

Dear 4-H Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for showing interest in the Fond du Lac County 4-H Scholarships. There are two different scholarships available: ADULT LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP and JUNIOR LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP. Enclosed are the application forms you requested. Note: if you are applying for both scholarships, you must fill out both applications.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR APPLYING

1. Fill out the application(s) as soon as you receive them. Often these applications are made available in late Summer just before you leave for school: take care of this before packing and thoughts of school keep you too busy.
2. Make personal contacts with 2 individuals who will provide you with letters of recommendation (one must be from a 4-H Leader), and ask them if they are willing to write the letter for you. Provide one recommendation form with your name typed or hand-written on top. Lastly, provide a stamped envelope with the address of where the letter of recommendation is to be sent (Extension Office). This is a courtesy to the individuals writing the recommendation for you. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify with the Extension Office that letters of recommendations are received prior to the deadline.
3. The same letters of recommendation may be used for both scholarships. Make this known to each of the individuals writing the recommendation for you. Also specify on BOTH applications that letters of recommendation are to be used for BOTH scholarships.
4. Thoroughly answer each question on the application form. Type application if at all possible: it assists the selection committee greatly.
5. Deadline for applications is the last Friday of September of the year you are applying for. If selected, the scholarship will be given to you following one semester of post-high school participation, once a copy of your semester grades are received by the Extension Office. Each scholarship may be received only one time.

Please call me if you have any questions about the scholarship application or the selection process. Good luck!

## REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICATION

### ADULT LEADERS ASSOCIATION

- √ Submit an application form (obtained from the Extension Office or on-line) and picture to the Extension Office by the last Friday in September of the year in which you are applying.
- √ Scholarships given in the amount of \$500.
- √ Open to any young man or woman 17 to 22 years of age at the time of application.
- √ Individual has been a 4-H member for at least four years.
- √ Must be a high school graduate and enrolled in 4-H during senior year in high school, but junior leadership or 4-H graduation is not required.
- √ Is planning to enter a post high school college/school, or may already be in attendance.
- √ Has not previously received this scholarship.
- √ Two letters of recommendation are needed. Both may be from 4-H leaders such as a general, project, or activity leader, but not your parent. (Alumni may refer to a person who was a leader at 4-H graduation.) . The second letter may be from ONE OTHER ADULT unrelated to you and familiar with your character and personal qualifications. This person may be a teacher, minister, neighbor, employer, etc.
- √ Write a 200-250 word essay entitled, "Why Post High School Education Is Important To Me".
- √ Include a photo of the applicant

Worthiness of an applicant will be based on his or her total personal qualifications as a 4-H member, student, community citizen, and as a person. Applications will be reviewed impartially by a scholarship committee. In case of close contest, applicants may be called in for an interview.

### JUNIOR LEADERS ASSOCIATION

- √ Submit an application form (obtained from the Extension Office or on-line) and picture to the Extension Office by the last Friday in September of the year in which you are applying.
- √ Scholarships given in the amount of \$300.00.
- √ Must be a high school graduate and enrolled in 4-H during senior year in high school.
- √ Is enrolled in junior leadership on the club and/or county level.
- √ Is planning to enter a post high school college/school, or may already be in attendance.
- √ Has not previously received this scholarship.
- √ Two letters of recommendation are needed. Both may be from 4-H leaders such as a general, project, or activity leader, but not your parent. (Alumni may refer to a person who was a leader at 4-H graduation.) . The second letter may be from ONE OTHER ADULT unrelated to you and familiar with your character and personal qualifications. This person may be a teacher, minister, neighbor, employer, etc.
- √ Write a 150-200 word essay entitled, "How My Junior Leadership Project Has/Will Help Me With My Post High School Education?"
- √ Include a photo of the applicant

Worthiness of an applicant will be based on his or her total personal qualifications as a 4-H member, junior leader, student, community citizen, and as a person. Applications will be reviewed impartially by a scholarship committee. In case of close contest, applicants may be called in for an interview.

**NOTE:** If a recommendation is being used for both scholarships, you must specify this on your applications. Also note that requirements for both scholarships do differ. Please complete all requirements! It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify with the Extension Office that letters of recommendations are received prior to the deadline.

### AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Winners will be announced at the Leaders Banquet. The scholarship will be given to the winner upon completion of the first semester of schooling and receipt of semester grades, following selection.