

4-H Financial Reimbursement/Funding Guidelines for YOUTH

Funds raised by the Barron County 4-H Association are used to offset the cost of 4-H Educational Experiences/Activities. ALL Barron County 4-H youth in good standing, who have achieved in the previous year are eligible to receive funding for up to \$150 reimbursement for local/state experiences as the 4-H budget year allows. Members are also eligible for UP TO 50% funding for one LARGER (usually outside of Wisconsin) experience. Funding is NOT guaranteed.

- Form 1: Barron County 4-H Leaders Association Funding Application
 - Submitted prior to experience/activity to help with planning (required to be submitted in advance for youth requesting 50% up front funding OR financial assistance).
- Form 2: Barron County 4-H Leaders Association Funding Summary
 - Required for ALL funding, must be submitted AFTER experience/activity.

To receive funds:

1. Make sure the 4-H event, activity, or experience is eligible for event funding.
 - a. Experiences costing more than \$400 can only be reimbursed up to 50% one time each (i.e. space camp, American Spirit-East, National Congress, IGNITE, etc.), you will be eligible for up to \$150 total per year for any experience attended more than once.
2. Make sure you are eligible for funding
 - a. Achieved in the previous year
 - b. Member in good standing)
3. Complete necessary forms
 - a. Form 1 is appreciated prior to experience/activity if not required, and
 - b. Form 2-Barron County 4-H Leaders Association Activity Summary, upon return from the experience/activity.
 - c. Make arrangements to present about the event/activity at a 4-H Leaders Meeting (or alternate location)
4. It is understood that eligible youth/family members cover a minimum of one shift in the 4-H Food Stand or at the next fair to ensure funding for future youth. Additional opportunities can be arranged if you are not able to help at the fair.

Note: For Adult Volunteers/Leaders OR experiences where youth are traveling with a delegation, or as part of a project group-please have one person complete "Request for Special Funding" Form so that funds can be given to offset the cost for the whole group, rather than turning in individual requests -- it is appreciated if groups can plan to raise funds as much as they can to help offset costs.

Form 1: Barron County 4-H Leaders Association Funding Application - YOUTH

The Barron County 4-H Leaders Association provides funding for up to half of the cost to attend 4-H Educational Travel Experiences. To apply for funding, submit this request form.

Submitting a Funding Application does NOT register you for the program and does NOT guarantee funding. Efforts will be made to provide funding for as many youth as possible based on the amount available. Turning this form in early will help designate funds for the most participants--to be eligible for early payment or needs based financial assistance, this form MUST be turned in a minimum of 1 month prior to payment deadline.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

4-H Club: _____ Date: _____

Name/ Activity of Experience: _____

Estimated Cost of Experience: _____

- ☐ Payment will be made by participant in advance, payable to Wisconsin 4-H OR Barron County 4-H Leaders Association. **UNLESS any of the following apply:**
- ☐ I have a need for the 4-H Association to pay 50% of the balance up front (*you are responsible for all costs if paid and not attended*)
- ☐ I would like to work out a payment plan for the balance, with payment due by June 1 of the trip date.

Why do you want to participate in this 4-H Program (use additional paper if needed)

How will you tell others about your experience when you return (use additional paper if needed)?

What impact would 4-H Leaders Association funding have on your experience/activity (use additional paper if needed)?

Please check to show understanding that all apply:

- ☐ I understand that funding is not guaranteed
- ☐ I understand that participant (youth) must complete Event Funding Form 2 following the experience/activity (contact 4-H Leaders Association member or county office for dates/times or to make alternate arrangements).

Signature of Member: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Leader: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only Approved: Y N Amount of Funding Approved: \$ _____ Reason if not approved: _____ _____ Signature of Council Member Signature of Council Member	Notes:
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Form 2: Barron County 4-H Leaders Association Funding Summary - Youth

Must be completed for funding reimbursement/follow-up. All funding requests must be submitted by August 31 to be eligible for current year funding. See Event Funding guidelines for more information.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

4-H Club: _____ Date: _____

Who Check should be made out to: _____

Address to mail check to: _____

Name/ Activity of Experience: _____

- ☐ I submitted Form 1 in advance of experience/activity
- ☐ I did NOT submit Form 1 in advance but would like to be considered for funding (OR form 1 was not required - requesting \$150 reimbursement)

Final Experience Cost (please include any receipts, documents, etc for proof of payment):

Registration Fees	\$
Lodging (<i>your portion of cost only</i>)	\$
Total Expenses	\$

In order to receive reimbursement, youth must

- ☐ Attend a 4-H Adult Leaders Council Meeting AFTER experience/activity OR make alternate arrangements--prior to August 31 of current year.
- ☐ Complete Form 2 (and 1 where applicable)
- ☐ Please remember that funding is *offered* (not guaranteed) to help with some of the expenses associated with participation in 4-H events.
- ☐ Plan to assist with Leaders Association Activity/fundraising for minimum one shift (adult can help in place of youth) to ensure funding for future youth participants.

I attest that all information on this form is accurate:

Signature of Member: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only Approved: Y N Amount of Funding Approved: \$ _____ Reason if not approved: _____ _____ Signature of Council Member Signature of Council Member	Check # _____ Date: _____
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Youth Form 2-continued

Event: _____

Describe the experience/activity-what did you do?

What did you learn?

What are you "bringing back" from this event? (Examples: how will you personally use what you learned from this event? How will you use what you learned to help improve your club or county meetings, projects, or activities? How can you use your experiences to educate other 4-H members?)

Please submit at least 1 photo from your experience (email 4h@co.barron.wi.us).

Signature of 4-H Member: _____

Educational/Travel Experiences

Experience For FULL descriptions visit; https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/	When/Where	Who?	How Much? (estimated)	Registration
Arts Camp: provides youth in grades 6-8 an opportunity to explore different types of art including theater, music, visual arts, dance, and photography while making new friends, developing skills, and enjoying new experiences. More Info: go.wisc.edu/ArtCamp	Usually 1st weekend in October Upham Woods Wisconsin Dells, WI	Grades 6-8	\$150 tiered pricing (billed individually)	Registration opens in August via 4-H Online.
Fall Forum: Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. Planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders Council with the support of county and state staff; promote to youth and adult leaders in your county! Our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning. More Info: go.wisc.edu/4hfallforum	Usually 1st full weekend in November; (location TBD)	Grades 7-12 and 4-H volunteers	\$65 (day only) \$185 (2 nights) Billed individually	Registration in 4-H online-opens in September. Payment due Mid October
Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership: The mission of the Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership Conference (YPCL) is to advance youth voice in Wisconsin by increasing the capacity for youth and adults to share civic leadership in local communities, schools and organizations. We advocate for a youth voice and build mentoring, networking and learning opportunities. More Info: go.wisc.edu/ypcl	Mid November Wisconsin Dells, WI	Grades 9-12; adults 21 and older (attend in teams)	\$180	Opens mid June; through 4-H online. **must have adult chaperone (21+)
National 4-H Congress: Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and a service project, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the nation. go.wisc.edu/4HCongress	Usually depart day after Thanksgiving; Atlanta, GA	Grades 9-12 (maximum age 18 on January 1 of program year.	\$1500	Registration open May/June through 4-H online.
ArtBEAT! 4-H Art Beat is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Communication Arts and was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents and leaders. Art Beat! provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience five different art forms in a camping environment at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Art Beat! track leaders are older 4-H Youth, 4-H Leaders, and staff. More Info: go.wisc.edu/ArtBeat	Usually mid-march Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells	Grades 3-5 (parents welcome)	\$150 based on tiered pricing (billed individually)	Registration opens Mid February; capacity limited through 4-H Online
Beyond Wisconsin: Exploring the Midwest: Youth will journey from Wisconsin to St. Louis, Missouri, by coach bus for an adventure that blends fun, learning, and cultural discovery. Along the way, participants will explore science museums, art centers, and enjoy live music and performances, all while sampling local flavors like St. Louis-style barbecue. The experience kicks off Thursday evening with an overnight stay at a camp facility in Illinois, where students will engage in teambuilding activities and build relationships with peers from across Wisconsin.	Presidents Day Weekend, February 2026 **dates will change depending on year	Grades 6-8	TBD	Registration will likely open in Early September; capacity limited.

Citizenship Washington Focus @ Ignite by 4-H This weeklong event focuses on educating youth on citizenship while visiting many sites in our nation's capital. This track remains our cornerstone leadership experience for teens passionate about civic engagement, public policy, and advocacy as pathways to community change. Participants will strengthen their understanding of the democratic process and cultivate leadership skills rooted in civic responsibility. With this foundation, they'll discover how local action can spark impact on national and global levels. More Info: go.wisc.edu/CWF	End of March; Washington DC	Grades 10-12	\$2800	Registration opens early September. Capacity limited.
4-H Ambassadors (Arts, Agriculture, Leadership): Meet 4-H members from throughout Wisconsin and explore your unique Sparks through exciting statewide opportunities. Apply to join one of the Wisconsin 4-H Ambassador Teams for Arts, Ag, and Leadership. The ambassadors teams will advocate for Wisconsin 4-H and engage in opportunities to build personal leadership skills and encourage others to grow their leadership potential. More Info: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/wi-4-h-ambassador-team/	Varies by activity	Grades 9-12	\$700 (includes registration for Summer Academy and planning weekends)	Application, due late fall/early winter
Ignite by 4-H (STEM Track/ Animal Science Track): The Animal Science track is for teens passionate about animals, biology, and their impact on food systems and communities. This immersive experience focuses on the science and care of animals through hands-on learning in fields such as veterinary science, meat science and production, ranching, livestock management, and equine science. Teens will gain practical knowledge in animal health, nutrition, and agricultural practices that support ethical, sustainable animal care. In the STEM track, teens will experience innovation in action through hands-on challenges in robotics, engineering, coding, and emerging technologies. They'll dive into fields like artificial intelligence (AI), computer science, physics, and chemistry—developing the technical and analytical skills to thrive in a technology-driven world. This track encourages experimentation, creative problem-solving, and future-focused thinking. More Info: go.wisc.edu/igniteby4h	End of March; Washington DC	Grades 10-12	\$2500	Registration opens early September through 4-H online. Capacity limited.
National 4-H Conference: Youth are selected from WI to attend this working conference held at National 4-H Center. Each participant selects an issue and works with other youth from across the country to develop plans to help direct future 4-H programming. More Info: go.wisc.edu/NationalConf	Early April, Washington DC	Grades 10-12	\$2000	Application process Due early December - 4-5 teens selected across WI
Space Camp: Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp is an educational experience where youth from across the state take a bus down to Huntsville, Alabama, for a 4 day journey. Youth get the opportunity to venture away from home to meet new friends, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and learn all about space. They are led by a team of trained Adult Advisors. More Info: go.wisc.edu/SpaceCamp	End of April; Huntsville, AL	Grades 6-8	\$1300	Registration opens mid November through 4-H online (fills fast, capacity limited)

Summer Academy: This program will help you discover pathways to your future. Signup to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more (subject to change). There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI. More Info: go.wisc.edu/4Hsummeracademy	Mid June; UW Madison Campus, Madison WI	Grades 8-11	\$450 Reduced to \$150 for 2026	Registration opens early March through 4-H Online; tracks fill fast
American Spirit East: This nine-day travel experience takes you to Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Niagara Falls to increase your understanding and appreciation of American history. More Info: go.wisc.edu/AmericanSpirit	East Coast End of June OR early July	Grades 8-10 at time of registration	\$3000	Opens early November through 4-H Online (limited capacity)
National 4-H Dairy Conference	TBD (early September, 2026)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Canada Fishing Experience: Open to Barron County 4-H youth, experience a 5-6 day fishing trip at Lake Pakashkan in Ontario CA-youth will fish for walleye and northern, camp in a cabin, and take roles in meal and camp making. Offered every other summer based on chaperone capacity	Late July, early August (TBD for 2027)	Grades 8-12	\$250-\$300	Opens in February (odd years)
4-H Camps: Join 4-Hers from Barron County and neighboring counties for a fun filled 3-day, 2 night camp experience at Camp Kiwanis.	June Camp Kiwanis, Marine on St. Croix	Grades 3-6 (base camp); Grades 7-8 (outpost camp)	\$75 (<i>no additional funding available; leaders association pays other half</i>)	Opens early March
Dairy/Livestock: Dairy Judging, Dairy Quiz Bowl, Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Area Animal Science Days More info: go.wisc.edu/4hdairy	Date/locations vary	Grades 3 and up;	Cost is typically transportation/small registration fee	See website for details
Dog Project: State Agility Show; Dog Obedience/Showmanship show; Dog Quiz Bowl. go.wisc.edu/4hdogproject .	Agility-Oshkosh, WI Obedience/ Showmanship: Antigo, WI	Agility-grades 4-12; Obedience/ Showmanship - grades 3-13	Cost is typically transportation/small registration fee	See website for details
Horse Project: Gymkhana (West Allis, WI); 4-H Hunt & Dressage: 4-H Hunt and Dressage Show (Plymouth WI); Education days (UW Green Bay); and State Horse Expo (West Allis, WI) More Info: go.wisc.edu/4hhorseproject	Varies	Riding: Grades 6-13 Educational: Grades 3-13	Cost is typically transportation and fees/lodging	See website for details
Wisconsin State Fair: Youth have opportunities to show at Wisconsin state Fair. The 4-H Dairy group travels as a delegation, all other projects are separate. State Fair is not affiliated with 4-H; however financial assistance can be provided.	First 2 weeks in August	varies	Cost typically includes lodging/entry fees/transportation	