



4-H Jacque Devney Scholarship Application

Application due February 27, 2026

Scholarship details

One \$500 scholarship awarded to a high school senior, graduating in 2026, based on activities in 4-H, the community, high school, and employment. Applicants must average a 3.0 (4.0 scale) or higher, grade point average during high school, and maintain a 3.0 through the applicant's first semester of college. Upon meeting the minimum GPA requirement, it is not a determining factor for this scholarship.

Eligibility

Students pursuing a degree at an accredited University or College.

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 \$500 in 2026. Scholarship funds are 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 application, so applications are anonymous when reviewed by the selection committee. Scholarships are awarded based on scholarship selection committee review/scoring.
8. One additional page may be included with the application.
9. Please complete all pages and review for completeness and accuracy before submitting.

Application submission must include the following:

- Completed scholarship application form (preferably typed)
- Copy of current high school transcript (not report card); unofficial transcript is acceptable.
- Two letters of recommendation. See recommendation page for recommendation guidelines.

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Submit application and recommendations 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 _____

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 (explain both your club and county level)

How has 4-H influenced your life?



4-H Activities (include up to but no more than the most relevant 6)

Name of activity

Years in activity

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

School Activities (include up to but no more than the most relevant 6)

For school activities please include, but do not limit to FFA, school clubs, leadership activities, extracurricular activities, and sports.

Name of activity

Years in activity

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.



6.

Community or church

Describe leadership programs or projects that you have been involved with in your community and/or church.

Work Employment History

Have you 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 the future?

Other

What are your career goals upon graduation?

Letter of Recommendation

Jacque M. Devney 4-H Memorial Scholarship

Notice to applicant: Have two separate people complete a recommendation, following the guidelines listed below. It is best that your recommendation comes from someone who has had a lot of interaction with you.

Notice to evaluator: We would appreciate your observations and opinions about the applicant in the areas listed below. Your evaluation will be given considerable attention by the selection committee. Please be as specific as possible. This information will be treated in a confidential and professional manner. Please submit this recommendation in a sealed envelope, with your signature covering the flap of the envelope.

Recommendation guidelines:

- Recommendations cannot be relatives or Extension employees.
- Recommendation should be no more one 1 page, single spaced; Font size 12.
- Recommendation due February 27; must be postmarked or dropped off at the Dakota County Extension and Conservation Center in Farmington no later than February 27.
- Recommendation should include your signature, title, email, and phone number.
- Enclose recommendation letter in envelope with signature across the sealed flap.

Recommendation should answer the following questions about the applicant:

- **Volunteerism:** How have you observed the applicant's willingness to volunteer, and the quality of the volunteering?
- **Initiative, Industry:** Consider resourcefulness and ingenuity.
- **Leadership:** Considered ability to motivate a group of people in a desired direction.
- **Personality:** Consider how the applicant interacts with others.
- **Reliability:** Consider dependability, willingness, and honesty.
- **Additional comments**

Please return recommendation letter in a sealed envelope, with your signature covering the flap of the envelope, to applicant to submit with application or mail by the deadline to: Dakota County 4-H, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 4100 220th St. W., #101, Farmington, MN 55024



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