



Delaware 4-H Foundation announces 2024 scholarship opportunities

The Delaware 4-H Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed to manage private funds in support of the 4-H youth development program in Delaware. As an educational organization, the foundation encourages young adults to pursue education and training beyond high school. In recognition of continued 4-H leadership, funds are available to support one or more scholarships offered for Delaware 4-H members to pursue higher education.

Traditional Foundation Scholarship

To qualify, applicants must have completed five years as a 4-H member, with at least three of those in Delaware. Recipients must be high school graduates and be enrolled full-time at any two- or four-year institution of higher education for the fall or spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year. Applicants may be enrolled in any area of study. High school seniors will be evaluated separately from matriculated college students. Scholarships will only be awarded once per individual; those not awarded are encouraged to apply again.

Annual Charles “Chuck” Busker Memorial Scholarship from the Delaware 4-H Foundation established in 2024

High school seniors or college students who are pursuing a degree in agriculture will be considered for this scholarship of \$5,000.00 to support their studies. Students with an interest in dairy demonstrated by multiple years of 4-H Dairy Project participation and leadership will be given top priority. Applicants should use the same Delaware 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application to apply. Awardees are only eligible for the award once as a high school senior or college student. This award is given in memory of Charles “Chuck” Busker, an avid dairy farmer and 4-H supporter, via the endowment in his memory with the Foundation.

Scholarship for either award selection will be based upon a written essay, 4-H leadership, 4-H involvement, school/extracurricular activities, community involvement, academic performance, and two letters of reference. Applications may be downloaded from the Delaware 4-H Foundation website (<http://www.delaware4hfoundation.org>). Only current transcript and two (2) letters of reference may be attached. Incomplete application packages will not be considered.

Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Delaware State Fair. Scholarship checks will be issued to scholarship winners AFTER completion of their first semester. Awardees are required to submit a transcript from the first completed semester PRIOR to the check being issued.

Completed application form, most recent transcript, and two current reference letters are due to the State 4-H Office by May 1, 2024 via the University of Delaware’s Dropbox: www.udel.edu/dropbox.

1. Click the “Drop-off” button.
2. Enter your information in box 1.
3. For Box 2 recipient email, enter: de4h (please note there is NO dash in de4h)
4. Upload your files in box 3
5. Click the “drop-off the file” box.

You should receive a confirmation from Dropbox. If you do not receive a confirmation within 72 hours, please call the Delaware 4-H Office at 302-831-2509 to verify that the application was received.

This scholarship will be announced on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. during the Delaware 4-H Foundation Donor Appreciation Brunch, 4-H Building, Delaware State Fair, Harrington. No checks will be given out at the Delaware State Fair.

No person applying for this scholarship shall be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age or gender.

For more information, please visit the Delaware 4-H Foundation website: www.delaware4hfoundation.org.