



BARRON COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Barron County 4-H Scholarship, you must:

1. Be a member of 4-H for at least three years, currently enrolled and achieved in 4-H the previous year.
2. Be graduating from 4-H in the current year (4-H youth are eligible to graduate 4-H either during 12th grade or their first year in post-secondary education.)
3. Be attending or planning to attend a 4-year college, 2-year technical college or other accredited post-secondary training program.

Application Materials

A completed application consists of:

1. Two letters of recommendation from people not related to you. At least one must be from a 4-H volunteer.
2. 4-H Scholarship Application Form.
3. 4-H Essay.

Due Date

All applications materials must be returned to the 4-H Program Educator at the Barron County UW-Extension office by **June 1 of the current year.**

Scholarship Scorecard

Scholarship applications will be reviewed based on the following:

- 4-H Membership and Club Experience
- 4-H Projects
- 4-H Activities
- 4-H Leadership
- 4-H County/Community Involvement
- Letters of Recommendation
- 4-H Essay

Scholarship Distribution

Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail and honored at the 4-H graduation in July.

A minimum of 2-\$500 scholarships will be awarded each year.

Scholarship recipients must provide a copy of their first grading period grades and next semester course schedule to the 4-H Association. This information should be sent to the UW-Extension office. Also to receive any scholarship funds you must complete and achieve your final year of 4-H. All scholarship funds must be claimed within one (1) year of date of award. Any extenuating circumstances will be reviewed individually by the Barron County 4-H Association Council.

For questions, contact the 4-H Program Educator at 715-788-6219 or sara.waldron@wisc.edu.

Scoring Guidelines:

	What to Review	Points	Comments
Application Materials	Review materials for accuracy, grammar, spelling, etc. and Quality of material provided	20	
4-H County Membership	Club participation, involvement in county programs.	10	
4-H Project Work	Tried new things, and progressed in learning.	10	
4-H Activities	Participation, assisted, led	10	
Leadership	Elevated leadership taken.	20	
County 4-H & Community Involvement	Community service/ recruitment / marketing of county 4-H program / other	10	
Other	Any additional information to support application.	<i>Considered in overall Application Materials</i>	
Essay Questions	Depth of answers.	25	
Recommendation Letters	Highlights reasons applicant is deserving of award. Atleast one is from a 4-H volunteer/leader	15	
TOTAL POINTS		130	



BARRON COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Return to: 4-H Program Educator, UW-Extension,
1800 College Drive, Rice Lake WI 54868 or email sara.waldron@wisc.edu

Due: by June 1 of the current year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Parents' Names: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ Email: _____

Club Name: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Enrolling School: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Please complete on a separate sheet of paper in list format (ie. Bullets or dashes), not paragraph format.

1. **4-H Membership/County Experience:** Club participation, involvement in county programs.
2. **4-H Projects:** List each of your projects, number of years in the project and indicate if currently enrolled;
3. **4-H Activities:** List your 4-H activities by club, county, etc and the number of years involved (Participation, assisted, led)
4. **4-H Leadership:** List and explain your 4-H leadership roles (Elevated leadership taken) and the number of years involved.
5. **4-H and Community Involvement:** Community service/ recruitment / marketing of county 4-H program / other
6. **Other:** 4-H Awards, Honors and Recognition, special activities, etc
7. **Essay:** On a separate page, "Describe how your 4-H experiences have shaped who you are today. What personal growth have you experienced, and how will it influence your future goals?" The essay should be typed, 12-point font and double-spaced.
8. **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation from people not related to you. At least one must be from a 4-H volunteer.

I prepared this application myself and certify that the information in it is accurate.

Signature of 4-H Member: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

EXAMPLE Responses (this format is not required)

4-H Membership/Club Experience: Club participation, involvement in county programs.

Oak Grove 4-H Club — 7 years

- Participated in monthly meetings, project workshops, and community events.
- Assisted with club fundraising and helped organize annual community service projects.
- Represented the club at countywide events, including Project Discovery Day and the County Fair.

County 4-H Programs

- Active participant in County Youth Leadership Program (3 years), helping plan youth events and supporting younger members.
- Served on the County Awards Committee (1 year), reviewing applications and helping prepare recognition materials.

4-H Projects: List each of your projects, number of years in the project and indicate if currently enrolled;

Sample

<u>Project</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>
♦ Swine	7 years	Yes
♦ Dairy	5 years	No

4-H Activities: List your 4-H activities by club, county, etc and the number of years involved (Participation, assisted, led)

Sample

County Fair Exhibitor — 7 years

- Exhibited multiple projects annually.
- Learned time management, responsibility, and how to accept and apply judge feedback.

Project Discovery Day — 4 years

- Participant and later assistant presenter.
- Helped younger members complete hands-on activities and answered questions.

Club Community Service Projects — 6 years

- Participated in roadside cleanups, food drives, and holiday card-making.
- Developed teamwork and community awareness.

4-H Leadership: List and explain your 4-H leadership roles (Elevated leadership taken) and the number of years involved.

Sample

4-H Club Vice President — 1 year

- Led meetings in the president's absence, coordinated committees, and helped plan club events.
- Strengthened communication, organization, and decision-making skills.

4-H Club Secretary — 1 year

- Recorded accurate meeting minutes and maintained attendance records.
- Improved written communication and attention to detail.

County Youth Leadership Program Member — 3 years

- Helped plan countywide youth events and assisted with workshops.
- Learned event planning, collaboration, and leadership through service.

COUNTY 4-H & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**County 4-H Promotion Booth — 2 years**

- Helped staff the booth at the county fair, answering questions and encouraging families to join 4-H.
- Supported recruitment efforts and shared personal experiences with potential members.

Community Food Drive — 4 years

- Assisted with sorting, packaging, and delivering donations.
- Learned teamwork and the importance of supporting local families.

Other, including 4-H Awards, Honors and Recognition and other activities/achievements: List each and the number of years you received them. (any other information you want to add)