

2025

**TEXAS 4-H
OPPORTUNITY
SCHOLARSHIP
TRAINING**



Introduction

- The scholarship program is overseen by the Texas4-H Youth Development Foundation.
- An estimated \$2.7 million will be given at the Texas 4-H Roundup Scholarship Assembly in June.
- Approximately 225 scholarships will be awarded in 2025.
- 4-H Scholarships are ***ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS*** awarded based on academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need (certain scholarships).





Recent Program Changes

- Members receiving a Terry Scholarship are NOT eligible to receive a Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship (same as past few years).
- **We WILL be requiring a CEA Verification Form be uploaded prior to submitting the application by the February 15th Deadline.**
- ACT/SAT is not required again this year for the 4-H Opportunity Scholarship. There is a possibility that it will be required for the 2026 application process.
- If selected, you will be required to attend an interview. If you are chosen to receive a scholarship you are required to attend the banquet and assembly at Texas 4-H Roundup.
- Applicants invited to interview will do a “self sign-up” for interview time (first come-first serve).
- Collegiate Scholarships will not be awarded in 2025.
- **We will award one \$30,000 scholarship. Our top ranking scholars after interviews will be invited back for a virtual interview to determine.**

Major Scholarship Donor Criteria

General Eligibility to apply is not limited to the top ½ (50%) of class. Youth in the 3rd or 4th quartile of their class may apply. Some donors will still require the applicant to be in a certain percentage of class (Example: top 50%, top 10%, etc.) to receive their individual scholarship

MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP DONOR CRITERIA

Donors of scholarship funds establish the criteria that must be followed by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation 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. The information provided below was the criteria established for the awarding of a few of the major 2025 scholarship donors and is for reference only for applicants to see the type of criteria assigned to scholarships. There are many other donors not listed on this chart because they do not have ranking, or stock show participation restrictions.

SCHOLARSHIP	CLASS RANK	MAJOR	GPA	EXHIBITED AT SHOW	OTHER
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	TOP 1/4	NO	NO	NO	
Rodeo Austin	TOP 1/4	NO	90% or higher	NO	
Fort Worth Stock Syndicate	TOP 1/2	YES Ag. & Life Science	NO	NO	
Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo	TOP 1/2		NO	YES	

Scholarships Available



Baccalaureate

*Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts.

*Some scholarships require applicants to be in the upper one-quarter (1/4) of his/her class.



Technical

* Students pursuing a technical certification.

*Must NOT have plans to continue formal education at a Texas college and/or university after the completion of a technical program.



Courageous Heart

*Students pursuing a bachelors degree or technical certification.

*have overcome obstacles related to medical, family, and/or education.

*Have WRITTEN documentation of obstacles.

*Maximum Scholarship value is \$5,000.



General Eligibility Requirements

- Currently active Texas 4-H member and for at least 2 of the last 3 years for a minimum of 3 years participation.
- Be a United States citizen.
- Be a Texas resident.
- Scheduled to graduate from a Texas High School (public, private, home) during the 2024-2025 year.
- Been accepted into a Texas College/University or technical school by the time of interview.
- Must submit a completed transcript showing 3.5 years of coursework **WITH GRADES**.

General Eligibility Requirements

- Completed and passed all necessary standardized test(s)/requirements for graduation and met the entrance requirements for the college/university for which formal application has been made.
- Submit a 2025 scholarship application in the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Portal [How to Apply - Texas 4-H Foundation \(texas4hfoundation.org\)](https://www.texas4hfoundation.org)
- Only required supplemental documents have been included – transcript, FAFSA, CH letters.
- **DO NOT submit an application before fall grades have been added to the transcript.** *(In most cases, this will be at the end of the fall semester).*
- **Once submitted, no updates are allowed.**

Basic Scholar Expectations

Basic Scholar Expectations

There are certain expectations for the scholars who receive Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships. These expectations are laid out in detail in the Scholar Handbook. [Updates & Resources - Texas 4-H Foundation \(texas4hfoundation.org\)](https://texas4hfoundation.org/updates-resources/)

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA.
- Be enrolled in 12 credit hours at an accredited Texas University/College.
- Send an update letter to your donor each semester.
- Meet semester reporting deadlines to receive funds for the upcoming semester.
 - Must provide a transcript, class schedule with total credit hours, and a copy of your donor update letter.

<https://texas4hfoundation.org/updates-resources/>

2025 FAFSA CHANGE

- The FAFSA will not open until December this year. **MUST BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 31st.**
- **The SAR report (generated from FAFSA) is now called the FAFSA Submission Summary.** This will still be a requirement to submit Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships.
- PLEASE watch studentaid.gov for updates and complete as soon as it opens, to ensure that you have the Submission Summary in time to submit the scholarship application.
- You will get a “Preliminary SAI Number.” Screenshot that page and if necessary, you can upload that into the application portal. **SAI was formerly known as EFC.**
- If you start to run into delays in receiving your SAI stay in contact with your CEA. They may advise you to contact the Texas 4-H Foundation office.

Myths about Financial Aid



Myths:

- *My parents make too much money, so I'll never qualify.
- *Only people with perfect GPAs get scholarships.
- *You can only get financial aid if you pay someone to help you find it.



Truths:

- *Even a millionaire can receive financial aid.
- *Scholarships are not always awarded based solely on GPA.
- *You don't need to pay anyone for help – build a positive relationship with your university's financial aid office!

2025 Application

- Application is Online. You can download the list of questions once logged in and complete answers in Word, but all answers must be copied into the online application text boxes.
- Format Samples are given under each list type question.
- Applications and instructions available from the County Extension Office or the Texas 4-H Foundation website at: [How to Apply-Texas 4-H Foundation](#)

Items Needed to Complete Application

- 4-H Record Book(s) or participation information to help complete the scholarship application.
- 2025 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Application Guidelines.
- Official high school transcript with either school seal or original signature of counselor/principal.
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) FAFSA Submission Summary with SAI.
- CEA Verification Form (applicant uploads)
- GPA Verification Form (counselor fills out)

Important Dates

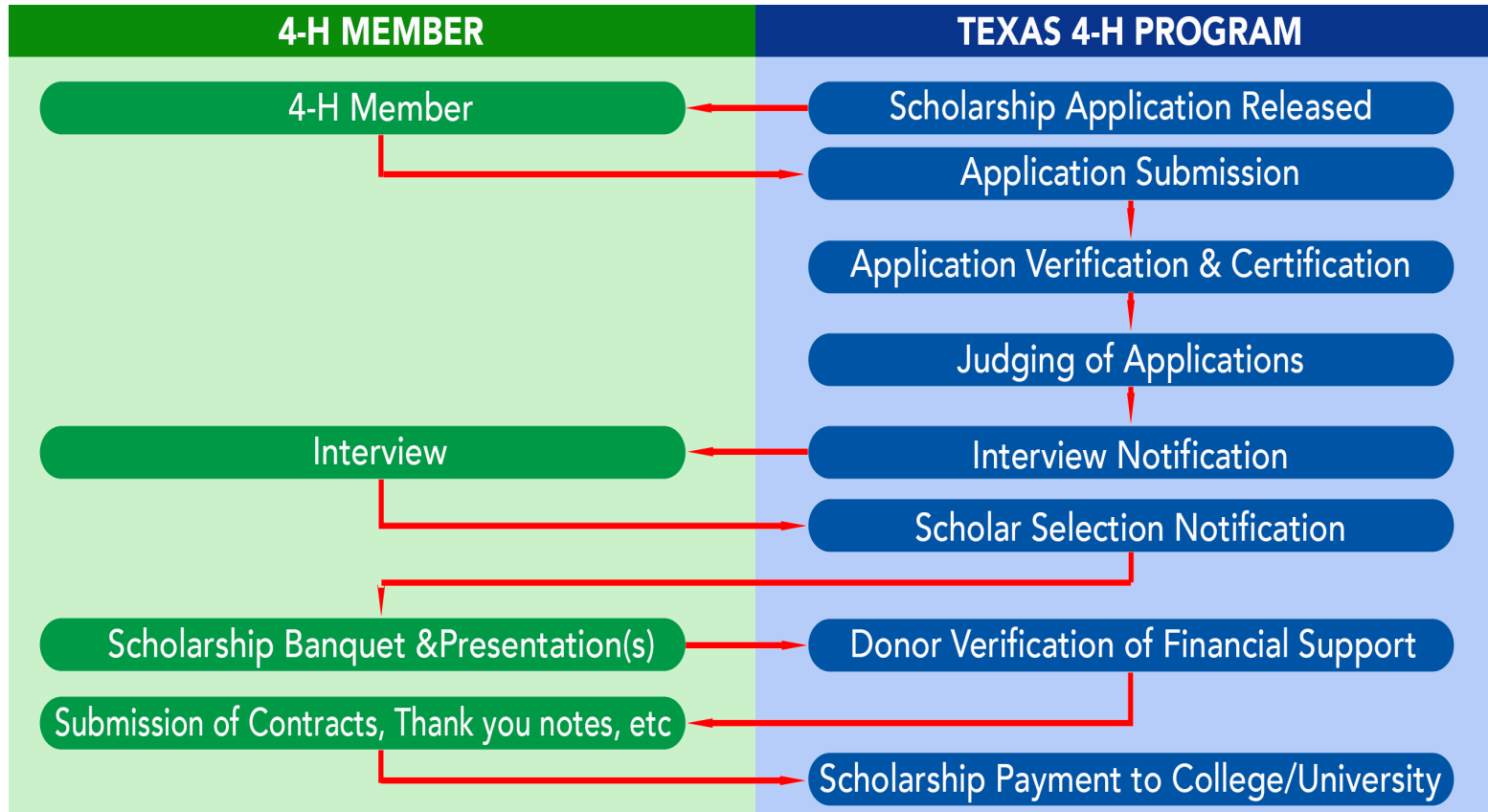
2025 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program Rules and Guidelines

Deadlines & Dates for 2025

By January 31, 2025	Applicant must complete 2025-2026 FAFSA Application
By February 15, 2025 at 11:59 pm <i>*There will be no exceptions to this deadline*</i>	Application must be complete and submitted through the portal
Early April 2025	Interview notifications will be emailed out
April 25 – 27, 2025 in College Station <i>*This is mandatory to receive a scholarship*</i>	Interviews will take place for those selected to interview. Day & time signups will be offered.
June 3 – 5, 2025 in College Station <i>*Attendance is mandatory to receive a scholarship*</i>	Scholarship Banquets & Award Ceremonies will take place. The banquet date depends on the specific scholarship you receive.

Those invited for a second interview, it will be virtual and offered May 1st - 3rd

Scholarship Process



Scoring

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	70 total	75 total	40 total
Projects	12	12	8
Leadership	12	12	8
Citizenship & Community Service	12	12	5
Honors	5	5	3
Outside 4-H Experiences/Leadership	5	5	3
Personal Narrative	12	12	4
Career Narrative	12	12	4
Grade Point Average	10	5	0
Financial Need	10	10	10
FAFSA			
Financial Need Narrative			
Courageous Heart Narrative	NA	NA	25
Courageous Heart Letters of Recommendation	NA	NA	15
Interview	10	10	10
MAXIMUM AWARD POINTS	100	100	100

4-H Scholarship Application on Scholarship Portal

- It is important to use the email that you wish to receive all communications through for possibly the next several years!
- DO NOT use an email that you will not have access to after you graduate.
- All contact information should be the applicant's information – NOT THE PARENT/GUARDIAN.

You must create an account in the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Portal



Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation

Logon Page

Instructions



Email Address*

Password*

[Log On](#) [Create New Account](#)

[Forgot your Password?](#)

Welcome to Texas 4-H Foundation's Scholarship Portal!

First time here?

Click "Create New Account". If you need assistance, please refer to the "How To" guide on our Scholarship Resources page of the Texas 4-H Foundation website. Be sure to keep this login information for your records as you will use this portal through the life-cycle of your scholarship, should you be awarded.

TIP: This email address is the one we will use to communicate with you if we have questions, which sometimes require immediate response. It is imperative to monitor your emails throughout this process.

Been here before?

If you have already used our new scholarship portal, but have forgotten your password, please click "Forgot Your Password?" and follow the instructions.

Not sure?

If you believe you already have a profile but you are unsure of the login information, **DO NOT** create a new profile. Doing so could result in loss of historical information of your scholarship. Instead, please contact 4hscholarships@ag.tamu.edu.

Start Application

- After creating an account and completing the contact information, you will be taken to the Applicant Dashboard.
- Click the “Apply” button at the top of the page to view all available applications.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.grantinterface.com/Process/Apply?urlkey=tamu>. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible. The page header includes the Texas 4-H Foundation logo, a home icon, and an 'APPLY' button. The user's name, 'Bailee Wright', is displayed in the top right corner, along with the role 'ROLE (APPLICANT)'. The main content area features a blue banner for the '2025 Baccalaureate Application Accepting Submissions from 11/01/2024 to 02/15/2025'. Below this, the section is titled 'Baccalaureate Scholarships' and provides information for students pursuing a Bachelor of Science (BS) or Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from an accredited Texas College or University. The 'General Requirements' section lists seven criteria: 1. Must be a current Texas 4-H member. 2. Must be a Texas 4-H member for at least 2 of the last 3 years for a minimum of 3 years of participation. 3. Must be a U.S. Citizen. 4. Must be a Texas Resident. 5. Must make a formal application to enroll in a college/university in the state of Texas for Fall 2025. 6. Must complete and pass all standardized test(s)/requirements for graduation. 7. Must submit a completed transcript showing 3.5 years of course work WITH GRADES. A 'NOTE' section states: 'Please DO NOT use any personal identifying information in your document file name. You will create a unique application identifier within your application and you should use that in the file name. The file name format is subject.APPID.' Below the note, an example is provided: 'For example: FAFSA.KG0311 4HPROJECTS.KG0311'. The 'Restrictions' section is partially visible at the bottom.

2025 Baccalaureate Application Accepting Submissions from 11/01/2024 to 02/15/2025

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.

General Requirements

1. Must be a current Texas 4-H member.
2. Must be a Texas 4-H member for at least 2 of the last 3 years for a minimum of 3 years of participation.
3. Must be a U.S. Citizen.
4. Must be a Texas Resident.
5. Must make a formal application to enroll in a college/university in the state of Texas for Fall 2025.
6. Must complete and pass all standardized test(s)/requirements for graduation.
7. Must submit a completed transcript showing 3.5 years of course work WITH GRADES.

NOTE: Please DO NOT use any personal identifying information in your document file name. You will create a unique application identifier within your application and you should use that in the file name. The file name format is subject.APPID.

For example:
FAFSA.KG0311
4HPROJECTS.KG0311

Restrictions

Collaborate Tool

Allows you to invite anyone (using their email address) to view and edit your application. Instructions are linked on the Foundation website under the “Apply” button.

The screenshot displays the user interface of the Collaborate Tool. At the top, a dark blue header contains the text "Texas 4-H Foundation" and "SANDBOX" on the left, and the user's name "Bailee Wright" on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with a home icon, an "APPLY" button, and a dropdown menu labeled "ROLE (APPLICANT)". The main content area is titled "Application" and shows details for "BW 5790" with the process name "2025 Courageous Heart Application - Imported". A "Collaborate" button, featuring a person icon and a "0" notification badge, is circled in red. Below this, there is a link "Return to Application Submitted" and a "Cc" section with tabs for "Request" and "Documents" (showing 0 items). The applicant's contact information is listed, including the name "Ms Bailee Wright", email "bailee.wright@ag.tamu.edu", phone "817-480-3533", and address "1470 William D Fitch Pkwy, College Station, TX 77843 United States". A "Contact Email History" link is also present. At the bottom, a navigation bar includes a tab for "Application" and buttons for "Document Viewer", "Application Packet", "Question List", and a menu icon.

Application Sections

Section 1A: Personal Information

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT EMAIL

Section 1B: Demographics

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Section 7: Experience, Honors, and Narratives

Section 8: Acknowledgement of Integrity

Section 1A

Personal Information

SECTION 1A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Unique Identifier*

This ID will be used to locate and identify your scholarship application. Please enter your first two initials followed by the last four digits of your social security number. *Example:* Mary Short with a SS of 1443 would enter: MS1443.

Preferred Name

Phonetic Spelling of Full Name

Date of Birth*

Are you a citizen of the United States?*

- Yes
- No

Are you a Texas Resident?*

- Yes
- No

Are you applying for a FFA scholarship?*

- Yes
- No

County Extension Agent Email

> SECTION 1A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

∨ County Extension Agent Email

County Extension Agent Email*

It is a **REQUIREMENT** to provide your County Extension Agent Email and compose an email to them letting them know you have started this application process. You may copy & paste the below example email.

Ex: Good afternoon (CEA Name),

This is an email to let you know that I have begun the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Application. I will be required to get an agent verification form signed from you prior to submitting my application by the February 15th deadline.

Sincerely,
(4-H Member Name)



Compose Email

Section 1B

Demographics

▼ SECTION 1B: DEMOGRAPHICS

All information obtained in this section has no bearing on your application submission, scoring or awarding. Information collected is solely used for reporting purposes.

Gender*

Race / Ethnicity: Check all that apply*

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American (Non-Hispanic)
- Hispanic or Latino (Any Subgroup)
- Multiracial or Other (Non-Hispanic)
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White (Non-Hispanic)
- Prefer not to respond

Home Residence*

- Farm
- Town under 10,000 and rural non-farm
- Town/City 10,000 - 50,000 and its suburbs
- Suburb of city more than 50,000
- Central city more than 50,000

Section 1C

District & County Information

▼ SECTION 1C: DISTRICT & COUNTY INFORMATION

Extension District*

County in which you are a member of 4-H*

Primary Club Name*

How many years have you been an enrolled 4-H member?*

County Extension Agent Name*

County Extension Agent Phone Number*

Enter phone number in this format: XXX-XXX-XXXX.

County Extension Agent Email*

Section 2

College/University Information

SECTION 2: COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

List your top two colleges/universities that you have submitted applications to, status, and major/course of study in priority order. Any applicant planning for a baccalaureate degree must provide at least one four year college/university.

First Choice

First Choice College/University*

First Choice College/University - NOT LISTED/OTHER

First Choice College/University: Accepted?*

- Yes
 No

First Choice College/University: Major/Course of Study*

First Choice College/University: Major - NOT LISTED/OTHER

Second Choice

Second Choice College/University

Second Choice College/University - NOT LISTED/OTHER

Second Choice College/University: Accepted?*

- Yes
 No

Second Choice College/University: Major/Course of Study

Section 3

Livestock Show Participation

∨ SECTION: 3 LIVESTOCK SHOW PARTICIPATION

Have you participated in the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo?*

- Yes
- No

Section 4

Individual Scholastic Record

SECTION 4: INDIVIDUAL SCHOLASTIC RECORD

Expected date of graduation*

Upload OFFICIAL High School Transcript*

Make sure that your transcript shows 3.5 years of coursework with grades (grades through December of your SENIOR year). **Make sure you get an UPDATED transcript to submit.**

Upload a file [3 MiB allowed]

Section 5

Ranking & GPA Verification

SECTION 5: RANKING AND GPA VERIFICATION

High School Administrator Email*

Enter your counselor or principal email address here. You will need to **compose an email** by selecting the "Compose Email" button to the right of the email address you entered. Your email will need to request that your school official complete the academic verification form that will be sent to them.

An email is not sent just by putting in the email address and hitting compose email. You will send it on the following screen.

BE SURE TO FOLLOW UP WITH YOUR COUNSELOR TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE RECEIVED AND COMPLETED THIS PORTION ON YOUR BEHALF. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THEM TO COMPLETE. WALK DOWN TO THEIR OFFICE AND VERIFY. They are busy too and things get lost. Don't take a chance!!!

Your application will be marked INCOMPLETE, if this portion is not completed by the application deadline.

Example Text:

Dear (School Official),

I am applying for the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship and request that you complete the academic verification form that will be sent to you momentarily from the Texas 4-H Foundation. If this is not completed, my application will be disqualified. I appreciate your assistance in helping me further my education and supporting my efforts in securing college funding through this scholarship.

Thank you for your time!


Sincerely,
Student Name




Compose Email

An email will be automatically sent to the administrator from the Texas 4-H Foundation with the form below.

Questions asked of the school administrator:


 Name of High School*

 Funding Classification of High School*


- Public
- Private
- Home School
- Other

 Quartile Ranking in Graduating Class*


- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th


 High School Grade Point Average (GPA)*

GPA should be through the latest semester completed. MUST BE PROVIDED ONLY ON THE BASIS OF A 100 POINT UNWEIGHTED SYSTEM WITH A MAXIMUM OF 100 POINTS. (I.e. 85 or 90, NOT 3.5 or 4.0). Extra points given for honors or AP classes should be excluded.

 Has the applicant passed all required standardized test(s) in order to graduate and attend college?*


- Yes
- No


 High School Administrator: Name*

 High School Administrator: Official Title*

 High School Administrator: Phone Number*

Please enter phone number in this format: XXX-XXX-XXXX

 High School Administrator: Email Address*

 Certification*

- I certify that I am the appropriate party to provide the information asked above.

- The applicant will be able to see if the administrator has completed the request or not on their dashboard in the portal. The number represents received/sent.
- After 7 days from the original request, reminder emails will be sent to the administrator until the form has been completed.
- It is recommended that the applicant visit the administrator in person to follow-up on the request.

Applicant:
Mr. Mickey Mouse
mickey@fakemail.com
123-123-1234
PO Box 11020
College Station, TX 77842 United States

[Contact Email History](#)

Active Requests **1** Historical Requests **0**

Process: 2020 Baccalaureate Application

Application	Draft	10/29/2019	Due on 02/15/2020 12:00 AM CST	Edit Application	Third Parties: 0/0
Decision	Undecided				

Section 6

Financial Information

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ROLE (APPLICANT) ▾

SECTION 6: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FAFSA SAI Score (found on the Electronic FAFSA Submission Summary)

Upload OFFICIAL FAFSA Submission Summary - Must contain SAI (Student Aid Index).*

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Financial Narrative*

Provide a narrative of why you believe you need, or should receive, financial assistance, such as a Texas 4-H Youth Development Opportunity Scholarship to attend the college/university of your choice. This narrative should include details about family situations such as: care of family members, medical, and family financial burdens.

HINT: Do not start your narrative with "I deserve"....

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- Financial information will be collected and evaluated in two forms:
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Financial need narrative.
- It provides an Student Aid Index, or SAI amount as to what can be planned on from parents/guardians.
- FAFSA takes approximately 3-4 weeks for processing.
- FAFSA also helps applicants know if they are eligible for other forms of financial aid/grants/loans. Form and process is accepted at all colleges and university.
- FAFSA website is: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Applicants will submit FAFSA – Submission Summary with application.
- When writing the narrative, let the judges know why you need financial aid. (HINT: DO NOT start the narrative with the words “I deserve this”). Even if you have a high FASFA score you can still score points for the Financial section here.
- Information pertaining to the cost of college can be received from the University’s financial aid department, university catalog, or Texas Higher Education Board website: <http://www.collegefortexans.com>.

Section 7

Experience, Honors, and Narratives

- Sections:
 - 4-H Projects
 - Leadership Roles
 - 4-H Honors
 - 4-H Citizenship & 4-H Community Service
 - Outside 4-H Experience
- Information for completing this section can be found from:
 - Applicant's 4-H Record Book
 - Past award applications
 - Other personal records
- Information must be presented in the space provided.
- Information listed should stress quality of the applicant's experiences rather than quantity.

4-H Projects

- List up to four (4) projects throughout the applicant's 4-H career.
- Describe years involved, knowledge and skills gained, scope of activity related to project, demonstrations, talks, workshops, tours, interviews, etc. ***(Note: the application is for the entire 4-H career, not just the past 4 years as it is with the record books).***
- Describe why these projects were important and what impact the applicant's involvement provided to other people.

You can type directly in the box provided or you may submit a one-page word document upload. You will need to type "see attachment" if submitting an upload.



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Fax to File

4-H Project(s)*

List up to four (4) of your most significant 4-H projects throughout your entire 4-H career. Describe years involved, knowledge and skills gained, scope and activity related to projects, demonstrations, presentations, exhibits, workshops, tours, interviews, etc. Describe why these projects were important and significant and what impact your involvement provided you to have on other people. Put emphasis on the quality of your experience, rather than quantity. Please reference the level of participation/involvement as L=local, C=county, D=district, R=regional, S=state, N=national, and I=international.

Example format:

Horse Project 2015-2019:

Showed in 6 4-H Horse Shows (L,C,D). Participated in/Co-coached county Horse Judging team for 5 years, competed at SALE, HLSR, and FWSSR, Presented 2 horse educational presentations (C,D,S,N,I). Learned about responsibility, compassion, teamwork, leadership, and healthcare.

If you prefer to upload a table, type "See Attached" in the text field.

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4-H Projects - Upload





Must be 8 point font or larger and fit one page. Recommendation: Use 10 point font.

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4-H Leadership Roles

- List up to 20 major 4-H leadership roles.
- Include volunteer, promotion, and elected/appointed leadership.
- List roles and responsibilities, years, levels of involvement, duties and accomplishments.
- Briefly describe why the activities were important and what impact the applicant's involvement provided to other people.
- Put emphasis on the quality of the applicant's experience rather than quantity.

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4-H Leadership Roles*

List up to twenty (20) major 4-H leadership roles throughout your 4-H career. Include volunteer, promotion, and elected/appointed leadership. List roles and responsibilities, years, and levels of involvement as L=local, C=county, D=district, R=regional, S=state, N=national, and I=international. Put emphasis on the quality of your experience, rather than quantity.

Example format:

2013-2015 - Texas Horse Ambassador - (S) Appointed - Educated individuals, planned events, gave presentations and created materials to advocate the 4-H Horse Project.

2014-2015 - County Council Vice President - (C) Elected -Assisted the president in his duties and conducted meetings in his absence.

If you prefer to upload a table, type "See Attached" in the text field.

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4-H Leadership Roles - Upload

Must be 8 point font or larger and fit one page. Recommendation: Use 10 point font.

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4-H Honors

- List up to 4 major 4-H honors that the applicant has received in their 4-H career.
- List the honor, year received, level of award (i.e. local/club, county, district, region, state, national, international) and why the applicant considers the honors listed to be the most important (i.e. how did they contribute to and provide significance toward their personal development).

4-H Honors*

List up to four (4) of your most important honors received through 4-H. List the honor, year received, level of award (e.g. L=local, C=county, D=district, R=regional, S=state, N=national, and I=international), and why you consider the honors listed to be the most important (i.e. How did they contribute to and provide significance toward your personal development?).

Example format:

2016 - 3rd Place Ind., National Western Roundup Horse Ed. Presentation - National - This award is the height of my passion invested in both the Horse and Public Speaking projects.

2017 - 4-H Gold Star Award - County - Receiving the Gold Star Award fulfills on of my greatest goals, reflecting on all that I have invested in 4-H.

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4-H Honors - Upload

Must be 8 point font or larger and fit one page. Recommendation: Use 10 point font.

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4-H Citizenship & Community Service

- List up to 15 major citizenship and community service projects.
- List roles and responsibilities, years, levels of involvement, duties and accomplishments.
- Briefly describe why the activities were important and what impact the applicant's involvement provided to other people.
- Put emphasis on the quality of the applicant's experience rather than quantity.

4-H Citizenship and 4-H Community Service*

List up to fifteen (15) of your citizenship and community service activities. List activity, year, and your role in the activity (use Y=performed yourself, M=member of a group, P=provided primary leadership to the group). Describe why your citizenship and community service was important in these activities and what impact your involvement provided you to have on other people. Put emphasis on the quality of your experience, rather than quantity.

Example format:

2015-2018 - Angel Ride Benefit Trail Ride Volunteer - M - Volunteered over 72 hours each year, and assisted in raising over \$20,000 for babies stricken with Group B Strep disease.

2016 -Pillows for Patients - M, P- Our One-Day 4-H project created 72 pillows for dialysis patients.

If you prefer to upload a table, type "See Attached" in the text field.

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4-H Citizenship & Community Service - Upload

Must be 8 point font or larger and fit one page. Recommendation: Use 10 point font.

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Outside 4-H Experience

- Outside of 4-H Leadership Activities, Honors, Work Experience, Volunteering/Community Service.
- Describe how the applicant spent time outside of 4-H activities, why they devoted time to a particular activity and the impact the activity had on their personal development and how it has benefited other people.
- List leadership roles outside of 4-H (include school, church, other youth groups, etc).

Outside 4-H Experience*

OUTSIDE OF 4-H LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, HONORS, WORK EXPERIENCE, AND VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE: Describe how you spent time outside of your 4-H activities, why you devoted time to a particular activity, the impact the activity had on your personal development, and how it benefited other people. List leadership roles outside of 4-H (include school, church, other youth groups, etc).

Example format:

2014-2018 - CTCC Sound and Projector Technician - Cross Trails Cowboy Church - I have assisted with the church band's sound equipment and video projectors.

If you prefer to upload a table, type "See Attached" in the text field.

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Outside 4-H Experience - Upload

Must be 8 point font or larger and fit one page. Recommendation: Use 10 point font.

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Personal Narrative

- Applicant must write a personal narrative about themselves, highlighting any important facts and information they believe the selection committee should know when considering the application.
- Include any personal obstacles that the applicant has overcome during their 4-H career.
- Space should be used wisely and do not repeat or re-list information already addressed in the application.
- DO NOT use your name in the narrative.

Personal Narrative*

Write a personal narrative about yourself, highlighting any important facts and information you believe the selection committee should know when considering your application. This would include such things as your history in 4-H, any personal obstacles you have overcome, the greatest thing you will take from 4-H, and how 4-H will help you in the future. Do not repeat any information already contained in the application and DO NOT use your name in the narrative.

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Career Narrative

- Applicant should describe how they have prepared themselves to have an awareness of and an understanding about career(s) applicable to the degree or technical certification they wish to pursue.
- Types of information the applicant may provide includes:
 - Visits to colleges/universities and conversations with personnel at those institutions.
 - Investigations of job/career opportunities and availability.
 - Persons/experiences that have influenced the applicant to pursue this degree/certification.
 - How the applicant decided between pursuit of an associate's degree/technical certification versus baccalaureate or vice-versa.

Career Narrative*

Describe how you have prepared yourself to have an awareness of and an understanding about career(s) applicable to the degree you wish to pursue. Type of information you may provide include:

- Visits to college/universities and conversations with personnel at those institutions.
- Investigations of job/career opportunities and availability
- Persons/experiences that have influenced you to pursue the degree/certification you have indicated.
- How you decided to pursue a technical certification versus baccalaureate or vice-versa.

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Section 8

Acknowledgement of Integrity

- By checking the box on your application, applicant agrees to the integrity of the information they are submitting.

HINT: It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their transcript is correct.

∨ SECTION 8: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INTEGRITY, PARTICIPATION, ...

Acknowledgement*


I, the applicant, certify that the information contained herein is correct and truthfully reflects my personal, 4-H, and academic records. I agree that, if any information contained herein is found to be falsified, my application will become null and void and any awarded scholarship revoked.

I hereby authorize any person or entity to release to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, information concerning the subject matter of the statements I have made in this application, including, but not limited to, information concerning my academic record, activities, and financial situation.

As an applicant, I agree that I will participate in all activities related to being considered for and recognized as a Texas 4-H Scholar. This includes my participation in the interviews, scholarship banquet and assembly. I acknowledge that failure to participate, from any, or all, scholarship activities will result in no further consideration, awarding, or payment if chosen as a 4-H Scholar.

I certify and agree to the terms listed above.

Acknowledgement is Required

 Due by 02/15/2024 11:59 PM CST.

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Application Review and Assistance

County Extension Agent Reviews

- You are **REQUIRED** to send an email to your agent through the portal when you start your application!
- You are **REQUIRED** to have your agent sign the CEA Verification Form.
- Your agent has the right to request to see your application before they will sign the verification form
- Make a plan **EARLY** with your agent to have them review your application and sign the form.
- Do **NOT** wait until last minute to loop your agent in.
- Applicants have the ability to collaborate with agents within the application portal using the collaborate tool. Instructions can be found on the Foundation website.

Helpful Tips

- Start Early – ensure the applicant has submitted the FAFSA application.
- Brainstorm and gather information before you start.
- Read and follow instructions/directions.
- Ask several people that the applicant respects to review and critique the application.
- Complete all sections – **Not Applicable means NO SCORE!**
- Emphasize quality – as well as quantity!

Helpful Tips

- This is a **COMPETITIVE ACADEMIC** scholarship process.
- An application is competing against the pool of applicants from across the state.
- Applicants change each year. (just because “it worked” for someone last year on their application, does not mean it will work this year)
- Judges change each year.
- No quotas are set for counties, districts, or regions.
- Fort Worth Stock Show is the only livestock show donor that requires participation in their show.
- Make sure high school academic proficiency has been met and college entrance exams have been taken early and often.

Helpful Tips

- Each applicant receives a total score. Scores are sorted from highest to lowest and applicants are matched with the MAXIMUM dollar scholarship for which the applicant qualifies.
- DONORS set the criteria.
- Scholarships restricted to a major, a college, and/or course of study is verified each semester during the duration of the scholarship. **DON'T LIE TO GET A SCHOLARSHIP – IT WILL CATCH UP TO THE APPLICANT!**
- Narratives that have only been written once are rarely effective.
- Printer problems and computer crashes are a fact of life, plan ahead and manage your time.
- High school counselors need time to collect official transcripts for submission.

Resources

You can find the 2025 Scholarship Guidelines, Scholar Handbook, a Scholarship Timeline, Tip Sheet, Portal FAQ, link to the scholarship portal and more on the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Resources page!

[Updates & Resources - Texas 4-H Foundation \(texas4hfoundation.org\)](https://texas4hfoundation.org)

*The number one thing
to remember:*

***START EARLY,
EDIT OFTEN!***