

Youth, who have at least 3 years of active membership in Minnehaha County 4-H Junior Leaders (current high school senior or enrolled in college, technical institute, etc.), are eligible to apply the Minnehaha County 4-H Junior Leader Scholarship. All applications are accepted January 1st through June 1st of each year, at the Minnehaha County 4-H Office, 2001 E 8th St, Sioux Falls, SD, 57104.

A committee will review all applications and announce recipients in early July. All applicants will be notified via USPS mail regarding their final status after selection of recipients. All recipients must complete and return the 4-H Scholarship Acceptance Form to receive the scholarship(s).

4-H scholarship awards are based on fulfillment of scholarship-specific criteria and the following:

- 40% scholastic achievement;
- 10% character;
- 40% 4-H project involvement including Citizenship/ Community Service and Leadership; and
- 10% financial need.

Do not submit a 4-H Journal or 4-H Record Book as a part of the application.

To apply for South Dakota State 4-H Scholarship(s), applicants need to submit the following four (4) items:

1. Cover letter of one typewritten page (8½"x11"), with one inch margins, using a 12 point font including:
 - a. Description of applicant's future career path, including major area of study, post-secondary institution attending, and how/if 4-H experiences influenced youth's decision to pursue this career;
 - b. Brief statement regarding financial information (nonconfidential) regarding educational costs, anticipated need for financial assistance, and any special circumstances to consider; and
 - c. Signatures of the 4-H member, parent/guardian (if under the age of 18), and the county's 4-H Youth Program Advisor.
2. Résumé of one or two typewritten pages (8½"x11"), with one inch margins, using a 12 point font including:
 - a. 4-H member's name, complete home address, college address (if applicable), 4-H county, contact information including email address and daytime phone number;
 - b. Description of applicant's definition of 4-H Citizenship and Community Service; what has been learned through 4-H Citizenship and Community Service to become a better citizen for his/her club, community, country and the world;
 - c. Description of leadership skills attained through 4-H and non-4-H activities, events and opportunities; and
 - d. Description of two 4-H projects including the size, scope, goals set/achieved and skills/knowledge gained.
3. Non-confidential one-page letter of recommendation from ONE of the following: 4-H club leader, county 4-H Youth Program Advisor, school administrator or teacher, employer, pastor or someone who can comment on the applicant's goals and skills.
4. For high school seniors, an official copy of his/her high school transcript with the current cumulative grade point average (GPA), rank in class and ACT/SAT scores. For current college students, a college and/or technical institute transcript with the current cumulative GPA.