TUSCOLA COUNTY BUSINESS COMMUNITY
4-H SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Non-negotiable deadline for receipt of all application materials:
Monday, May 1, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office

Description: The Tuscola County 4-H Council is offering a $2,000 and a $500 scholarship, to active 4-H members in Tuscola County. The scholarship program is in its eleventh year and is funded through generous donations from Poet Bio-refining – Caro, Tuscola County Advertiser, Tri County Equipment & McDonald Chevrolet of Millington. An additional $500 scholarship sponsored by Greenstone Farm Credit and Tuscola County 4-H Council is available to apply for and will also be distributed through this application as well.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must be accepted as a full-time student in an accredited vocational/trade school, business school, community college, 4-year college or university. If the field of study or type of school has no nationally recognized accreditation process, the school must participate in government educational financial aid programs (even if the applicant will not be receiving government financial aid). The school may be public or private.

2. Applicants must meet the minimum academic achievement required for unconditional acceptance (not probationary) into the school which he/she will be attending.

3. Applicants must have completed at least three (3) years in one or more 4-H project areas and be currently enrolled in the Tuscola County 4-H program.

It is our intention to have the Scholarship awardees announced at their High School Awards. Awardees must be in attendance for the presentation of the scholarship at their High School Awards Night if applicable and for the presentation of the scholarship on Thursday, July 27, 2017 between the small and large livestock auctions. Business or show attire is required. An awardee not in attendance at either of these presentations will forfeit the scholarship, which will then be awarded to another candidate.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS (Do not submit additional materials not specified below. Incomplete applications will not be considered, nor will applications that contain extra attachments.):

☐ Two letters of recommendation from two adults of the applicant’s choosing.

☐ One biographical narrative (1 - 2 pages, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman or Arial, double-spaced, one inch margins). In the narrative, describe 4-H projects you’ve completed, 4-H leadership involvement, extra-curricular activities/achievements, why you’ve chosen your particular field of study, and how 4-H has contributed to your growth and development.

☐ One essay (2 - 3 pages, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman or Arial, double-spaced, one inch margins) responding to the following question: How have you used the 4-H pledge in the years that you have been a member?

☐ Applicants who are currently enrolled in their senior year of high school must include a photocopy of their most recent report card. Official high school transcript must be provided by the winner prior to disbursement of funds.

☐ Applicants who have completed one or more semesters of college must include a copy of current college transcripts. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable with the application. Official transcript may be required prior to disbursement of funds.

☐ Freshman applicants must submit a copy of their letter of college acceptance.
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Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________________
Street Address ___________________ City _______________ Zip ____________
Age ________ Birth Date ______________ Current 4-H member: Yes □ No □
Total number of years in 4-H ___________ Number of years served in a 4-H leadership role __________

High school diploma received from ___________________________________________
Name and location of school that you will be attending ______________________________
Year you are entering: Freshman □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior □
Anticipated length of time required to complete degree/certificate being sought ____________________
Field of Study _________________________________________________________________
Career Goals _________________________________________________________________

Disbursal Procedure:

1. Once awarded, funds will be paid directly to the school in two parts. One-half of the scholarship will be awarded for the first semester and the remaining half will be awarded for the second semester. Every attempt will be made to make payment to the school in time to meet tuition payment deadlines, but no guarantees can be made.

2. Prior to each disbursement, the student must provide proof of full-time registration. Prior to the second disbursement, the student must also provide proof of completion of the first semester with a minimum 2.5 GPA.

3. Payment will be made directly to the student if:
   a. the school will not accept payment from the Tuscola County 4-H Council; OR
   b. the student provides documentation of a need for vocational equipment, tools, supplies, etc. required by his/her course of study that cannot be obtained through the school and that require a significant investment. This does not include typical school supplies such as notebooks, pens, etc.; OR
   c. other unusual circumstances exist. The student may petition the Tuscola County 4-H Council to consider an exception.

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:
I understand that this application is only part of the scholarship selection process. I must also submit the required attachments no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 1, 2017. I understand that my application will not be considered if it is incomplete or if I include extra attachments not requested.

I understand that if I am chosen to go on in the selection process, I must also attend a personal interview on a date and time to be determined by the scholarship committee. If I am granted an interview, I will be notified of that fact after May 8th.

Awardees must be in attendance for the presentation of the scholarship at their High School Awards Night if applicable and for the presentation of the scholarship on Thursday, July 27, 2017 between the small and large livestock auctions.

I also understand that if I drop out of school (officially or unofficially) before I complete the semester in which the scholarship was awarded, I will return the full amount awarded.

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Signature of Applicant Date