Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarship Application

Selected scholarship recipients will receive *a one-time grant of $1500.00* provided that they have been accepted for a regular course of study or are currently a student attending a college, technical or vocational school. Somerset County 4-H Members in the 12th and 13th grades are eligible.

**Requirements:**

* Be a graduating high school senior or 13th-grade student;
* Is a current member in good standing with a Somerset County 4-H Club; and
* A letter (1) of recommendation from an adult currently active in the Somerset County 4-H Programwill need to be submitted to the 4-H office by the due date.
* Has been registered in 4Honline since Jan 1 of this year.
* Has not previously received the Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarship

**Criteria:**

* 4-H Participation and Achievement;
* Demonstrated Leadership;
* Contribution to the 4-H Program; and
* Demonstrated Personal Growth and Character Development

*This application and a letter of recommendation from an adult currently active in the Somerset County 4-H Program* **must be returned to the 4-H Office by April 1, 2024. Letters of recommendation must be sent to the office directly and NOT accompany the application.**Applications may be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to the office or emailed to ***SC4hscholarship@gmail.com******.*** *We may want to contact your reference and present/past leaders. Please have your references include their address and phone number.* ***This application must be submitted typed or the applicant will be disqualified. Any incomplete application submissions will result in disqualification. Please do NOT attach resumes.***

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**Personal Information**

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| **Name:** |  | **Birthdate:**  |  |
| **Address:** |  | **Email:**  |  |
| **Phone Number:** |  |  |  |
| **Names of Parents/Guardians:** |  |
| **Name of High School and Graduation Date:** |  |
| **By signing this application, you are certifying the accuracy of all information enclosed.** |
| **Your signature:** |  |
| **Parents/Guardian’s Signature:** |  |
| **Club Leaders Signature** *(required***)\*\*:** |  |

\* Applicant: if your parent is also a leader of your club, you must receive a signature from another leader of the club vouching for the validity of this application.

\*\* Email validations from leaders will be accepted on behalf of the applicant. Contact Lisa Rothenburger rothenburger@njaes.rutgers.edu for information.

**Name and address of the Vocational, Technical or College Institution which you will be or are attending 2024-25\*:**

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\*(if school / program is not determined as of yet, please indicate the two leading choices)

**4-H Club Participation:** Total number of years in 4-H .

List each club individually, including 4-H Prep. Please include the club’s name, number of years in the club, project area, offices held, club leader name and phone number using the following column format:
***Fields will expand as you type***

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| **Club Name** | **Years** **in Club** | **Years Active in Club** | **Project Area** | **Offices Held/****Committees Chaired** | **Club Leader’s Name(s)** |
| ***Ex: Wags N’ Whiskers*** | ***6*** | ***2018-2022*** | ***Dog*** | ***Fundraising Committee Chair******President*** | ***Susan Blythe – (908) 526-6644*** |
| ***Ex: Senior Council*** | ***2*** | ***2021-Present*** | ***Service*** | ***Community Service Committee*** | ***Jared Landon – (908) 526-6644******Sara Landon – (908) 526-6644*** |
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**4-H Achievements**: ***Spaces will expand as you type, and please use as much space as you need to fully answer each question.***

1. **Leadership Roles:** Within the prior section, you identified leadership positions and/or club committee(s) you were engaged in. Please provide a brief description of which committees you served on and activities planned and delivered to the 4-H Program and outside the community.

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| Club (*note: you can have more than one example per club)* | Leadership Role(s) & Committee(s)  | Year(s) involved in leadership role / committee | Explanation of leadership role while involved with a committee (activities planned & delivered) |
| ***Ex.: Senior Council*** | ***Leaf Raking Committee Chair*** | ***2019 & 2020*** | * ***Within this leadership role, I was responsible to be in communication with the families of the yards the club raked.***
* ***I confirmed times and sign-up / follow-through of fellow club members.***
* ***I reported back to the club as well as the Association regarding the success of the initiative.***
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| ***Ex: Alpaca Club*** | ***Zoom Coordinator*** | ***2020*** | * ***Created and sent the link for each club meeting***
* ***Took attendance for the meeting***
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1. **4-H Mentoring:** Describe ways in which you have coached others within the 4-H program.

*Mentorship:* is a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person. Mentoring can also include experiences related to opportunities to “step up” to challenges and/or initiatives as well as nurture the abilities/goals of another member(s).

1. **4-H Community Service:** Describe the activities you participated in and any specific responsibilities you had for the activity. *Examples include events that benefited the well-being of another individual, group, population, or environment. [Road clean ups, Cards for Veterans, Operation Shoebox, Leaf Raking / Clean-Up, Clothing Drives, etc.]*
2. **4-H County Participation:** Describe the activities in which you participated, any specific responsibilities you had related to it, and the number of years you were involved. *There are many examples of county participation. Please review the provided list of examples and utilize these within your answer. Please include any additional examples that may not be listed.*

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| Wreath SalesYearbook Ad SalesBIG Rummage SaleBIG Tricky Tray Sale | Science-sational DayCounty Public PresentationsPrep New YearWinter CampFamily Camp | Fair Responsibilities:* Setup (in tent & throughout fairground)
* Tent / Project Responsibilities
* Herdsman
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1. **4-H State and National Involvement:** List the activities in which you participated, any specific responsibilities you had related to it, and the number of years you were involved. *Many project areas include state and/or national events. Please include these examples, if applicable, in the “other” categories.*

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| **Event** | **Year(s) Applied** | **Year Accepted & Attended** | **Accepted 2020, Unable to Attend (COVID)** | **Responsibilities (IE: Committee(s), Action Plan(s), Leadership Roles** |
| State Public Presentations |  |  |  |  |
| Leadership Washington Conference (LWF) |  |  |  |  |
| Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) |  |  |  |  |
| National 4-H Congress |  |  |  |  |
| National 4-H Conference |  |  |  |  |
| Other: |  |  |  |  |
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1. **4-H Influence:** Please describe how 4-H has influenced your decision in selecting a college, major, or career choice.
2. **Activities Beyond 4-H:** List activities and interests beyond 4-H (such as school, community, athletics, work, hobbies, music, etc.) in which you have participated. Highlight any leadership or special honors you have received in these activities. *Do not submit resumes.*

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**Essay:** Please write an essay of 200 - 300 words that describes a memorable 4-H experience and how it has helped to **shape your character.**

*The Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarship Committee will conduct virtual interviews with all applicants. Interview dates are April 22, 23, 25, 2024..*

*You will be contacted to schedule your interview.*

*If you are chosen as a scholarship recipient, the scholarship will go directly to the college. That financial information must be completed and submitted to the 4-H Association by September 1.*

***Please review your application to make sure it is complete. Revised 3.20.24***