November 2, 2020
To: Schools and Extension Offices Involved in the Merlyn Anderson Scholarship
From: Paul C. Hay
Re: 2020 Merlyn Anderson 4-H Scholarship Application

I have enclosed the application information for the 2021 Merlyn Anderson Memorial 4-H Scholarships. Past winners have been selected from the following schools.

	93-97	98-02	03-07	08-12	13-17	19	TOTAL
Tri-County	7	5	2	10	7	3	24
Norris	3	0	2	1	13	1	20
Wilber/Clatonia	7	7	6	3	5	0	28
Wymore Southern	7	7	1	5	3	1	24
Beatrice	5	4	7	4	3	0	23
Diller-Odell	6	7	5	4	5	1	28
Freeman	4	2	1	3	5	0	17
Lewiston	3	0	1	1	1	0	6
Fairbury	3	12	6	4	4	1	31
Meridian	0	2	1	2	1	0	6

Total Funds				
	1993 $16,000	1999 $8,000	2005 $9,750	2012 $21,500
	1994 $14,250	2000 $13,000	2006 $11,000	2013 $25,000
	1995 $18,000	2001 $7,500	2007 $14,000	2014 $26,000
	1996 $9,000	2002 $10,000	2008 $16,000	2015 $26,900
	1997 $10,000	2003 $10,000	2009 $ 12,000	2016 $28,000
	1998 $12,750	2004 $8,000	2011 $25,000	2017 $31,000
	2018 $26,000	2019 $30,000		

Grand Total $433, 250 for 218 Students

We received 19 applications for these scholarships last year. A number of the applications could not be included in the judging because the students were not aimed toward agriculture studies (broadly interpreted). What do we mean when we say (broadly interpreted)? We want to expand the meaning of traditional agriculture to include related fields. Here are a few examples of how the committee might view this requirement.

Chemistry: Probably Not — Biochemistry: Probably Yes
Teacher: Probably Not — Vo-Ag Teacher: Yes
Home Economics: No — Food Science: Probably Yes
Agronomy, Animal Science, Plant Pathology, Vet Science, Entomology, Horticulture, Ag Business, Ag Journalism, Biological Systems Engineering: Yes

The committee is going to evaluate each application separately on this issue based on what the students tell us in the application. WE do not want to make a clear cut rule on this area because agriculture is a very broad field and includes lots of associated professional career choices.

Please include an announcement for the Merlyn Anderson Memorial 4-H Scholarship in your Scholarship information packet going to this year's seniors.
If you have questions please call me. (402-239-1341)

The life of Merlyn Anderson

Merlyn (Mrs. Charles A. Anderson) was a world traveler, a librarian, an engaging conversationalist, an active and caring community person, a devoted wife and a beloved friend of those who knew her throughout the world. Merlyn was born in Dixon, Illinois in 1897 and moved to Beatrice to become a City Librarian in 1918. Merlyn's husband, Dr. Charles A. Anderson was a Beatrice dentist prior to World War II. During the war he served his country and achieved the rank of Colonel. Colonel Anderson was a Military Governor in Korea following its liberation from the Japanese.

That is where 4-H fits into his story. Colonel Anderson carried the 4-H idea to Korea as a way for young people and families to grow and learn new ideas in agriculture and positive self-concept. The Korean Conflict put a sudden stop into his first efforts to get 4-H started in Korea. As part of the reparation team in Korea following the war his efforts were successful. A Farm Journal article heralded him "Grandfather to ½ Million Kids" which was the 4-H membership when he left Korea in the late 50's. Thanks to those beginnings, South Korea has the largest 4-H program outside the United States. Merlyn was a partner to these efforts both in Korea and stateside. She made three around-the-world trips to such exotic places as Cairo, Kabul, Singapore, Tahiti, Sydney, and the Galapagos Islands and many of the trips were traveling alone, when such travel by a woman alone was rare. Merlyn had a treasure, a story, and friends at nearly every place she visited.

Merlyn has established a trust through her will to support students from the Gage and Jefferson area who are interested in Agricultural Studies (broadly interpreted). Preference is to be given to students who have been involved in 4-H. Applicants should have a GPA 2.5 or higher.

Scholarship Application

Applicant needs to submit three items: the attached application form, a typed essay of not more than two pages (doubled-spaced), and one letter of recommendation from a person of your choice. The essay should deal with your personal and academic goals. The scholarship form can be accessed in MS-Word online at gage.unl.edu, Click on Gage County Info, Select 4-H & Youth, Select Scholarship.

The Merlyn Anderson 4-H Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to 6-9 students and range in value from $750 to $2000. The scholarships are available to all colleges, universities, technical schools, community colleges or trade schools for students in agricultural studies. The scholarship funds will be paid to the school and can be used for all school related expenses including tuition, room and board, fees, and books

This scholarship are open to applications from the following area schools:

Lewiston High School	Wilber Clatonia High School
Norris High School	Beatrice High School
Freeman High School	Diller-Odell High School
Wymore High School	Meridian High School
Tri-County High School	Homeschoolers in
Fairbury High School	Gage and Jefferson Counties

Application Deadline: March 15. Application should be sent to the University of Nebraska Extension in Gage County, 1115 West Scott, Beatrice, NE 68310. You may direct questions to Paul Hay, Extension Educator Emeriti at (402)-239-1341 in Beatrice.

Merlyn Anderson Memorial 4-H Scholarship

Name: _____

Address: _____ Town/Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Intended College/University/Trade School: _____

Intended Major: _____ High School: _____

High School Grade Point: _____ Number of Years in 4-H: _____

Favorite 4-H Projects: _____, _____, _____,

High School Classes You Enjoyed Most: _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____, _____

High School Activities You Enjoyed Most: _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____, _____

Community or Other Activities You Have Participated In: _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____

Jobs you Have Held: (list most current first): _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____, _____

Express in a few words your need for scholarship help:

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Promise to use any funds received to further my education. I certify that the statements made by me in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this application with an essay and recommendation letter to Paul C. Hay, UNL Extension Educator Emeriti, 1115 west Scott St., Beatrice, NE 68310. Application deadline: March 15.