



2015
**TEXAS 4-H OPPORTUNITY
 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**



APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

These Guidelines should be reviewed and followed by any Texas 4-H member applying for a 2015 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.

MAJOR CHANGES FOR 2015:

- A 4-H member can apply for a Texas 4-H, Texas FFA, and Texas FCCLA scholarship.
- Scoring matrix has changed for 2015.
- Scholarships will be presented over three nights at Texas 4-H Roundup in 2015. Applicants, if receiving a scholarship(s) will be told what group of scholarship they will be receiving and what night(s) to be present. With the pre-notification of scholarship group 4-H members will be able to be recognized at end-of-school assemblies and ceremonies.

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 in coordination with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. All applications must be submitted through the applicant's county Extension office and meet all criteria to be considered.

Approximately 225 academically-competitive scholarships will be awarded in the 2015 Texas 4-H Scholarship Program ranging in amounts from \$1000 to \$20,000 (amount established by donor). No scholarship recipient whose award is based on this application process will receive less than \$1000 (may require receiving a combination of scholarships totaling \$1000). 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.

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 Austin 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. **NO EXCEPTIONS**, therefore, 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 6, 2015	Applications due to District Office
February 20, 2015	Applications due to State 4-H Office
April 10, 2015	Interview selection notification
May 1-3, 2015	Interviews in Austin, Texas
June 9, 10, & 11, 2015	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 and from an approved Texas accredited college listed in the scholarship packet.
- **Collegiate Scholarships** – designated for former Texas 4-H members who have been graduated from high school for at least one year, 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 REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

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 2014-2015 school year.
5. Have made formal application to enroll with intent to attend a 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) for graduation and admittance to the college and/or university declared in the scholarship application.
8. Meet the entrance requirements for the college or university for which formal application has been made.
9. An applicant may apply for a Texas 4-H, Texas FFA, and Texas FCCLA scholarship, however some restrictions may apply.
10. Submit a 2015 Texas 4-H Youth Development Opportunity Scholarship application.
11. All scholarship recipients MUST BE PRESENT at the 2015 Texas 4-H Roundup Scholarship Interviews, Orientation(s), Assembly(s), and donor banquet/event(s) in order to receive a 4-H scholarship.
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. Right Of Refusal, Reassignment, And/Or Retraction. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, 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. Score at least one thousand three hundred and fifty (1350) on the SAT or at least nineteen (19) on the ACT.*
**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.*
2. 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.

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 requirements, however, they must demonstrate through their application future 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.
5. All Courageous Heart Scholarships awarded are \$5,000 in value.

COLLEGIATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

1. Be a United States citizen.
2. Be a Texas resident.
3. Complete the 2015 Texas 4-H Collegiate Scholarship Application.
4. Was an active 4-H member in the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program during your high school career.
5. Be attending a Texas college or university and will be attending a Texas college or university to use these scholarship funds if awarded.
6. Will have been graduated from high school at least one year prior to time scholarship payments are initiated in the Fall 2015 and successfully completed or will have successfully completed thirty (30) semester hours of undergraduate college work by the time scholarship payments are initiated in Fall 2015.
7. Must be carrying a minimum of a 2.7 cumulative GPA for course work completed as of the date of the application.
8. MUST BE PRESENT at the 2015 Texas 4-H Roundup Scholarship Orientation, Assembly, and Donor Banquet/event(s) in order to receive a Collegiate 4-H scholarship.

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 requirements, however, they must demonstrate through their application future academic achievement.

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 2014 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 \$75,000 in financial aid or scholarships.
San Antonio Livestock Exposition	TOP 1/2	YES - Agriculture, Life Sciences, Engineering, etc. (see list)	NO	NO	
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	YES - Agriculture & Life Science	NO	YES	
Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo	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 2015	
Capital Farm Credit	TOP 1/2	YES - Agriculture & Life Sciences	NO	N/A	
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 Farm Bureau	TOP 1/2	YES - Agriculture & Life Sciences	NO	N/A	
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 TTU 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 Livestock Show	TOP 1/2	NO	NO	N/A	Must be a 4-H member from Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Milam, Robertson, or Washington County.

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

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

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.

ANY INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT APPLICATION SUBMITTED WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED OR RETURNED FOR CORRECTION. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY 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.**

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

ae. Hydroculture
 af. Hydroponics
 ag. Interdisciplinary Agriculture
 ah. International Agriculture Commerce
 ai. Landscape Architecture
 aj. Mariculture
 ak. Plant Science
 al. Poultry Science
 am. Rangeland Ecology and Management
 an. Soil Science
 ao. Veterinary Medicine
 ap. Vocational Agriculture Teaching Certification
 aq. Wildlife Science

ACCEPTABLE SALE MAJORS

College of Human Sciences
 a. Allied Health
 b. Nursing
 School of Pharmacy
 a. Pharmacy/Pharmacology
 School of Law
 a. Environmental Law
 b. Property Law
 College of Business
 a. Accounting
 b. Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations
 c. Banking
 d. Finance
 College of Engineering
 a. Biomedical Engineering
 b. Chemical Engineering
 College of Sciences
 a. Biology
 b. Biomedical Sciences
 c. Chemistry
 d. Geosciences
 College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (*any major that is in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is acceptable)
 a. Agribusiness
 b. Agricultural Communications
 c. Agricultural Development
 d. Agricultural Economics
 e. Agricultural Education
 f. Agricultural Engineering/Mechanized Agriculture
 g. Agricultural Journalism/Communications
 h. Agricultural Statistics
 i. Agricultural Systems Management
 j. Agriculture and Life Sciences
 k. Agriculture Research
 l. Agriculture Science
 m. Agronomy
 n. Animal Science
 o. Aquaculture/Aquafarming
 p. Biochemistry
 q. Botany
 r. Dairy Science
 s. Entomology
 t. Environmental Conservation of Natural Resources
 u. Equine Science
 v. Family and Consumer Sciences
 w. Fishery Science
 x. Floriculture
 y. Food Engineering
 z. Food Nutrition
 aa. Food Science
 ab. Forestry Science
 ac. Genetics
 ad. Horticulture