

Essex County Youth Foundation 4-H Scholarship

Criteria:

- Must have participated in 4-H Programs at the county level. State, regional, and national level is preferred
- Must be currently enrolled in Essex County 4-H or enrolled until age 19
- Must have completed 3 Consecutive years in 4-H
- Must have been an active 4-H Club Member
- Completed 4-H Record from previous November
- Demonstrated 4-H leadership: Club President and/ or Jr. leader, County Teen Council, 4-H Camp Counselor, State Teen Council, State Teen Activities Council, State Teen Leadership/ Ambassadors Conference (documented follow-up work)
- Community Service: Organizations served, service activities
- Educational History: Academic success, extracurricular activities, and service to school.
- Summer work experience, school work experience, volunteer work experience encouraged; hours and type of work
 - o If no work experience, please explain why
- References: 3 total; 1 must be the applicant's 4-H Leader with whom you have worked closely (if your parent is your 4-H leader, you need an additional reference- i.e. parent leader plus three
- Application materials must show personal growth through 4-H participation
- Proof of college application; payment to be made upon proof of enrollment
- Must be entering freshman year of college

If for any reason these criteria cannot be met, send a complete explanation in writing to Essex County Youth Foundation Scholarship Committee

Applicants that have taken a year off from school before attending college:

- Must meet the above criteria

Deferment of Award:

- Must be used/ enrolled within 1 year

Application:

I wish to apply for an Essex County Youth Foundation Scholarship for a college/ continuing education

program beginning _____ for the study of _____.
(Month, Year)

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address _____
(Street Address) (Town)

(State) (Zip)

Home Phone _____ High School Phone _____

Mailing address if different _____

Local Paper Address & Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Years in 4-H _____ Jr. Leader (Y/N) _____

Advanced Education/ Training plans for the fall _____

Name of School/ Program _____

Have you applied for admission? _____ Have you been accepted? _____

Estimated cost of the first year of your program \$ _____

What financial sources are available to you?

Your earnings \$ _____

Help from parents/ guardians \$ _____

Other sources \$ _____

Have you applied for any other scholarships? _____

Have you received any other scholarships? _____ If yes, \$ _____

- Please include copies of your 4-H Record.
- Please include an updated resume from the last 4-H record due date Nov. 1 until Scholarship application date April 1st. It can include but is not limited to participation in 4-H, school, work, and service.
- Please include a copy of your high school transcript.
- You may include a brief cover letter to introduce yourself.

- Please include an essay in 500 words or less that describes your involvement in 4-H and how it has influenced you. You should state your goals and objectives, reasons for pursuing this line of study, and explain why you are deserving of this scholarship.
- Please request letters of recommendation from three people and have the letters sent directly to the scholarship committee. One letter should be from your 4-H leader (If your parent is your 4-H leader you need an additional reference- i.e. parent leader plus three). One should be a mentor or person who knows you outside of 4-H.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Sign that all information given is correct to the best of your knowledge:

Signature _____ Date _____

*Final selection may require personal interview.

*Applicants can apply and be considered for more than one Essex County Youth Foundation Scholarship (Leadership, Challenge, 4-H), but may only receive one.

You may be invited to our customary Scholarship Recipients' Reception where pictures will be taken of the recipient and family for our website and media venues to honor awarded winners. Family will be gifted some of these special pictures.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Applications should be sent to:
Scholarship Committee

Essex County Youth Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 263
Topsfield, MA 01983

Postmarked no later than April 1st
If you have any questions, please call or text Tom Howland at 508-783-2204