2017

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program

Application and Submission Guidelines

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APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

These Guidelines should be reviewed and followed by any Texas 4-H member applying for a 2017 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship. Both 4-H members and parents/guardians are encouraged to review the rules and guidelines prior to beginning the application process to ensure eligibility and proper completion of application.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Texas 4-H Youth Development Program Opportunity Scholarships are **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS** awarded each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need (for scholarships for which it is a required criterion). The Texas 4-H Youth Development Opportunity Scholarship Program is conducted by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. All applications must be submitted through the applicant's county Extension office and meet all criteria to be considered.

Well over 200 academically-competitive scholarships will be awarded in the 2017 Texas 4-H Scholarship Program ranging in amounts from $3000 to $20,000.* No scholarship recipient whose award is based on this application process will receive less than $3000.* The Texas 4-H Foundation seeks to ensure that each recipient receives the highest dollar amount of scholarship for which that recipient is eligible. For the majority of the total scholarships and scholarship funds available, participation in a livestock show is not a requirement for consideration for an Opportunity Scholarship. *This will exclude scholarships provided through the Texas Extension Education Association and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition School Tour Scholarship programs.

BEFORE YOU APPLY FOR A TEXAS 4-H OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, and the donors have the expectation and requirement that every 4-H member being awarded a Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship be present (in person) at the scholarship interviews in College Station and the scholarship presentation(s) in College Station. Before you begin your scholarship application, please review the dates below to be sure that you are able, and willing, to participate in the dates mentioned. Applicants and families should schedule vacations, other award trips, sports activities, etc at other times than those listed below.

November – January	Scholarship Trainings
November – December	Applicant complete FAFSA
Set by County Office	Application due to County Office
February 3, 2017	Applications due to District Office
February 17, 2017	Applications due to State 4-H Office
April 14, 2017	Interview selection notification
May 5-7, 2017	Interviews in College Station, Texas
June 6, 7, & 8, 2017	Awards Assembly in College Station

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program provides scholarships in four different categories. Each scholarship category has its own requirements and criteria. It is up to the applicant to make sure that he/she clearly understands the requirements and completes the application in order to be considered.

- **Baccalaureate Scholarships** - for students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science (BS) or Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from an accredited Texas College or University.
- **Technical Certification Scholarships** - for students who wish to pursue technical certification in a recognized and approved major/course of study.
- **Collegiate Scholarships** – designated for former Texas 4-H members who have been graduated from high school for at least one year (at time of awarding), and completed a minimum of 30 hours of college credit at a grade point average of at least 2.7. Some collegiate scholarships contain other award criteria. (See separate application and instructions).
- **Courageous Heart Scholarships** – scholarships awarded to Texas 4-H members pursuing either a Baccalaureate or Technical degree that have overcome extreme obstacles related to medical, family, and/or education and remained an active member in both 4-H and school.

See the requirements related to each of these scholarships.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTSAND GUIDELINES

1. Be an active member of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program for the current year and at least the two of the three previous years, have a current enrollment with the county Extension Office where applicant resides, and be in good standing with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program at all levels (county, district, and state).
2. Be a United States citizen. If the applicant's transcript reflects a place of birth other than the United States, proof of naturalization must be provided with the scholarship application.
3. Be a Texas resident.
4. Be scheduled to graduate from a Texas High School (public, private, or home) during the 2016-2017 school year.
5. Have made formal application to enroll with intent to attend an accredited, not-for-profit Texas College or University in the Fall of the year scholarship is awarded. Youth with plans or intentions of attending an non-Texas College/University/Trade School are not eligible.
6. Have been accepted into a Texas College/University, technical school by the time of the interview.
7. Complete and pass all necessary standardized test(s)/requirements for graduation and have met the entrance requirements for the college or university for which formal application has been made.
8. An applicant may apply for a Texas 4-H, Texas FFA, and Texas FCCLA scholarship, however some restrictions may apply.
9. Submit a 2017 Texas 4-H Youth Development Opportunity Scholarship application printed on regular weight white paper (no gloss or bond).
10. Applicants who receive a Terry Foundation Scholarship are NOT eligible to receive a Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship.
11. All scholarship recipients MUST BE PRESENT at the 2017 Texas 4-H Roundup Scholarship Interviews, Orientation(s), Assembly(s), and donor banquet/event(s) in order to receive a 4-H scholarship. ***If you believe there are exceptional or extenuating circumstances which preclude you from attending these events, you may submit a written appeal via email with the State Leader for 4-H Youth Development Program by May 15. All exceptions must be approved by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation.**
12. Application must be complete and correct once submitted for consideration. Any application deemed incomplete or incorrect will

be disqualified for consideration.

13. Once an application is submitted no portion or information can be updated, revised, and/or corrected.
14. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation and the Scholarship Committee has the right to refuse, reassign, and/or retract any scholarship application or scholarship award during the judging, awarding, or post awarding process. Refusal/retraction can be based, but not limited to, unfactual and incorrect information provided in the application, statements made during the interview that contradicts application, or failure to meet any criteria or eligibility requirements.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY

BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Be in the upper one-half of his/her class, based on scholastic rank, for the first three and one-half (3.5) years of high school. Based on scholarship criteria, some scholarships require an applicant to be in the upper one-fourth of their class.
2. Applicant must meet at least one of the following minimum scores from the standardize tests. Any scholarship application that does not meet one of the minimums will not be processed or considered.

ACT	Old SAT (Jan 2016 or Before)	New SAT (Mar 2016 or After)
19	**1350**	**1000**

**Academic scores, rankings and college entrance test scores (SAT/ACT) will only be accepted up to the application submission date. SAT and ACT - documentation must be from the testing company and submitted with the application. This may be a copy of the form sent by SAT/ACT or a high-school transcript listing scores. SAT score must be comprised of total points from the critical reading, mathematics, and writing sections of the test from a single testing date*

TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

1. NOT have plans to continue formal education at a Texas College and/or University after the completion of a technical program.
2. Technical scholarship applicants do not have to meet the minimum SAT/ACT or class ranking requirements, however, they must demonstrate through their application future potential academic achievement.

COURAGEOUS HEART SCHOLARSHIP

1. Completed additional pages in scholarship application related to Courageous Heart application and have included three letters of support outlining in detail, the obstacle and how the applicant has overcome the situation.
2. Courageous Heart applicants do not have to meet the minimum SAT/ACT or class ranking requirements, however, they must demonstrate through their application future potential academic achievement.
3. Courageous Heart applicant cannot be considered for other Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships.
4. Have documentation of obstacles related to health, education, and/or family situation.
5. All Courageous Heart Scholarships awarded are $5,000 in value.

COLLEGIATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Refer to the separate application and guidelines for details pertaining to the Collegiate Application.

SCORING SYSTEM

As determined by the scholarship judges, scores are assigned based on level of achievement in the scoring categories. The scoring categories and system for the Opportunity Scholarship process are as follows:

Scoring Category	Baccalaureate	Technical	Courageous Heart
4-H Experience & Narratives Projects Leadership Citizenship & Community Service Honors Outside 4-H Experiences/Leadership Personal Narrative Career Narrative	**50**	**73**	**28**
Grade Point Average	**5**	**5**	**0**
SAT/ACT Score	**23**	**0**	**0**
Financial Need FAFSA Financial Need Narrative	**12**	**12**	**12**
Courageous Heart Narrative	**NA**	**NA**	**25**
Courageous Heart Letters of Recommendation	**NA**	**NA**	**15**
Interview	**10**	**10**	**20**
MAXIMUM AWARD POINTS	**100**	**100**	**100**

ANY INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT APPLICATION SUBMITTED WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED OR RETURNED FOR CORRECTION. IT IS THE RESPONSIBLITY OF THE 4-H MEMBER AND PARENT/GUARDIAN TO ENSURE ALL INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING. ABSOLUTELY NO FOLLOW UP OR UPDATES WILL BE ALLOWED ONCE SUBMITTED.

DOUBLE CHECK:

- **ACADEMIC RANKING AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE.**
- **SAT AND/OR ACT SCORES ON ACADEMIC PAGE.**
- **ENSURE ALL DOCUMENTATION OF ACADEMICS IS INCLUDED.**

SCHOLARSHIP DONOR CRITERIA

Donors of scholarship funds establish the criteria that must be followed by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program when considering applicants for scholarships. Applicants will only be considered for those Opportunity Scholarships for which they are fully qualified as determined by donor criteria. Interpretation of the donor criteria is the sole responsibility and at the sole discretion of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation in consultation with donor representatives. Decisions regarding eligibility and qualifications are final. Criteria is not finalized until donor confirmations are received in late April. The information provided below was the criteria established for the awarding of 2016 scholarships and is for reference only for applicants to see the type of criteria assigned to scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP	CLASS RANK	MAJOR	GPA	EXHIBITED AT SHOW	OTHER
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	Top 1/4	NO	NO	NO	Must not have received more than $90,000 in financial aid or scholarships.
Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation	TOP 1/4	NO	NO	N/A	
Fort Worth Stock Syndicate	TOP 1/2	YES - Agriculture & Life Science	NO	NO	
Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo	TOP 1/2		NO	YES	
Rodeo Austin	TOP 1/4	NO	90% or higher	NO	
SALE School Tours	TOP 1/2	YES - Agriculture, Life Sciences, Engineering, etc. (see list)	NO	Not exhibit, but must serve as tour guide in 2017	
National Farm Life Insurance	TOP 1/2	YES - Agriculture & Life Sciences	NO	N/A	
Stiles Farm Foundation	TOP 1/2	YES - Agriculture & Life Sciences	NO	N/A	Must be attending a Texas A&M System University and reside in one of the following counties: Williamson, Milam, Burnet, Travis, Lee, Bell, or Bastrop
Texas Section Society for Range Management	TOP 1/2	Range Science or related degree	NO	N/A	
TAMU Collegiate 4-H	TOP 1/2	NO	NO	N/A	Must agree to join TAMU Collegiate 4-H. Funding is provided in Spring of freshman year
Texas Tech Collegiate 4-H	TOP 1/2	NO	NO	N/A	Must agree to join TTU Collegiate 4-H
Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo	TOP 1/2	NO	NO	N/A	Must be a 4-H member from Burleson, Brazos, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Milam, Robertson, or Washington County.

APPLICATION FORMATS

The application may be completed using the computer and Microsoft Word. All forms are available from the 4-H website at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu. If an applicant does not have access to Microsoft Word the application can be printed and completed using a typewriter.

ORDER OF THE APPLICATION

The completed application, along with required attachments, must be submitted in the order established below. Typed or printer generated applications are required. Each portion of the application should be completed in the space provided. DO NOT add pages to the application. Sections of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Scholarship are as follows:

Order of the Application is:

Section 1: Personal Information
Section 2: College/University Information
Section 3: Livestock Show Participation
Section 4: San Antonio Livestock Exposition – School Tours
Section 5: Individual Scholastic Record
Section 6: Financial Information
Section 7: Project Experience
Section 8: Leadership Experience
Section 9: Citizenship/Community Service Experience & Honors
Section 10: Outside 4-H Experience
Section 11: Personal Narrative
Section 12: Career Narrative
Section 13: Courageous Heart Narrative & Letters of Recommendation
Section 14: Acknowledgement of Integrity, Participation, & Certification
Section 15: County Extension Agent Certification
Section 16: Application Checklist and Certification

Information for the completion of a Texas 4-H Youth Development Scholarship can be acquired through past 4-H record books, project forms, or other 4-H records that have been used throughout the applicant's 4-H career.

ELIGIBLE MAJORS/COURSES OF STUDY FOR TECHNICAL CERTIFICATIONS

(Additional Majors/Courses Offered by Approved Colleges May Be Considered)

MAJOR/COURSE OF STUDY

Accounting Associate
Aircraft Pilot Training Technology
Applied Graphic Design Technology
Aquaculture Technology
Auctioneering Services
Automotive Body/Collision Technology
Automotive Technology
Aviation Maintenance Technology
Aviation Technology
Biomedical Equipment Technology
Biotechnology
Business/Office Administration
Caption Reporting Proficiency Certificate
Carpentry
Chemical Laboratory Technology
Child Development/Early Childhood
Commercial Art & Advertising
Computer Aided Design & Drafting
Computer Information Systems
Computer Maintenance Technology
Computer Network Administration/Technology
Computer Science Technology
Construction Management & Technology
Court/Realtime Reporting
Criminal Justice
Dental Assistant
Dental Hygiene
Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Diesel & Heavy Equipment Technology
Dietary Management
Digital Imaging Technology
Digital Media Design
Drafting & Design Technology
Echocardiology Technology
E-Commerce Technology
Educational Assistant
Electrical Technology
Electronics Engineering Technology
Electronics Systems Technology
Emergency Medical Services
Environmental Health & Safety Technology
Farrier Technology
Fire Science/Fire Protection Technology
Food Service/Culinary Arts
GIS/GPS Technology
Golf Course & Landscape Management
Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Tech.
Histology Technology
Horticulture Technology
Hotel/Restaurant Management
Industrial Maintenance & Engineering Tech.
Information Management/Technology
Instrument & Control Technology
Interpretation Preparation Program/Deaf
Invasive Cardiovascular Technology
Logistics Technology
Machining Technology
Marketing
Meat Technology
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Media Communications & Information Tech.
Medical Assistant
Medical Data Specialist
Medical Laboratory Technology
Mental Health Associate
Mortuary Science
Music - Commercial
Nuclear Medicine
Nursing - Associate Degree
Nursing - Vocational
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Paralegal/Legal Assistant
Pharmacy Technology
Phlebotomy
Physical Therapist Assistant
Plastics Technology
Process Technology
Radiation Therapy
Radiography
Radio-Television
Ranch & Feedlot Operations
Real Estate
Respiratory Care
Semiconductor Manufacturing
Surgical Technology
Telecommunications Technology
Travel, Exposition & Meeting Management
Veterinary Technology
Video Technology
Welding Technology
Wind Energy Technology