

Crook County 4-H Association

Secondary Education Scholarship

Crook County 4-H Association provides this scholarship opportunity to current high school seniors. The scholarship was established to help 4-H members further their education beyond high school. Selection is based on demonstrated leadership, citizenship, involvement in 4-H projects, and personal growth. This scholarship has special application requirements. Read very carefully before submitting the application. Failure to meet stated requirements may result in disqualification of the application.

Application Due Date: Last Friday in April

Number of scholarships and dollar amounts awarded vary from year to year

Application Criteria:

- Applicant must be a 4-H member, actively involved in a project area.
- Applicant must be a senior on track to graduate, or in the advanced diploma program.
- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Applicant must submit a complete and correctly assembled scholarship application form.
- Applicant must plan to attend a college, trade school, or other post-secondary institution.

Application Process:

- Submit a complete application by the due date above to the **OSU Crook County Extension Office**.
- Applicant will be contacted to set up an appointment for an interview.
- Interview will include a 5 to 10 minute presentation of their 4-H experience given by the applicant.
- Scholarship committee will evaluate applications, interviews, and presentations and determine scholarship awards.
- Awards will be announced at the Senior Awards presentation at the Crook County High School.

Application Instructions:

- Applications must be submitted in a folder in the following order.
 - On the front of the folder, include the applicant's name and address, and the words "Crook County 4-H Association Scholarship Application."
 - Completed Crook County 4-H Scholarship Application form (below).
 - 4-H Story (minimum of two double-spaced typed pages). Your 4-H Story should include:
 1. Introduce yourself – include your age, interests, family, where you live, where you go to school, when and why you joined 4-H.
 2. Describe your 4-H projects and activities – why did you choose them; what goals did you set (and which ones did you not reach); what have you learned in the program; how has the program changed in size and scope; things you have tried and found successful or not; how you have arranged for financing; indicate profits, losses, and savings; include major learning experiences, special interests, and unusual situations you encountered.
 3. Explain how 4-H has helped you become a better leader and citizen. Describe the most important offices you have held and the committee assignments you have accepted. Tell what you have learned from working with other 4-H members as a junior and/or teen leader. Explain how you have embraced citizenship responsibilities and how you have given back to the community that has supported you.
 4. Explain how 4-H participation has influenced your school and career goals. State your plans for the future and the career you would like to pursue. Describe your plans to continue exploring and/or fulfilling citizenship duties beyond high school.
- Oregon 4-H Resume (a photocopy, not the original).
- Copy of transcripts, can be unofficial (must include GPA and history of classes taken).

The staff at the OSU Crook County Extension Office is happy to answer questions regarding this scholarship application and form. Contact them at (541) 447-6228.

Next Steps:

- After you turn in your application folder, you will be contacted to set up an interview appointment.
- Prepare a 5-10 min presentation on your 4-H experience. This will be presented during your interview.
- The committee will make their decisions based on criteria shown below, and announce awards at the Senior Awards ceremony at the Crook County High School.
- If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive the funds on a reimbursement basis. After you have completed your first term or semester, fill out a reimbursement request form and submit it with the required documentation to the Extension Office. Scholarship funds must be requested within two years of the scholarship being awarded.

The scholarship selection committee will use the following point scale to assist in the decision process:

- 15 points: Experience in 4-H Projects and Activities
 - Project and activity participation
 - Scope of project and activities
 - Sharing of knowledge to others and helping others
- 15 points: Experience in 4-H Citizenship and community service
- 15 points: Experience in 4-H Leadership
 - Offices held
 - Teen Council / Teen Leaders
 - Committee assignments and responsibility
 - State and regional experiences
 - Sharing knowledge with others
- 15 points: Experience in Leadership, Citizenship, and Activities Outside of 4-H
 - Youth organizations
 - Community, church and school
 - Work experience
- 5 points: Organization and Presentation of Application
 - Neatness, spelling, and grammar
 - Correctly followed instructions
- 35 points: Poise and Ability to Communicate
 - Proper introduction and closing
 - Content
 - Presentation skills – eye contact, minimal crutch words (Um, Uh, Like, Y’knowwhatImean)
- 100 Points Total

Scholarship Application Form
Crook County 4-H Association Secondary Education
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See accompanying instructions for application deadline.
Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone _____ Name of parents or guardians _____

High School _____ Grade _____ Age _____ Number of years in 4-H _____

Current GPA _____ Are you on track to graduate this June? Yes No

Describe your college plans, including the name of the school you expect to attend, your planned major, and the degree or certificate you expect to obtain:

Statement by applicant:

I have personally prepared this application and the accompanying documents and all statements are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant

Date