



SEWARD COUNTY 4-H

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

High School _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Parent name(s) _____

Years in 4-H _____ 4-H Club _____ Date of Birth _____

The Seward County 4-H Council and Seward County 4-H Foundation scholarships were established with funds from the 4-H Council and Seward County 4-H Foundation to honor graduating seniors for their years of commitment to the 4-H program. These funds will be available to Seward County 4-H members who are pursuing their education in any area at any post-secondary institution.

SEWARD COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. A minimum of two \$500 scholarships and two \$250 scholarships will be awarded to the top applicants, awarded by the Seward County 4-H Council. This breakdown can possibly change based on the number and quality of applications. That decision is made by the interview committee and approved by 4-H Council.
2. This application will also be used for Seward County 4-H Jr. Leaders and 4-H Foundation Scholarships. The amounts of those scholarships will be determined but could range from \$100 to \$500.
3. Applicants must have participated in the 4-H program for a minimum of five years and be currently enrolled in the Seward County 4-H program.
4. Scholarship may be used for any field of study and at any post-secondary institution.
5. The scholarship will be sent directly to the post-secondary institution registrar after the 4-H'er completes the form at the bottom of their award letter. This form requires the student ID number.
6. To be eligible for scholarships, applicants must have submitted an Achievement Application (4-H Record book) by the fall deadline – October 10, 2023. Applicants will re-submit their Achievement Application with their scholarship application.
7. The scholarship selection process will include an interview. Interviews will be conducted in January or early February.



SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING

- 25% Interview – Professional appearance, answers to questions, dedication to the 4-H program.

 - 30% 4-H Program Involvement – Project areas, skills and knowledge learned, evidence of involvement over time in 4-H program.

 - 30% 4-H Leadership & Community Service– Leadership provided in 4-H club (offices held/committee involvement), at the county, region or state (ie – helping with county fair, teaching a workshop, jr. leaders).

 - 15% Non-4-H Community Involvement and Leadership – Service provided in school, church, youth organizations other than 4- H, etc.
- Scholastic Achievement – Grade Point Average (completed in application & signed from Counselor or school administrator).

A selection committee shall be composed of one Seward County Extension Staff, 4-H Council members and at least one 4-H Foundation member. The committee will review the applications and recommend recipients for the scholarships. A recipient may receive the scholarship only one time – the year they graduate high school. The scholarship will be announced during the high school honors night or graduation ceremony of the recipient(s).

Memorial 4-H Scholarships may have additional criteria.

Letters of Appreciation – Appreciation for the scholarships may be expressed to:

Nebraska Extension – Seward County
Attn: 4-H Council
322 S. 14th Street
Seward, NE 68434

Seward County 4-H Foundation
P.O. Box 214
Seward, NE 68434



NAME _____

4-H PROJECT EXPERIENCES

List the 4-H project areas you have completed and the number of years each project was taken. Example:
Beef – 7 years, Clothing – 9 years, Foods – 5 years

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What were the most important knowledge, skills, or lessons you have gained from your 4-H project experience? Be specific.



LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY SERVICE & CITIZENSHIP

List your 4-H leadership roles and community service experiences and indicate the number of years served.
(Examples – club officer, Jr. Leader, Jr. Superintendent, Day Camp Counselor, 4-H Foodstand, 4-H club community service, 4-H phonathon, etc.)

What did you learn through your 4-H Leadership and Community Service experiences?

Describe a challenge you worked to overcome in 4-H and how it impacted you.



List your most important non-4-H (school, church, community) accomplishments; include offices held and honors received.

What are your college plans? i.e. College major, college to attend, etc.

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be correct.

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

I have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct.

Date _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____ Signature of Counselor/Administrator _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Applications will not be returned. Submit this application along with your Achievement Application by **January 5 2024** to:

Nebraska Extension-Seward County Attn: 4-H Scholarship
322 S 14th Street Seward, NE 68434

Interviews will be in mid to late January.
Interviews will be held in 15-minute increments at the office.