



HIGHLANDS COUNTY 4-H CLUB FOUNDATION, INC.

Highlands County Extension Service

4509 George Blvd.

Sebring, Florida 33875

4-H

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

A. ELIGIBILITY & SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Must have a minimum of two (2) bonafide 4-H years and be a graduating senior in high school during the year of application.
2. To be used in any field of study at an accredited two or four year college or university or vocational school.
3. Scholarship must be used within one (1) year of the date awarded. In the event the scholarship is not used within the year of limitation, the recipient must present in writing to the Foundation Chairman a request for time extension. This request must be made prior to the deadline. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.
4. The 4-H Club Foundation Scholarship may be used for tuition and/or books.

B. ARTICLES REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION

Applicants must submit the following materials to the Extension Office by **March 3rd**.

1. Completed Highlands County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Form.
2. Most recent, completed 4-H Record Book.
3. One two-page narrative. See application form for prompt.
4. One two-page list of 4-H participation throughout youth's 4-H career (projects, activities, accomplishments, awards, leadership positions, etc.) with appropriate dates per activity.
 - o *See Florida 4-H Senior Portfolio, Section II for example format. It is not required to complete the Florida 4-H Senior Portfolio. This document is included to serve as a sample guide.*
5. One page resume that illustrates your skills and accomplishments.
6. Academy history including grades, rank, and GPA.
7. Letter of acceptance (if applicable) to an accredited college, university or vocational institution.
8. Three letters of recommendation. Letters should be from school counselor, academic advisor, instructor, employer or 4-H Leader. (Maximum of one (1) letter may be from a 4-H leader.)
9. Applicants must participate in an interview with the Highlands County 4-H Foundation scholarship committee. Contact the 4-H Agent or Program Assistant at the Extension Office to schedule an appointment after your application has been submitted.

All of the above materials must be compiled by the applicant and bound before being submitted to the Extension Office. The Extension Office will not be responsible for inserting late transcripts, recommendations, or other materials into an applicant's folder. All materials must be submitted at one time.

C. SELECTION CRITERIA

The applicants for the Highlands County 4-H Foundation Scholarship will be selected from the following criteria:

- 4-H Experiences 60%**
(Quality and quantity of accomplishments through 4-H, the impact 4-H has made upon the individual, their family and what impact the applicant has been able to make as a result of 4-H work.)
- Future Plans and Potential for Success 20%**
(The narrative indicating well thought out plans and preparation of the application including scholastic average, rank, transcripts, and recommendations.)
- Experiences in Other Groups and Activities 20%**
(Involvement in other groups and other interests and evidence of the impact of what the applicant has done.)

D. PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

Payment of scholarship funds is made directly to the accredited college, university, or vocational school on behalf of the recipient. The recipient must submit a scholarship voucher to the Extension Office in order to request payment. Vouchers must be submitted a minimum of 10 working days prior to the education establishment’s payment deadline.

E. CONTACT INFORMATION

Highlands County 4-H Foundation
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863-402-6540
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HIGHLANDS COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION & COVER PAGE DUE BY MARCH 3rd

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Currently enrolled in 4-H? Yes / No Number of years in 4-H: _____

Club Name: _____

High School Name: _____

Expected date of High School Graduation: _____

College or University Attending: _____

Please attach a 1-2 page narrative that includes the following:

1. What has 4-H has done for you: What you have learned and accomplished? What 4-H has done for your family? What impact have you had on your community as a result of 4-H?
2. What skills have you learned in 4-H? How will they benefit you in the future?
3. How will you share your experiences in 4-H with others? What impact will you be able to make in the future as a result of your 4-H Experience?
4. What career path you plan to follow and how that will work with your education plans.
5. Why you feel you are a deserving candidate for this scholarship. If applicable, please include a statement of financial need for this scholarship.

AUTHORIZATIONS

I personally have prepared this application and certify that it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have been advised that I will sit through an interview as part of the application process.

Applicant's Signature

Date

We have reviewed this report and believe it to be correct.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

4-H Agent's Signature

Date