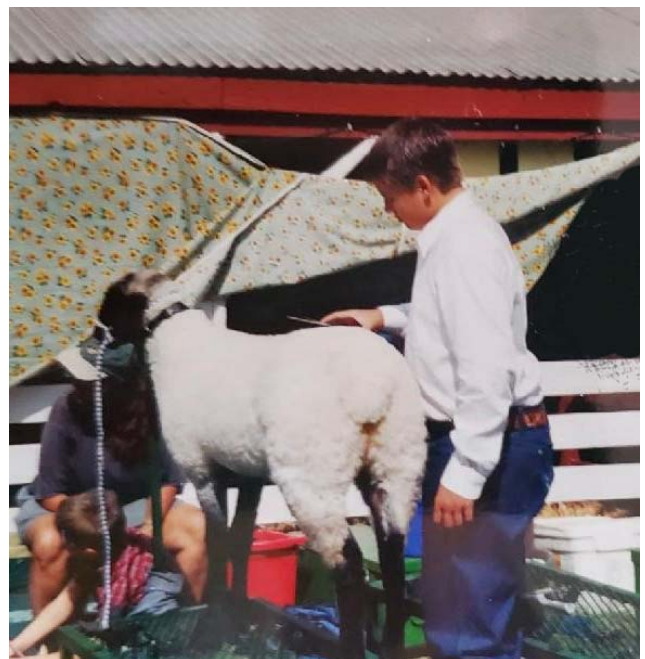


## Matthew Coote Memorial 4-H Scholarship

The love of a rural lifestyle and animals became part of Matthew Coote early in his life. He raised rabbits to trade to D&B for toys, raised bumper calves, and had fish, turtles, lizards, dogs and cats.

Matthew's first Angus heifer was a bumper whose mother had died. With his care and love she became the foundation of his Angus herd. 4-H was part of Matthew life for the next nine years as he showed steers and his registered Angus to great success. Matthew earned several championships in showmanship and conformation classes with his Angus cattle and steers, at the Union County Fair, Eastern Oregon Stock Show and at state and regional Junior Angus shows all over the northwest. He diversified his 4-H projects by excelling with his sheep and lizard projects. Matthew loved judging contests and excelled in giving reasons to his placings earning many top honors. His smile always shined brightest when he was able to help others. It didn't matter if he was sweeping, helping with preparing an animal for the show ring or teaching someone how they could become successful with their own project. Matthew was always ready to help when children of past 4-Hers needed his guidance to learn how to halter break, clip and care for their animals. Matthew's love of the rural lifestyle followed him in career choice working for several farmers operating and repairing farm equipment, building fences and working with cattle. Matthew noted in an article printed in the June 1999 Observer "I'm not sure what I want to be, but I do want to live on a farm."





# MATTHEW COOTE MEMORIAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

## Eligibility:

Applicant must be a high school senior that is an enrolled Union County 4-H member.

Applicant must be a current 4-H member in good standing for at least three years in ninth through twelfth grade.

## Instructions:

Only complete application packets will be considered for review.

All application packets must be submitted to the OSU Extension, Union County Office by 5:00 pm on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Since this will be a blind review, please avoid identifying the applicant by name as much as possible.**

## Application packet includes:

1. 4-H essay (minimum of 350 words/maximum 3 pages) 20 pt  
Essay ideas:
  - How 4-H has focused my future
  - How 4-H has affected me
  - How my 4-H experience will continue to benefit my community
  - Personal growth through 4-H
  - 4-H activities involved in
2. Club involvement verification from active 4-H leader, attached to application 15 pt  
Must contain an excerpt about:
  - Club involvement
  - Leadership in club
  - Community service
  - Any additional commentsIt can be emailed, mailed or hand delivered, **must be in before April 1<sup>st</sup>**
3. Two letters of recommendation, attached to application. 10 pt  
5 point each  
**Please let individuals know that this is a BLIND process - so please try not to over use your name as they will be blacked out.**  
Can be emailed, mailed or hand delivered, **must be in before April 1<sup>st</sup>**
4. High school transcript 10 pt
  - GPA & above - 10 pt
  - Below 2.0 - 5 pt
5. Completed application questionnaire 25 pt  
5 points each section
  1. Outstanding 4-H event (A & B)
  2. Contribution to 4-H (C)
  3. Obstacles overcome (D)
  4. Career goals, Area of planned study (E & F)
  5. Community involvement, Leadership (G & H)

6. 4-H resume	10 pt
7. In person interview	10 pt
Total points possible	100 pt

**Scholarship Criteria:**

- contribution to 4-H program (based on essay and application questionnaire)
- leadership and community involvement
- academic records and school involvement

The Matthew Coote Memorial Fund will give 1-2 scholarships in the amount of \$500. Scholarships will be awarded directly to the recipient at their awards/graduation ceremony.

Scholarship application deadline is **March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to the Extension Office!**

Scholarship selection will be completed by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Scholarship to be used toward expenses for schooling of your choice.

**Selection Process:**

A 3-5 person scholarship committee will choose winning applicants. The scholarship committee is appointed by the Union County 4-H Association Executive Council and can consist of 4-H Leader(s) and/or community member(s) that have no knowledge of any scholarship applicants. In the case of a tied score, a second interview may be required.

Application review and scholarship selection committee will meet jointly after application deadline and before graduation. The executive liaison will present the recommendations to the executive board for final approval.



MATTHEW COOTE MEMORAL  
4-H SCHOLARSHIP  
Application Questionnaire



**Only complete applications will be considered. Additional pages may be added to complete question.**  
(questions can be answered on this form or no more than 2 typed pages)

A) What was your most positive 4-H experience?

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B) What skills have you gained from 4-H?

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C) In what ways have you contributed to your 4-H community?

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D) What obstacles have you overcome? (4-H or personal)

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E) What school do you plan to attend, what is your planned area of study, and what are your career goals?

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F) How have your future plans been influenced by your involvement in 4-H?

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G) In what ways have you served your local community?

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H) Tell about your leadership activities and skills.

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