

Phelps County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Rules – 2024

The Phelps County 4-H Foundation has established one (1), one-year scholarship of \$2000 and up to five (5), one-year scholarships of \$1000 that may be awarded to six students for higher education. This scholarship will be good at any university, college, or technical school.

1. The applicant must be a high school senior with sufficient credits for college entrance and a desire to further their education.
2. The applicant must be a past or present member of Phelps County 4-H. Present members will receive preference.
3. An “out of county” scholarship selection committee may select up to six (6) recipients to be recognized by this scholarship program. All scholarships may not be awarded each year as minimum standards must be met.
4. Two recommendations are required. They may be from teachers, clergy, employers, friends, or other individuals other than relatives. Use the recommendation forms attached to this application.
5. Application forms for the Phelps County 4-H Foundation scholarship may be obtained at any Phelps County area high school, at the Nebraska Extension – Phelps County office or online at www.phelps-gosper.unl.edu.
6. The applicant must include a transcript of his/her grades at the time the application is submitted. Additional pages to the application are **not** allowed other than the “4-H Achievement Application” **or** alternate application. The Alternate Application is shown on Pages 4, 5, and 6 in this document.
7. A scholarship fee of one-half of the amount awarded per semester for one year, shall be made payable to the designated school in the student’s name after he or she has enrolled in a course of study leading to his/her major while carrying a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours.
8. All applications, references, and transcripts should be completed and submitted to the Nebraska Extension in Phelps County by 5:00 p.m., April 1, 2024. Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified.
9. The recipients must notify the Nebraska Extension Office in Phelps County of their school plans and provide an address of the financial aid/school office so that the scholarship may be sent.
10. **A complete scholarship application will contain:**
 - **Two-page application form**
 - **Reference list sheet**
 - **4-H Achievement Application **OR** optional three-page form**
 - **School transcript**
 - **Two recommendation forms.**

For more information, contact Nebraska Extension-Phelps County, 1308 2nd Street, Holdrege, NE 68949, at 308-995-4222 or lori.swanson@unl.edu.

Written Report: Please respond to the question: What influence have your 4-H experiences had on your choice of college major or your career choice?

Reference List

Please list the names of the two people giving recommendations and turn this sheet in with your application form.

Name	Address	Phone

Please return by April 1, 2024, to:

Nebraska Extension - Phelps County
1308 2nd Street
Holdrege, NE 68949

Evaluation Criteria for 4-H Foundation Scholarship are listed below.

1. 4-H Experiences – 50%

4-H Project Work (10%)
4-H Leadership (10%)
4-H Citizenship (10%)
Indications of knowledge and commitment to 4-H (15%)
Current 4-H Member Preferred (5%)

2. Activities & Leadership 20%

Community
School
Other

3. Education/Scholarship 20%

High School Scholarship
College Plans

4. Personality, Character, Attitude 10%

(Applicants must score a minimum of 70% to be considered for the 4-H Foundation scholarship.)

Activities: 4-H – To be used in place of 4-H Achievement Application
The next three pages (pages 4, 5 and 6) are used instead of 4-H Achievement Application.
If you are submitting the 4-H Achievement Application, *DO NOT* complete these three pages.

General project area(s) you carried in your 4-H career:

Special awards you have received in your 4-H career:

List participation in 4-H activities, such as demonstrations, exhibits, tours, workshops, judging activities, camps, field trips, etc.

List any 4-H leadership you have participated in, including volunteer activities and elected offices.

List any 4-H citizenship projects in which you have been involved.

Activities and Honors at School:

What activities did you participate in at school and when?

Activities and Honors in the Community: (Include church, scouts, volunteer service, employment, etc.)

Phelps County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Recommendation Form

Person making recommendation, please fill out and return this form directly to the UNL Extension in Phelps County by **April 1, 2024**. Return to: Phelps County 4-H Foundation, Nebraska Extension - Phelps County, 1308 2nd Street, Holdrege, NE 68949.

Name of Applicant _____

How long have you known applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

Please mark the response that you feel most closely reflects the applicant in the following areas. Space is provided for comments.

To the appraiser: Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. The applicant's ability to show concern for others:

_____ extremely strong _____ very strong _____ moderate _____ poor

The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and community:

_____ extremely strong _____ very strong _____ moderate _____ poor

The applicant's demonstration of initiative in volunteering for activities:

_____ extremely strong _____ very strong _____ moderate _____ poor

The applicant's follow-through with volunteer assignments:

_____ extremely strong _____ very strong _____ moderate _____ poor

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Comments:

Date: _____ Signature _____ Title _____
Address _____ Phone _____

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