



Seward County 4-H

Scholarship Application

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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. The application must be signed by guidance counselor or administrator showing grade point average.
7. Application must be typed and signed by applicant.
8. Applicants must have submitted their updated Achievement Application by the October 3 deadline to be eligible for scholarships. Applicants will re-submit their Achievement Application with their scholarship application.
9. Applicants must complete the in-person interview, the interviews will be held before the end of January.
10. Applicants must complete the enclosed application and return to the Extension Office with their Achievement Application by **January 6**.

The recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- 30% **Interview** – Professional appearance, answers to questions, dedication to the 4-H program
- 30% **Achievement Application** – Evidence of growth in 4-H projects over time in 4-H, leadership and community service.
- 20% **4-H Program Involvement & Leadership** – Project areas, exhibiting, skills and knowledge learned, community service, offices held, etc.
- 20% **Community Involvement and Leadership** – Service provided in school, church, youth organizations other than 4-H, etc.
- 10% **Scholastic Achievement** – Grade Point Average (completed in application & signed from Guidance 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).

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

Seward County Extension, Attn: 4-H Council, 322 S. 14th Street, Seward, NE 68434
Seward County 4-H Foundation, P.O. Box 214, Seward, NE 68434

APPLICATION FORM

Seward County 4-H Scholarship

(A typed application is recommended.)

Name	Years in 4-H
Address	City/State/Zip
High School	4-H Club
Phone Number	Date of Birth
Parent name(s)	
Grade Point Average	/4.0

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

List the 5 most important things you have gained from your 4-H experience. Be specific.

What was the biggest hurdle you overcame in 4-H?

List citizenship and community service activities you have participated in for the following areas:

4-H

School

Church

Other

List your most important leadership accomplishments; include offices held and honors received.

4-H

School

Church

Other

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 Guidance Counselor/Administrator _____

Applications will not be returned. Submit this application along with your Achievement Application by **January 6** to:

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

Contact the Extension Office to schedule an interview time. Interview date will be in mid-late January, beginning at 6 p.m. Interviews will be held in 20-minute increments at the office.