



## **Erie County 4-H Youth Development**

### **Diane Mudd Senneff Memorial 4-H Scholarship**



The Diane Mudd Senneff Memorial 4-H Scholarship was established in 2020 to recognize one current senior female 4-H member who has demonstrated leadership and service to their community through active participation in the Erie County 4-H Youth Development Program. Diane was an active Erie County 4-H volunteer for over 50 years and served as organizational leader of the 4-H Starlites Club for over 30 years. She highly valued higher education and was a life-long student of science. She was the first in her family to earn a college degree, and crossed new boundaries as the first female Chemist at Bell Aerospace, where she worked on the Hovercraft. She was also an accomplished pilot who once flew to Northern Alaska by following the Alcan highway in the early 1960's. Further, Diane helped start the local chapter of 99s, a women's pilots organization.

Diane appreciated all that 4-H had to offer, with emphasis on public presentations, offering members both traditional and non-traditional skills and adventures, camping, and exhibiting & volunteering at the Erie County Fair.

The recipient will be awarded a one-time scholarship of \$800.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Applicant must be currently enrolled in the Erie County 4-H Program.
- Applicant must have been a member of the Erie County 4-H Program for at least year (2) years.
- Applicant must be a senior in High School.
- Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited university, college, technical school or certificate program.
- Applicant must be a female.
- Applicant must be accepted and enrolled in a STEM degree or certificate program.

#### **Application Requirements**

- Only completed applications will be considered.
- A completed application must include two (2) letters of recommendation: One letter must be from a 4-H volunteer or 4-H person of leadership. The recommendation should refer to the applicant's 4-H participation including projects, activities, and leadership experiences. A second letter may be from whomever the applicant chooses (may not be a family member).
- Each letter of recommendation must be placed in a sealed envelope with the recommender's name written across the flap of the envelope and submitted with the application.
- Application must be word processed in size 11 point font or larger.
- Please submit each letter in a sealed envelope with application.

#### **Selection Process**

- Applications are due in the 4-H Office by **4 pm on June 2, 2025.**
- Applications are reviewed by the family of Diane Mudd Senneff.
- The recipient will be contacted by the Senneff family no later than August 1.
- The recipient will be recognized at the Erie County Fair.
- Upon proof of enrollment, the scholarship check will be forwarded to the accredited university, college, technical school or certificate program.

**Scholarship application and two (2) letters of recommendation are due no later than**

**JUNE 2, 2025!**



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club (or Independent Member Status): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School you have/will have graduated from: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree / Major or program of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Projects and Activities**

List 4-H project areas and years completed *Example: Foods – 6 years, Beef – 2 years*

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List 4-H activities/events and years participated. Please use L = Local, C = County, R = Regional, S= State, and N = National to indicate level of participation. *Example: Public Presentations – 8 years (C and R), Dairy Bowl – 4 years (C, R, and S), Community Service – 4 years (L).*

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In a short paragraph, briefly describe how a 4-H project area or 4-H activity/event has been influential in your personal development



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**Leadership**

List 4-H leadership experiences and years participated Please use L = Local, C = County, R = Regional, S = State, and N = National to indicate level of participation. *Example: Club President – 2 years (L), Junior Leadership – 4 years (L and C), Fair Ambassador – 2 years (C and S).*

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In a short paragraph, briefly describe how these 4-H leadership experiences have impacted you, your club, your community, your country, or your world



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**Citizenship and Community Service (20%)**

List 4-H citizenship and 4-H community service activities and years completed (10%).

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In a short paragraph, briefly describe how your participation in these 4-H Citizenship and 4-H Community Service activities influenced your personal development and what impact did these activities have on other individuals (10%).



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**Erie County Fair (20%)**

List 4-H participation at the Erie County Fair and years completed (10%). *Example: 4-H Café Volunteer – 5 years, Exhibited in 4-H Youth Development Building – 6 years, Exhibited Market Swine – 2 years, 4-H Ambassador – 4 years; Exhibited Dogs – 3 years.*

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In a short paragraph, briefly describe how your 4-H participation at the Erie County Fair has been influential in your personal development and/or career interests (10%)



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**Letters of Recommendation (10%)**

*Letters of recommendation will be reviewed by the scholarship committee.*

***Mail Application to:***

4-H Youth Development Program of Erie County  
C/o Diane Mudd Senneff Memorial Scholarship  
21 S. Grove Street, Suite 300  
East Aurora, NY 14052