

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County 4-H Scholarship

The purpose of the Erie County 4-H Scholarship is to recognize those 4-Hers that exhibit a high degree of leadership and community service due to their involvement in the Erie County 4-H Program.

- Only complete applications will be considered.
- A complete application must include at least TWO letters of recommendation: 1 from a 4-H person of leadership and the other from whomever you choose (not a family member).
 - *Letters may be turned in with the application or sent to the 4-H office separately. We recommend members collect the letters and turning all materials in together to ensure the application is complete.*

Scholarships amounts awarded are at the discretion of the scholarship selection committee.

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 one year.
- Applicant must be a **senior in High School or College Freshman**
- Applicant must be enrolled or planning to attend an accredited university, college, technical school or certificate program.

Selection Process

- Applications are due in the 4-H office or postmarked by **April 17, 2026**
- Applications are reviewed by the scholarship selection committee.
- Applicants will be notified by **June 5, 2026**
 - Scholarship check will be awarded upon receipt of proof of enrollment in the form of a tuition bill from the college, university, or program.

Scholarship application and all required materials are to be postmarked no later than April 17, 2026.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County
Attn. 4-H Scholarship Committee
21 S. Grove St.
East Aurora, NY 14052

Erie County 4-H Application

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** _____ **Gender:** _____

Street Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Years in 4-H: _____ **Main Club or Independent Status:** _____

Parent/ Guardian #1 Name: _____

Parent/ Guardian #2 Name: _____

High School you will/ have graduated from: _____

Expected college major (if any): _____

Please answer the following questions

- TYPED, size 12 font
- Format: numbered, separate answers
- Length: no more than 3 pages, single sided.

1. Share some background about yourself. What is important for us to know about you?
2. What are some things that inspire and/or motivate you to be successful?
3. Please describe your future plans for next year, and up to the next five years. Has your participation in 4-H influenced your plans? If so, how?
4. Highlight up to three 4-H projects, experiences, or events that have had the most impact on you. From those, choose one to describe why it specifically affected you as a person.
5. Describe your involvement in county level 4-H activities (fundraising, leadership roles, Teen Ambassadors, Public Presentations, county animal programs, etc.)
6. Describe your participation in any district/regional, state, or national level 4-H activities (including trips such as STARR, Capital Days, and/or Career Explorations and virtual workshops or conferences, and district, regional, or national presentations)?
7. Describe what 4-H means to you, how 4-H has helped you grow, and/or how you have used skills gained in 4-H in other parts of your life.
8. How do you plan to give back to 4-H and/or to your community?

4-H Leader Recommendation

This page is designed for a person in position of leadership in the 4-H Program (Club Leader, Project Leader, etc.) to provide input and remarks for the selection committee regarding your participation in the Erie County 4-H program as well as general information about the applicant. This information will be maintained in strict confidence.

Your name: _____

Applicant Name: _____

On a scale of 1-5 (*1 being Below Average, 3 being Satisfactory, 5 being Above Average*) Please rate the applicant in the following categories by circling the most appropriate response:

4-H Membership in General:	1	2	3	4	5
4-H Project Work:	1	2	3	4	5
4-H Leadership Roles:	1	2	3	4	5
4-H Community Service:	1	2	3	4	5
County 4-H Activities:	1	2	3	4	5

*Using the space below or by attaching a letter, **How do you feel the applicant has grown as a person through their participation in the Erie County 4-H Program?***

I certify that this applicant has been enrolled in the Erie County 4-H Program. I recommend the applicant be considered for an Erie County 4-H Scholarship.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

4-H Scholarship Recommendation

This page is designed for a person of your choice (not related to you) who is familiar with your involvement in 4-H (4-H Volunteer, teacher, fellow 4-H member, etc.) to provide input and remarks for the selection committee regarding your participation in the Erie County 4-H Program as well as general information about the applicant. This information will be maintained in strict confidence.

Applicants Name: _____

On a scale of 1-5 (*1 being Below Average, 3 being Satisfactory, 5 being Above Average*) please rate the applicant in the following categories by circling the most appropriate response:

4-H Membership in General:	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
4-H Project Work:	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
4-H Leadership Roles:	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
4-H Community Service:	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
County 4-H Activities:	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

Using the space below or by attaching a letter, How do you feel the applicant has grown as a person through their participation in the Erie County 4-H Program?

I certify that this applicant has participated in the Erie County 4-H Program. I recommend the applicant be considered for an Erie County 4-H Scholarship.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____