



Erie County 4-H Youth Development

Marion Wittmeyer Memorial 4-H Scholarship



The Marion Wittmeyer and Marcia Duffy Memorial 4-H Scholarship recognizes two current senior/aging out 4-H members who have demonstrated leadership and service to their community through active participation in the Erie County 4-H Youth Development Program. Marion was an active Erie County 4-H volunteer for 55 years and served as organizational leader of the Lawtons Progressors 4-H Club for 30 years. Upon Marion's passing in 2013, her daughter, Marcia took over as the club organization leader and served in that position until her passing in 2023. Marion and Marcia both highly valued all that 4-H had to offer youth. However, their true passions were deeply rooted in the club program, public presentations, community service, and exhibiting & volunteering at the Erie County Fair. Each recipient will be awarded a one-time scholarship of approximately \$500.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be currently enrolled in the Erie County 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Applicant must have been a member of the Erie County 4-H Program for at least four (4) years.
- Applicant must be a senior in high school or is aging out of the 4 – H Program in September 2025.
- Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or university, technical school, or certificate program

Application Requirements **(Please read carefully and completely)**

- 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).
- The application may be word processed in size 11point font or larger or legibly handwritten in ink.
- The application and letters of recommendation may be emailed by each recommender directly to Lynn Riley in the 4 –H Office at ldr22@cornell.edu or returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope with the recommender's name written across the flap.

Selection Process

- Applications and recommendations are due to the 4 – H Office via email, the US Postal System, or personally delivered **no later than 4:30 PM on Monday, June 2, 2025.**
- Applications are reviewed by the family of Marion Wittmeyer.
- The recipient of the scholarship will be notified no later than August 1, 2025.
- The recipient will be recognized at the Erie County Fair prior to the Livestock Auction at 11:30 AM on Saturday, August 16th.
- 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 must be emailed to Lynn Riley at ldr22@cornell.edu, mailed to her attention at the 4 – H Office at 21 S. Grove St., East Aurora, NY 14052, or personally delivered by 4:30 PM on Monday, 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: _____

Name of Reference #1: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name of Reference #2: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Post – Secondary Institution Planning to Attend: _____

Projects and Activities (30%)

List 4-H project areas and years completed (10%). *Example: Foods – 6 years, Beef – 2 years*



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List 4-H activities/events and years participated (10%). 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).*

In a short paragraph, briefly describe how a 4-H project area or 4-H activity/event has been influential in your personal development (10%)



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Leadership (20%)

List 4-H leadership experiences and years participated (10%). 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).*

In a short paragraph, briefly describe how these 4-H leadership experiences have impacted you, your club, your community, your country, or your world (10%).



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Citizenship and Community Service (20%)

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

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 these activities have had 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.*

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%).

Letters of Recommendation (10%)

Letters of recommendation will be reviewed by the scholarship committee.