OCEANA COUNTY 4-H COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Purpose:** This scholarship is competitive and will only be awarded to highly qualified candidates. This scholarship is to assist 4-H’ers, who are high school graduates, to seek further education beyond the secondary level.

**Requirements of Application:**

1. Will be a high school graduate by June of the current 4-H year
2. Acceptance at a college, university or further course of study
3. Current year 4-H member with at least four years or more of total involvement in the Oceana County 4-H Youth Program
4. Must have at least 2.5 grade average
5. Completion of this application by Friday, **April 13th** of the current year
6. Eligible candidates will be invited to an interview with the Awards Committee, Monday, **April 30th**.

**POINT SYSTEM FOR THE OCEANA COUNTY 4-H COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW**

1. Interview…………………………………………………………………………………..25 points
2. Presentation: Neatness, spelling and format of answer…………………………15 points
3. Biographical (I): Overview of life and self……………………………………10 points
4. Awards (II): 4-H, school, church, scouting, etc………………………………10 points
5. Leadership (III): Involvement, 4-H and other………………………………..20 points
6. Future Plans (IV): Education, family, philosophy……………………………15 points
7. High School Recommendation ……………………………………………….. 5 points

100 points

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name in full: ________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________

Phone Number____________________ Age: _______ Birth Date: __________

E-mail Address: ____________________________________________________________

Name and address of High School attended: ____________________________________

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School Scholastic Average: __________________________ out of ______________points.

I have completed_______ calendar years in 4-H. I am a member of the __________

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4-H Club(s) and/or other Youth programs_________________________________________

I have been accepted at the following college, university, or higher education facility:

________________________________________________________________________
Please provide a typed response to the following. Headings should appear at the top of each response. Lists should be constructed in reverse chronological order, with the most recent experiences and achievements at the top.

I. **Applicant’s Biographical Information** – A statement summarizing your life and detailing how 4-H has helped you personally, your family or your career choice. Maximum 1,000 words

II. **Activities and Awards** –
   a. List 4-H Awards (presented by club and at the Annual Fall Awards Banquet) and Honors including trips, trainings, demonstrations, etc. by year. This may include local activities as well as Kettunen Center workshops, Exploration Days, State 4-H Shows, etc.
   b. List Activities and Awards for other youth organizations you participate in by year including athletics, scouting, youth groups, employment, etc.

III. **Leadership** –
   a. List 4-H and other leadership activities by year. This may include Teen Leader, 4-H Ambassador, Big Buddy, Club Officer, etc.
   b. List leadership roles by year with other organizations including student government, athletic leadership, etc.

IV. **Future** -- A statement of future plans including education goals, employment goals, and ways you hope to be a part of your community as an adult. Maximum 500 words
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Letter of Recommendation

APPLICANT NAME______________________________ APPLICANT GPA_______

NAME OF POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION____________________________________

INTENDED DEGREE/TECHNICAL PATH_____________________________________

ENDORSEMENT BY SCHOOL AUTHORITY:
To be completed by a school guidance counselor, teacher or administrator. If homeschooled, please provide a letter from a non-related individual who is familiar with your academic work.

The Oceana County 4-H Youth Council provides financial support to graduating 4-H seniors. Qualified applicants have achieved a 2.5 GPA or higher and have been involved in Oceana County 4-H for 4 or more years.

Please provide a letter of support for this applicant, including some context for how you know the applicant, specific examples of their skills or accomplishments, and indications for their future success.

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE APPLICANT’S HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

Date_________________ Signature___________________________________________

Official Capacity________________________________________________________

High School____________________________________________________________

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