



## Washington County 4-H Association



### 2026 Washington County Senior Scholarship

The goal of the Washington County 4-H Scholarship Program is to award financial assistance to youths actively participating in the Washington County 4-H program who plan to pursue post-secondary higher education. Scholarship applicants must have been active in 4-H projects and activities and be able to demonstrate how 4-H has contributed to the 4-H member's development. This scholarship is open to all graduating senior members, whether from a traditional high school, online school or home school. Youth applying DO NOT need to live in Washington County to apply but must be enrolled in the Washington County 4-H. Funding originally came from the Walk a Thon. Currently funds are earned from the annual Spring Scholarship online auction and varies from year to year depending on the outcome of the auction. The scholarship amount is administered by the Washington County Board Scholarship Committee.

**There are 4 four parts to this application and all must be completed or the applicant will be disqualified.**

1. Completed application that is signed by applicant, parent and leader
2. Oral interview by a scholarship panel on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
3. If selected as a finalist, you must attend the Board meeting on May 28th, 2026 and give a short bio about yourself. Members selected as finalist will be contacted no later than May 19th by phone to give details about specifics that need to be addressed in bio.
4. If selected for a scholarship, submission of college information by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Application Deadline March 14, 2026. Electronic copies must be received by 11:59pm on March 14th. No late applications will be accepted.**

Online application MUST be submitted by following the directions listed on the final page of this document. No other submission will be accepted. Only the applicant may ask questions and/ or correspondence to be directed to Committee Chair, Ashley, either by email at [washco4hassociation@gmail.com](mailto:washco4hassociation@gmail.com) or phone 503- 922- 9038.

Finalists who are selected will be required to attend a pre-scheduled interview on the morning of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the OSU Extension office at 1815 169<sup>th</sup> Place Suite #1000 Beaverton, OR 97006. Interview time will be e-mailed to finalists. It is suggested that finalists arrive 15 minutes prior to their interview time. Any conflict with pre-scheduled interview time must be brought to the attention of Ashley DeSha **24 hours prior** to (April 25<sup>th</sup>). Failure to attend the interview shall result in immediate disqualification.

(Please sign acknowledging you have read these requirements.)

**Requirements are:**

1. Graduate from high school in 2026
2. Enrolled in Washington County 4-H for the past two consecutive years
3. Planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college; trade or/ vocational school of business college within one year of graduation.

**Submit :**

1. Application, including answers to questions A & B and the essay (short answers and essay must be clearly labeled).
2. Transcript (Must have GPA and class rank listed on them)
3. Two reference letters (from 2 different sources) - one from teacher or counselor and from your 4-H leader or a community person. Relatives may not write the recommendation
4. Photo for media release.

**Other information:** A panel will interview the candidate.

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**The selection process will include four parts:**

Completed application (including recommendation letters; transcript and photo) 50 pts

Short Answer Questions A & B 50 pts

Essay of 500 words 50 pts

Interview of up to 30 minutes 100 pts

Total 250 pts

**Within each category, points will be allocated as follows:**

Application: Completeness & accuracy includes: application cover sheet; references; transcript & photo 40 pts

References 5 pts

Transcript 5 pts

Subtotal 50 pts

Short answer A ( mechanics and content) 25 pts

Short answer B ( mechanics and content) 25 pts

Subtotal 50 pts

Essay: Mechanics of Writing- spelling; punctuation and grammar 20 pts

Content 30 pts

Subtotal 50 pts

Interview:

Appropriate dress and Interview Skills 20 pts

Content: Participation including leadership & citizenship 80 pts

Subtotal 100 pts

# Washington County Senior Scholarship Cover sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

Specific **Years** Volunteering at county and or/ state fair \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how you volunteered and what you did specifically.

Did you participate in the Washington County 4-H Spring Scholarship Auction: Yes No

Current 4-H Projects \_\_\_\_\_

Club Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School Attended or if home schooled \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_ GPA Senior Year \_\_\_\_\_ Class Standing \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college or trade school you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Field in which you plan to major \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for choosing this field of study:

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

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Answer Questions:** It should be clearly labeled at the top of the page Short Answer A and Short Answer B. Your response **MUST** be a minimum of 200 words per question.

Question A. Please describe your educational, career and/ or vocational goals and how you plan to accomplish them.

Question B. Please describe your participation in 4-H including:

- Years of involvement
- Roles such as club positions; junior superintendent; ambassador
- Projects

**Essay:** It should be clearly labeled at the top of the page Essay.

How are you using the skills that you learned in 4-H?

- To contribute to your community
- To help achieve your educational, career or vocational goals
- In school
- And in personal life

**ALL DIRECTIONS MUST BE FOLLOWING FOR FILING, OTHERWISE APPLICANT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**  
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**Needs to include:**

**Application cover sheet**

**Short Answer Questions A & B**

**Essay**

**Two references**

**Transcript**

**Current photo for media release**

**Instructions for submitting online applications**

Online submissions must be done by going to <https://tinyurl.com/2m9kr2pa>

Fill in all the information to continue. After that you will be directed to upload each of your documents as a PDF or a Jpeg (only your photo).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ashley DeSha.