4-H Scholarships - Start as early as 8th grade!!

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General Eligibility:

- 4-H involvement at county, regional, state, national and international levels
- Outstanding achievement in 4-H
- Scholastic excellence
- Broad range of 4-H experiences and project involvement
- Leadership and citizenship contributions within and outside of 4-H
- Financial need (applies to 4-H Rabbit/Cavy scholarship only)
- For complete eligibility information refer to the guidelines within the scholarship application.

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Michigan 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Scholarship

*Award amount:* Varies, two to four given annually

*Who can apply:* Those who will be college freshmen in the fall of 2017. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years.

Michigan 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Application Packet (doc)

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Michigan State University 4-H Scholarship

*Award amount:* $2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. Six scholarships are given annually.

*Who can apply:* 4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application by November 1 of their senior year. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of the university and be accepted to MSU.

*Application form:*

MSU 4-H Scholarship Application Form (pdf)

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MSU Admissions: http://admissions.msu.edu/

Michigan 4-4 Foundation Scholarships

The Michigan 4-H Foundation offers scholarships to attend Michigan State University. There is no separate application process for these awards scholarships – recipients are selected from the MSU 4-H Scholarship applicant pool.
DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR 4-H ACTIVITIES, CAMPS, ETC., WHEN APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

GIVE DETAIL ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP, LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK, YOUR PASSIONS!

Michigan State University Pre-College Program Scholarship

**Award amount:** $2,000 applied toward the student’s first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student. Scholarship recipients are not guaranteed admission to MSU and must meet admission requirements upon submitting the MSU application as an incoming undergraduate.

**Who can apply:** Students in 8th, 9th or 10th grade following their MSU pre-college program involvement (such as 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, 4-H Renewal Energy Camp, 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp or 4-H Capitol Experience). Students will be invited to apply by their county MSU Extension 4-H staff for Exploration Days or the pre-college program director for GLNR Camp, Renewable Energy Camp, 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp and Capitol Experience.

Because of the large number of eligible students, a maximum of five percent of eligible enrollment can be nominated (only by state/or county staff) from each program. This is a competitive application process from all of MSU’s pre-college programs. Students must complete the MSU Pre-College Scholarship Application Packet in its entirety by the specified deadlines. Forms must be to the State CYI/4-H office by the fall deadline.

Visit the [MSU Spartan Youth Programs](http://www.msu.edu/extension/youth) website at to learn about other MSU pre-college programs and to apply.

Mannion Scholarship Fund

**Scholarship Description**

The application process for the Dr. Frederick Mannion Scholarship is limited to the top 20 students of the graduating class in any given year. Please check the website/contact the foundation for more information. Limited to residents of Cadillac, MI area.

**Year of Need:** College Freshman, **Type:** Merit Based  
**Num Awards:** Multiple, **Min Award:** Varies  
**Max Award:** Varies, **Deadline:** 2017-12-31  
**Website:** [http://www.cadillacfoundation.org](http://www.cadillacfoundation.org)

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**Dental Scholarships**

The Ardis/Lueder Northern Lower Michigan Endowed Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for a dental scholarship through July 1st. Please contact Doreen Lanc at 231-775-9911 for a qualification determination and information on obtaining an application for this scholarship.

The Scholarship is used to support a student in a recognized dental program at the School of Dentistry at the University of Michigan and the School of Dentistry at the University of Detroit. Preference may be granted to a student who is from, or demonstrates an interest in practicing in the Northern Lower Michigan counties of Wexford, Missaukee, or Osceola. Priority will be given to students in a post-graduate program. If no qualified applicants are available in a given year, graduate students may be considered pending fund assets. Preference would then be given to fourth and third year graduate students in descending order.

**Blanchard Family Scholarship**

PLEASE USE THE COMMON SCHOLARSHIP/STUDENT LOAN APPLICATION FORM.

The Blanchard Family Scholarship for ‘CAPS’ Citizenship is made in the memory of Clay A. Blanchard, a Cadillac High School Alumnus. Scholarship recipients are chosen by a selection committee appointed by the Cadillac Area Community Foundation. This scholarship is for a graduating senior who has consistently shown a sense of social responsibility by their actions and attitude throughout their four years of high school.

This scholarship award is limited to students who are graduating from a Cadillac Area Public High School. The application deadline is April 15. For additional information or questions about this program, please contact the Foundation office at 231-775-9911.

**CAPS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund**

The CAPS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund is a scholarship program of the Cadillac Area Community Foundation. The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis in accordance with the Spending Policy of the Foundation. Scholarship recipient/s are chosen by a selection committee appointed by the Cadillac Area Community Foundation.

This scholarship is awarded to graduating CAPS seniors based on applicant’s character, personal growth (maturity), and essay. Financial need will also be a considerations. This scholarship requires a minimum GPA of 2.7 to apply.

For additional information or questions about this program, please contact the Foundation office via email: Click Here, or by telephone at 231-775-9911.
Top 5 Scholarship Application Mistakes!

1. Only applying for Private Scholarships - Most people think of scholarships as something offered by a private organization, but did you know there are federal and school scholarships as well? Don’t count these out!

2. Applying for Too Few Scholarships - A lot of small scholarships add up. They are less competitive, increasing your chances.

3. Not following Instructions and Other Application Mistakes - Double Check your work!

4. Not Paying Attention to Deadlines - Apply before the deadline hits!

5. Looking for only a few weeks - Start early!!

David A. Cook Memorial Scholarship

It is in the light of his love for the environment that we have created the David A. Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund for Civil and Environmental Engineering at Michigan State University.

Eligibility requirements:
Any currently enrolled, second year or higher, civil & environmental engineering student at Michigan State University.

Must have a GPA of at least 3.0.

Applicant must be a member of an ABET-accredited Civil and/or Environmental Engineering Program and be in good standing at the time of application and award. A scholarship may be awarded only to a student who will employ it to continue his/her formal education at Michigan State University. The scholarship will be paid directly to Michigan State University.

Selection Criteria:
Selection Criteria is based on GPA and Financial Need with attention given to work history and volunteer efforts.

Scholarship Conditions:
The $5,000* Scholarship is to be used for tuition, books, housing, and lab fees. The Scholarship will be paid directly to Michigan State University on behalf of the selected applicant (non-taxable). The award will be paid in a lump sum in August.

You may view and download the application packet HERE or if you wish to contact the Foundation with questions regarding this Scholarship Program, Click Here. Cadillac Area Community Foundation.

Helen & Harvey Pell Fund for Education

The term “Eligible Student”, in reference to the student scholarships, refers to legal residents of the Wexford-Missaukee ISD area, who have graduated from high school or obtained a GED, or individuals who have graduated from a high school within the designated area regardless of their current legal residences. Any Eligible Student may submit an application for a scholarship from this Fund. To be eligible for a Professional/Career Development scholarship, an applicant must be a current resident within the Wexford-Missaukee ISD.

The Helen and Harvey Pell Fund for Education provides scholarships for eligible students who are attending or planning to attend an educational institution offering a certificate program, or a two-year or four-year college or university offering post-high-school degrees. Any eligible student may submit an Application for a scholarship from this Fund. Applications are accepted annually. Contact Cadillac Area Community Foundation for more details.
Top 5 Ways to Maximize your Chances:

1. Target Merit Aid: Generally, private colleges offer more merit aid than public universities. You can increase your chances by applying to schools where test scores and grades place you in the top 10 percent.

2. Find your Fit: Spend time searching for scholarships that really match your experience and interests.

3. Go big and small: Go National and Local. Go the extra mile!

4. Focus on your Career: Some professional organizations offer scholarships to entice people to enter the field.

5. Start Early: Begin researching potential scholarships when you first enter high school.

www.consumersreport.org/money/5-tips-for-scoring-college-scholarships

Kelly Ann Garcia Scholarship for The Performing Arts

Purpose

The Kelly Ann Garcia Memorial Scholarships for the Performing Arts was established for the purpose of providing financial assistance to students who personify spirit and potential in the performing arts with an emphasis on voice.

Scholarship applications can be obtained from CAPS High School Vocal Instructor, the Counselors at the Cadillac High School, or the Cadillac Area Community Foundation. Two reference letters must accompany the applications, with one preferable from someone currently in the field of vocal music. The reference letters must be completed by someone other than a family member. Also, if applying for vocal camp, academies, or tours, the student MUST attach copies of brochures or registration forms showing the event he/she wishes to attend. Applications will be accepted January 1st through March 30th. From the Application deadline date, please allow approximately 30 days to receive a written response as to the status of your Application. Those Scholarship Applications that are approved are eligible to receive their scholarship immediately upon written request to the Executive Director of the Cadillac Area Community Foundation during the calendar year in which the Scholarship is awarded. The deadline for requesting scholarship funds is July 1.

Eligibility, Selection Criteria, & Use of Scholarship Funds

Scholarships shall be awarded based on selections and recommendations by the Scholarship Advisory Committee to the Cadillac Area Community Foundations’ Board of Trustees. The Scholarship Advisory Committee is selected by the Cadillac Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees. Scholarships will only be available to CAPS Seniors majoring in voice training at an accredited college or university, and students entering their junior or senior year attending music camps, academies, or musical tours for the purpose of vocal music training. Priority consideration will be given to Applicants that: request scholarship funds for activities that fit the Fund’s purpose as stated above and clearly state the skills they expect to gain; demonstrate the greatest need and potential for growth; and complete the application themselves.

For further information about the Kelly Ann Garcia Memorial Scholarship for the Performing Arts, please call the Foundation offices at 231-775-9911.
The Michigan State Fair Youth Scholarship Program 2017

Who is eligible to compete for a Scholarship?

Animal/Livestock Exhibitors, Home Arts and Agriculture Exhibitors

- **Home Arts and/or Agriculture** 12 exhibitors in the area will compete for up to twelve (12) $500 Scholarships. Eligible to exhibitors eight (8) years of age and no older than twenty (20) years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

- **Animal exhibitors** at the Michigan State Fair in the Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Rabbits, Poultry, and Equine areas are eligible to compete for a $1000 scholarship (8 total scholarships). Eligible to exhibitors eight (8) years of age and no older than twenty (20) years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

- **An exhibitor is only eligible to win 1 scholarship per year at the Michigan State Fair, but may enter more than one division.**

**Home Arts/Agriculture Scholarships**

The Home Arts/Agriculture Scholarships will be based on 3 areas

1. Placing will be done as follows (60%):
   a. Exhibit at a fair in Michigan, but not necessarily this year. Fairs that take place after the entry deadline for the Michigan State Fair can still have youth enter if they exhibited in previous years. Fair entries and applications for scholarships are due August 1, 2017.
   b. Points will be counted on exhibitors up to 6 projects in the Youth Home Arts/Agriculture departments.
   c. Exhibitors may enter more than 6 projects, but only the top 6 placings will count for points. (A youth may enter 10 projects for the $12 entry fee and will be paid premiums regardless of scholarships earned.)
   d. Exhibitors must designate if they are applying for the Home Arts or Agriculture Scholarship and make sure that they have enough projects to fulfill the requirements for their area.

2. Personal application and school transcripts that includes an essay question(s) and evidence of community involvement. (30%)  

3. A letter of recommendation from a non-family member. (10%)
**Animal/Livestock Scholarships**

The scholarships are based on 4 areas in the Livestock division:

1. Placing in up to 3 head of breeding stock (2 head of swine) at The Michigan State Fair (extra points for Champions) (40%)
2. Placing for Showmanship at The Michigan State Fair (20%)
3. Personal application and school transcripts that includes an essay and evidence of community involvement. (30%)
4. A letter of recommendation from a non-family member. (10%)

**Equine Scholarship**

Scholarship will be based on 4 areas in the Equine division (Light or Draft Horse):  

1. Placing on up to 3 classes in the horse division (extra points will be earned for Championship classes) 40%
2. Placing for showmanship at The Michigan State Fair (highest placing if multiple showmanships are entered). 20%
3. Personal application and school transcripts that includes an essay and evidence of community involvement (30%)
4. A letter of recommendation from a non-family member. (10%)

An overall scholarship winner and runner-up of the Livestock/Equine and Home Arts/Agriculture divisions will receive additional scholarship money AND there may be interviews if the number of applicants warrant.

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**Requesting a Letter of Recommendation? Follow these tips for success!**

1. **Choose the right person** - Think about who is going to give you the best letter for the situation.
2. **How to ask for a letter** - When seeking letters of recommendation, don’t send e-mails or leave voicemails. Its best to ask the person face-to-face. This conveys just how important this letter is to you.
3. **Ask Early** - Don’t wait until the last minute. Instructors, advisors and counselors are often flooded with request for letters and you don’t want your letter to suffer as a result.
4. **Provide all necessary materials** - Give them an explanation on what is needed in the letter.
5. **Be Gracious** - Send a thank you note & update - Always send your writer a thank you note after you know the letter has been sent out, whether or not you have received results. Don’t wait too long to do this: a week or two is a good timeline.