers and worked tirelessly to support the farmers he served in the dairy industry. He always attempted to entertain the kids (and adults alike) in his daughters' 4H Club while he enthusiastically supported his two youngest as they showed beef and dairy cattle.

Rowdy's Fund initially started shortly after James' death in October 2023 to support the sale of James' youngest daughter's steer, Rowdy. After learning of the Fund, his daughter preferred Rowdy's sale price be determined on his own merits and requested the funds go towards other kids to honor her father's memory.

With the donations made in remembrance of James collected to date, the funds will now go to support kids in St. Croix County that are also enthusiastic about showing beef or dairy. Two scholarships are available:

- $500 for feed or supplies for your existing beef or dairy show animal, OR
- $2000 to purchase a beef or dairy show animal for the 2027 St. Croix County Fair.

Applicants must be 16 years or younger, be signed up to show beef or dairy at the St. Croix County Fair, complete the application and essay, and provide two letters of recommendation from non-family members. Please send questions and/or applications to Shirley Shearer at shirley062172@live.com. Applications must be postmarked or emailed to Shirley by 11:59 pm on June 30, 2026.

APPLICATION

Name

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Contact Info (phone/email)

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4H or FFA Club

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Age _____ Year in School

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Which scholarship are you applying for (feed/supplies, show animal, or both)?

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Where will the animal be housed?

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Please attach a short essay (no less than 100 words) describing what you will use the scholarship funds for, why you deserve this award, and what showing a beef or dairy animal will mean for your 4H or FFA experience.