

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

CALDWELL COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

PURPOSE: To recognize worthy Caldwell County 4-H members for outstanding achievement and assist them in receiving higher education.

AMOUNT: A maximum of three scholarships for a total of \$6000.00 may be awarded to the top three 4-H'ers annually to be payable at one-half for the fall semester and one-half for the spring semester. **Payment will be made with proof of registration for each semester including a fall semester grade report showing at least a cumulative GPA of 2.0. IF GPA is below this amount, the remaining half of the scholarship is forfeited.**

If attending a technical or trade school, payment will be one-half at the beginning of the school with proof of registration and then one-half at mid-way point of the technical/trade school term. Issuance of three scholarships is not guaranteed. The number of scholarships awarded is determined by the judges' scoring.

ELIGIBILITY: Any bona-fide 4-H club member may apply for the Caldwell County 4-H Scholarship award provided they:

1. Are ~~now~~ currently enrolled and have been for three previous senior 4-H years in a 4-H club of Caldwell County for a total of four years.
2. Is now a graduating high school senior in the current school year.
3. Have been accepted to an accredited college, university or junior college and must take a minimum of nine semester hours; or accepted to a technical or trade school the year of the judging.
4. Have carried two or more **4-H projects** per year in all of their senior 4-H years. This includes submission of a complete 4-H record form.
5. **Activities** -- Participated in at least 2 or more of any of these following activities each year:
 - A. Educational Presentation Contests and Share the Fun in at least the county level. Participation at the district or state level would be desirable.
 - B. Judging Contests – Includes all 4-H judging contests, i.e. horse judging, livestock judging, soil judging, wool judging and evaluation, mohair judging and evaluation, and consumer judging, etc. This includes participating in the official judging team practices under the guidance of a volunteer leader, including practice contests up to and including the contest used to determine the official county team. Attendance sheets turned into the county extension office by judging team leaders will be used to determine the county team.
 - C. Other Contests – All other 4-H contests such as County 4-H Food Show, County 4-H fashion Show, County Livestock Show, Horse Bowl, Meat Judging and I.D., Range Evaluation, Range and Pasture I.D., Entomology Contest, Quiz Bowls, etc.

- D. Texas 4-H Center, District or State Activities – Shooting Sports Camp, Lamb Camp, Water Camp, Wildlife Ecology Camp, Electric Camp, Horsemanship School, Goat Camp, Livestock Judging Camp, etc.
6. **Leadership** -- During his or her years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have exhibited leadership skills in one or more of the following areas each year:
 - A. Must have served as an officer or committee chairman in at least a club level, but preferably county. District or state level would be desirable.
 - B. Must have served as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader each year. Attendance sheets turned into the county Extension office by volunteer leaders/coordinators will be used to verify participation and Jr. or Teen leader status.
 - C. Participation in one of the following leadership activities: Texas 4-H Teen Retreat, Texas 4-H ambassador Workshop, Bobwhite Brigade, District Leadership Lab or State Congress.
 7. **Community Service** -- The 4-H member must have participated in one or more local and/or county 4-H council sponsored community service activities each year. In addition they must have participated in one or more of the following each year:
 - A. Working or counseling with junior 4-H members.
 - B. Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.
 8. During his or her 4-H career, 4-H member has actively and aggressively worked scholarship fundraising activities such as securing donations, selling multiple tickets, working at fundraisers, etc.
 9. Must submit most recent 4-H record book and have submitted record books for Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years as a senior member.
 10. Each applicant shall complete and submit the Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship application form as their application for a Caldwell County 4-H scholarship. These application forms may be picked up at the county extension service office or on-line.
 11. Must provide a high school transcript.

Rules and Regulations for 4-H Scholarship Award

1. The judging committee for the 4-H scholarships which may be given annually shall consist of two or three out-of-county extension agents or 4-H leaders to be approved by the 4-H Scholarship Task Force.
2. The Caldwell County agents shall serve in an advisory capacity, supply documentation as needed and shall attend all meeting of this judging committee.
3. Applications to be judged must be submitted by the date specified by agents and the 4-H Scholarship Task Force.
4. The 4-H Scholarship Task Force will review all the applications submitted and complete the county check sheet to ensure all requirements are met.

5. Each applicant who meets the minimum criteria will be interviewed by the judging committee. Receiving an interview does not guarantee being awarded a scholarship.
6. A minimum score of 80 points from the judging committee is required to receive a scholarship. If a scholarship-recipient decides not to further their education the year of the judging, the scholarship will be forfeited and may be awarded to the applicant with the next highest score if that person meets the minimum score of 80 points. Applicants will receive written notice after the interview from the Texas A & M Agrilife Extension Service.
7. The award shall be presented at a suitable time.

Basis for scoring the 4-H scholarship award for the judging application and interview shall be the following:

*4-H Projects and Activities	50	
4-H Leadership	20	
Community Service	20	
Interview Skills		<u>10</u>
TOTAL	100	

*This category includes all project work and participation in scholarship fund raising.