

ST. CROIX COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP & FORGIVABLE LOAN APPLICATIONS

Due to the UW-Extension Office on April 6, 2018

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders' Association and current sponsors offer 5 different scholarships and one (1) forgivable loan. To be considered for a scholarship or forgivable loan, applications must be received by the UW-Extension Office no later than April 6, 2018; late applications will not be considered. St. Croix County 4-H Scholarships are awarded to 4-H members based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for a scholarship or forgivable loan you must be currently enrolled as a St. Croix County 4-H member; be a member in good standing, have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2018-2019 academic school year.

All applications must adhere to the strict conventions outlined below. Any application that does not meet these requirements (including all document names) will not be considered. If emailing documents they must be sent as a PDF attachment to an email. Any other cloud/internet shared documents will NOT be accepted (such as Google Docs).

SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Croix County 4-H Scholarship....

Financial support for any field of study

Amount: \$600.00

Quota: 4

Sponsor: St. Croix County 4-H Leaders' Association

Gail Dorsey 4-H Scholarship....

Financial support for study in (human) health field

Amount: \$400.00

Quota: 1

Sponsor: St. Croix County 4-H Leaders' Association

Evelyn Wilbur 4-H Scholarship....

Financial support for study in a Teaching related field.

Amount: \$400.00

Quota: 1

Sponsor: St. Croix County 4-H Leaders' Association

Tom Dorsey 4-H Scholarship....

Financial support for any field of study

Amount: \$250.00

Quota: 1

Sponsor: Tom Dorsey Family

Kaila Fouks 4-H Memorial Scholarship

Financial support for the study of Dairy Science

Amount: \$250.00

Quota: 1

Sponsor: Willow River Elementary School, O'Connell Family Funeral Home, and Friends of Kaila Fouks

FORGIVEABLE LOAN

Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan

Upon completion of first semester. To receive the loan payment, the recipient must submit a copy of their transcript to the UW-Extension Office along with a written acknowledgement to the family sponsoring the loan in a stamped, addressed envelope.

The Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan is for \$250.00 for study in the nursing field. The loan is renewable with a yearly application. To be eligible to receive the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan you must:

- 1.) Be a St. Croix County 4-Her or Alumni
- 2.) Have a current GPA minimum of 2.5
- 3.) Enter a field of nursing study
- 4.) Complete the proper application process:
 - First time applicants must submit this cover letter, the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan Application, a recommendation from a 4-H club leader and a current transcript.
 - Reapplying applicants must submit this cover letter along with a brief statement describing educational progress and updating any changes in educational goals.
- 5.) Complete 2 – 4 years of nursing study or training. After graduation the recipient is required to submit a copy of the graduation certificate to the UW-Extension Office, upon which the loan will be forgiven.

A member may apply for both the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan and a St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship.

APPLICATION

Applications must be emailed or mailed to the St. Croix County Extension Office by the deadline listed above:

UW-Extension St. Croix County
(Name of 4-H Scholarship or Forgivable Loan)
Attn: Heather Vierling
1960 8th Ave., Suite 140
Baldwin, WI 54002
heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu

Applications will consist of the following:

1. Resume

- Applicant's name and contact information at the top of the page
- Not to exceed one page
- No less than ¾ inch margins and using Times New Roman font no smaller than 10 points
- Suggested resume headings include: Career Goals, School Experience, Work Experience, 4-H Experience, Leadership Experience, Activities Outside of 4-H
- Include probable school choice and major on your resume
- Resumes must be submitted as a PDF and must be named Applicant Last Name Resume (example: Smith Resume) and attached to an email.

2. Cover Letter

- Applicant's name and contact information at the top of the page
- Not to exceed one page
- No less than ¾ inch margins and using Times New Roman font no smaller than 10 points
- Cover letters should include information relevant to the application, including how 4-H made an impact and how skills learned in 4-H will be used in the future. The strongest cover letters expand on information on the resume; they do not repeat the same information.
- Cover letters must be submitted as a PDF and must be name Applicant Last Name Cover Letter (example: Smith Cover Letter) and attached to an email.

3. List of 4-H projects in which the applicant participated

- Applicant's name and contact information at the top of the page
- Not to exceed one page
- No less than ¾ inch margins and using Times New Roman font no smaller than 10 points
- The project list should be in order of importance to the 4-Her, with the most important projects at the top of the list. This does not need to be a complete list of every project ever taken by the 4-Her.

- Project list must be submitted as a PDF and must be name Applicant Last Name Project List (example: Smith Project List) and attached to an email.
4. **One recent photo of the applicant** (preferably at a 4-H event or working on a 4-H project)
- Photo must be a 5”x7” or less and may be snapshots or professional photos
 - Photo should be clear and, while other people may be in the photo, the applicant must be prominent
 - Photo must be submitted electronically (JPEG or PDF) and titled Applicant Last Name Photo (example: Smith Photo) and attached to an email
 - Photo may be used for promotional purposes
5. **Letter of Recommendation**
- One letter of recommendation must also be submitted on the applicant’s behalf. This letter could be from a member of the community, 4-H leader, teacher, etc. This letter should not come from a family member.

SELECTION PROCESS

A panel of 4-H volunteers will screen the applications and select finalists. The finalists applications will be ranked. The selection committee will assign available scholarships to the top ranking applications based on scholarship criteria (example: scholarships are available for specific majors or careers). A member may be awarded both a scholarship and a forgivable loan.

NOTIFICATION

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter in April. This letter will include information about how to access the scholarship. Scholarship awardees are required to send a thank you note to the scholarship sponsor. Scholarship recipients will be presented with their scholarship certificates at the 2018 St. Croix County Fair and at your senior awards ceremony if you provide the St. Croix County Leaders’ Association with the pertinent information. Portions of recipients application materials (including their photo) may be featured in 4-H publications, presentations, and marketing materials.

QUESTIONS

Call or email Heather or Melissa at the St. Croix County UW-Extension Office with any questions or concerns regarding the application process.

715-531-1930

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