

Kankakee County 4-H/Youth Foundation Scholarship Application - 2025

DEADLINE: Friday, April 11, 2025

HS

1650 Commerce Drive
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
Phone: (815) 933-8337

January, 2025

The Kankakee County 4-H/Youth Foundation was formed for (1) the purpose of promoting educational opportunities for participation in 4-H/youth activities in Kankakee County and (2) to encourage continued education through scholarships. To aid in furthering advanced education for the youth of Kankakee County, this year the Foundation is again offering \$1,000 scholarships to current and former 4-H students who plan to continue his/her education in the fall of 2025.

Four scholarships will be awarded to applicants who are presently enrolled in college/technical programs or who have been out of school for a time and are now returning for further training. Four scholarships will be awarded to applicants who are members of the current year's high school graduating class. Students may receive a 4-H/Youth Foundation Scholarship twice. Allocation of scholarships will be at the determination of the scholarship review committee to total eight scholarships between the two levels of applicants.

Requirements for eligibility:

1. Applicant should have demonstrated good academic performance.
2. Applicant must have participated in the 4-H/youth programs in Kankakee County conducted by University of Illinois Extension, Kankakee County. This participation is to be cited during the application process.
3. Applicant should be pursuing a stated degree or certificate program at an accredited college, university or trade school.

The scholarship funds are paid directly to the institution for application towards tuition, fees, books, etc. This payment is made following 4-H/Youth Foundation's receipt of a letter to the Scholarship Chairman by July 1 or earlier, from the scholarship recipient confirming enrollment at the chosen institution. Please provide the office and address of the institution receiving this payment. The award recipient must maintain full-time student status. Monies not used in any one semester may be carried over for the next semester. Monies are not refunded nor given directly to the awardees.

Scholarship applications may be secured from the University of Illinois Extension Office – Kankakee County or Main 4-H Club Leaders. Application may also be printed from the Kankakee County Extension website: extension.illinois.edu/gkw/4-h-kankakee-county under Awards, Scholarships, & Leadership Opportunities.

Completed application packets (application, recommendation letters, attachments, wallet-sized photo, and photo release form) must be delivered to Kankakee County 4-H/Youth Foundation Scholarship Committee, University Illinois Extension Office Kankakee County, 1650 Commerce Drive, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Completed applications may also be emailed to Scholar4hk3@gmail.com. Please note in subject line “**Kankakee 4-H Foundation Scholarship.**” Deadline is **Friday, April 11, 2025.** Contact the Extension Office at (815) 933-8337 for further information.

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Please Print:

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____
Street or 911 Address

City State Zip () Home Phone

Parent's Names: Father _____ **Mother** _____

Parent's current address (if different from your home address): _____

(Please circle one) This additional address is the address of my: Father Mother

Date of Birth: _____ **4-H Club:** _____

High School Enrolled: _____

Graduation Date: _____ **GPA:** _____ **Scale:** _____

Accredited institution/program you will be attending: _____

Major/Program: _____ **Expected Degree/Certificate:** _____

Expected Date of Degree/Certificate Award: _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

The following information must be attached to this application:

- High school transcript If homeschooled, a transcript of classes completed
- Provide information in bullet points, chart or narrative to include the following:
 - 1) School involvement in clubs/extra-curricular activities
 - 2) Church, community and/or service activities
 - 3) Leadership roles and honors/awards received
 - 4) Work experiences (job, home responsibilities)
- Describe in a typed 100-word minimum essay your plan and the career you hope to achieve
- Teacher's Recommendation in a sealed envelope or emailed; homeschool students may not use a parent. Use a librarian or other homeschool parent involved in your learning
- Character Recommendation in a sealed envelope or emailed to be completed by a second adult (not a family member nor the same individual for the teacher recommendation.)
- Wallet-sized photo and signed photo release form.

Completed scholarship applications are due in the Extension Office by **April 11, 2025**.

Send this completed application form and supporting materials to:

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Extension – Kankakee County, 1650 Commerce Drive, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

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Applicant: _____ Focus of Study _____

TEACHER'S RECOMMENDATION

(To be completed by a teacher who has had the applicant in class)

Describe how you know the applicant:

How does this applicant rate among his/her peers in the following six categories? Please rank the applicant with a score of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest score and 5 being the highest rank among his/her peers.

	Lowest		Average		Highest
Maturity	1	2	3	4	5
Motivation & Ambition	1	2	3	4	5
Intellectual Interest	1	2	3	4	5
Moral Character	1	2	3	4	5
Demonstrated Leadership	1	2	3	4	5
Service	1	2	3	4	5

Describe why you believe this applicant will succeed in his/her chosen focus of study.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Check mark (X) which method for return of the recommendation:

- Applicant requests the recommendation to be returned in a sealed envelope to the applicant.
- Applicant requests the recommendation to be emailed to Scholar4hk3@gmail.com
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CHARACTER RECOMMENDATION

(This should NOT be the teacher who previously completed a recommendation, family member or a friend/peer.)

Describe how you know the applicant:

Describe the character traits of the applicant that you have observed:

Why do you believe this applicant should be awarded the Kankakee County 4-H/ Youth Foundation Scholarship?

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Check mark (X) which method for return of the recommendation:

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Photo & Video Release

I grant the Kankakee County 4-H/Youth Foundation the permission to disclose my (or my child's) identity and to reproduce and distribute videotapes, films, photographs, and transparencies of me (or my child) and sound recordings arising out of documenting awarding of Foundation scholarships and educational opportunities. This image (photo or video) may be used in publications or to otherwise promote Foundation programs as in posters, audio/video presentations or other displays. The image may also be released to local news media to be used in connection with reporting on, promoting, or otherwise publicizing Foundation programs.

Name of Subject (Print Name)_____

Subject's Email_____

Subject's Signature_____

Parent/Guardian (if subject is a minor)_____

Signature

Address_____

City, State Zip Code_____

Date_____