2020 St. Croix County 4-H Scholarships

Due: April 15, 2020

Over $4,500.00 will be awarded to support higher learning for accomplished 4-H youth.

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association will award more than $4,500.00 in scholarships to outstanding St. Croix County 4-H youth pursuing higher education in 2020. To be considered for financial support, applications (for scholarships or a forgivable loan) must be received by the 4-H Youth Development Agent, Heather Vierling, via email no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 5:00pm. Late applications will not be considered.

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association scholarships are awarded to 4-Her's based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance, community engagement, and future educational goals.

To be eligible for a St. Croix County 4-H Scholarship youth must have been a member of the St. Croix County 4-H program for at least the past 3 years, be a member in good standing, have a grade point average 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 2020 – 2021 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second scholarship. Those applying for a forgivable loan may apply multiple years.

Applications must adhere to the conventions outlined below. Any application that does not meet these requirements (including all document names) will not be considered. All documents must be sent as PDFs (preferred) or Word Docs as attachments to one email. Any other cloud/internet shared documents will NOT be accepted (do NOT use Google Docs, for example).

The application materials represent what youth may be asked to submit when applying for jobs. We encourage applicants to treat this process as if applying for a position. For help with creating cover letters and resumes, applicants should reach out to their club leaders, teachers, or parents.

APPLICATION
Applications must be emailed to heather.vierling@wisc.edu

Applications must consist of the following:
1. 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 or Word Doc, and must be name Applicant Last Name Cover Letter (example: Smith Cover Letter) and attached to an email.

2. 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 or Word Doc, and must be named Applicant Last Name Resume (example: Smith Resume) 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. Do not include any project descriptions or explanations.

- Project list must be submitted as a PDF or Word Doc, 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 (if other people are in the photo, please indicate who is the applicant).
- 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.
- Letter of Recommendation must be submitted as a PDF or Word Doc, and must be named Applicant Last Name Letter of Recommendation (example: Smith Letter of Recommendation) and attached to an email.

SELECTION PROCESS
A panel of 4-H volunteers and community members 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 2020 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 recipient's application materials (including their photo) may be featured in 4-H publications, presentations, and marketing materials.

QUESTIONS
Call or email Heather at the St. Croix County UW-Extension Office with any questions or concerns regarding the application process.
715-531-1930
heather.vierling@wisc.edu

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 a cover letter, resume, list of 4-H projects, a recent photo, one letter of recommendation, and a current transcript. Please follow the same guidelines as the St. Croix County 4-H Scholarship applications.
- Reapplying applicants must submit a copy of their most current transcripts, a 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.

All forgivable loan applications must be received by the 4-H Youth Development Agent, Heather Vierling, via email no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 5:00pm. Late applications will not be considered. Applications must be emailed to heather.vierling@wisc.edu