

4-H SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Colorado 4-H Youth Fund, Inc.

Deadline: TBA, Fall Semester

Send applications to:

Colorado State 4-H Office
Scholarship Committee
Aylesworth Hall NW
4050 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-4050

The 4-H Scholars Program is funded through the Colorado 4-H Youth Fund, Inc., by the Colorado Farm Bureau. Their responsibilities are to serve as representatives of the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Program and promote Colorado 4-H to potential donors and supporters through involvement at various functions, participation in donor calls and public speaking. Scholars receive a stipend of \$750 per semester for their work on behalf of the Colorado 4-H Youth Fund, Inc. and Colorado State 4-H program.

Eligibility:

The 4-H Scholars are made up of one each – senior, junior, sophomore and freshman. Scholars must be attending Colorado State University. A new freshman scholar is selected each year and serves for four years. The upperclassmen scholars are expected to help train the underclassmen scholars. Scholars are asked to commit about 20 hours a month to the program.

Application Requirements:

Applicant must be a CSU student in good standing, able to promote 4-H. Interested freshmen may apply by submitting their resume, an essay as to why they would like to be a scholar and a sample thank you letter to the Colorado Farm Bureau for supporting the Scholars program.

Selection Process:

Yearly selection of 4-H Scholars are made in the fall of each year. The yearly submission of these items must be addressed to the Colorado 4-H Youth Fund office. Approved applicants are then asked to make a 10 minute presentation about 4-H to the selection committee and are then interviewed by the committee. Financial need is not a consideration for selection of 4-H Scholars – ability to do the work is utmost.



Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Presentation content
 - a. 10 minutes maximum
 - b. Purpose is to convince the audience of the value of 4-H in today's complex society and to explain to the audience the value 4-H has had in your life.
 - c. The potential audiences you will need to consider are:
 - i. People who understand one view, i.e., 4-H is agriculture.
 - ii. People who think they already know everything about 4-H.
 - iii. People who have never heard of 4-H
 - iv. 4-H alumni who know what 4-H was, but not what it currently is.
 - v. People who have a stereotyped or limited view of 4-H.
(Try to incorporate as much as you can in 10 minutes to address these audience challenges.)
 - d. Accuracy of content.
2. Presentation delivery
 - a. Delivery, i.e., grammar, tone of voice, expression, organization, flow, summary
 - b. Persuasiveness
 - c. Understanding of all aspects of 4-H
 - d. Public relations skills and potential
3. Appearance
4. Maturity
 - a. Leadership qualities
 - b. Composure
 - c. Assertiveness
 - d. Positiveness
5. Application, resume and letter to the Colorado Farm Bureau
 - a. Accuracy
 - b. Completeness
 - c. Professional presentation

Disbursement of Funds:

Recipient receives a stipend at the end of each semester and reimbursement for travel expenses.

