

Ottawa County 4-H Scholarship Information & Application

This application is to be used when applying for the following scholarships. Typically, a 4-H member will only receive one of the following scholarships; however, the committee reserves the right to award a 4-H member more than one scholarship or to not award all scholarships in a given year.

- Cultivate the Clover of Ottawa County Scholarship - One \$1,500.00 scholarship given by Cultivate the Clover of Ottawa County.
- Earl Johnson Memorial 4-H Scholarship - One \$1,000.00 scholarship given by Cultivate the Clover of Ottawa County.
 - *This scholarship is awarded in memory of Earl Johnson, who was a lifelong resident of Ottawa County. His career and passion were in education, serving as a teacher, administrator and as the County Superintendent of Schools from 1969-1979. He was instrumental in organizing the Ottawa County 4-H Endowment Fund. The County Agricultural Building, built in 1999 in Oak Harbor, was named in his honor. He was also a farmer, philanthropist and very active on numerous boards throughout the county. Earl was a true supporter of youth in Ottawa County.*
- Marilyn Bloom Mohr 4-H Scholarship - One \$500.00 scholarship given by Cultivate the Clover of Ottawa County.
 - *This scholarship is awarded in honor of Marilyn Bloom Mohr for her years of dedicated service to the Ottawa County 4-H program, Cultivate the Clover, and the youth of Ottawa County.*
- Ottawa County 4-H Scholarships - Two \$500.00 scholarships given by the Ottawa County 4-H Advisory Committee.
- Kathy Booher Memorial Scholarship – One \$500.00 scholarship given by the Kathy Booher Memorial Fund.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be a current member of the Ottawa County 4-H program, who is at least a senior in High School, planning to attend any accredited post-secondary school following high school graduation. Proof of acceptance must be provided to receive awarded funds. Applicants must not have applied for and received any of these scholarship funds previously.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants must complete all sections of the attached application and will be graded upon the completion of the following parts:

- 4-H Membership Involvement (25 points)
- Participation in Extracurricular Programs (10 points)
- Service to Community (10 points)
- 4-H Influence on Future Plans (15 points)
- Academic Success/Grades (10 points)
- Essay (20 points)
- Interviews may need to be conducted to determine scholarship winners (10 points)

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Scholarship applications will be numbered for confidentiality when they are received in the OSU Extension Office. This numbering system will be used to review and select the winners. Selection of the scholarship winning recipients will be made by a panel of members from the 4-H Advisory Committee, the Kathy Booher Memorial Fund Committee, and The Cultivate the Clover of Ottawa County Board of Directors. The panel reserves the right to not award all scholarships in a given year.

Scholarship winners will be recognized at the annual Cultivate the Clover of Ottawa County Dinner and Auction Event held in the fall each year.

Deadlines:

Scholarship applications must be submitted to the Ottawa County OSU Extension Office (240 Lake Street, Oak Harbor) by March 1st at 4:30 pm. Applications will be accepted in person or by mail, but must **arrive** by the deadline. Applications are **not** accepted electronically via email or other methods. If an interview is needed, applicants will be contacted after the applications have been reviewed.

Terms and Payments:

- Scholarship funds will be paid to the winning applicant after the successful completion of one quarter or semester of post-secondary school. Winning applicants must submit to the OSU Extension Office their grades showing a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average for their first quarter or semester to receive their scholarship payment.
- If the scholarship recipient drops out of college during their first year after receiving their funds, every effort should be made to repay the scholarship.

Specific Instructions:

- There is a maximum of one page permitted for each section of the application selection criteria, except grade which may exceed this limit because of the size of transcripts.
- Please start a new page for each of the application sections of the selection criteria, even if you have not filled up an entire page while completing the previous section.
- **Please use at least a size 10 font.**

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General Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

4-H Club/Group: _____

Years in 4-H: _____

**This does include Cloverbud years*

Post-Secondary School you plan to attend: _____

I attest that all information provided on this application is truthful and accurate. I understand that members of the selection committee may contact other organizations to confirm activities that I have included on my application. I agree to allow OSU Extension, Ottawa County 4-H Programs, and Cultivate the Clover of Ottawa County to use my name and any information included in the application to recognize my success if I am chosen to receive a scholarship. This may include, but is not limited to: press releases, newsletters, and county fair displays. (complete addresses, phone numbers and emails are never released).

Members Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Number Assigned: _____

Was Scholarship Awarded: Yes No

Which Scholarship: _____

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4-H Membership Involvement (25 points)

Please list any activities in which you have participated as a 4-H member, awards you have received, and any leadership roles you have filled. These can include both 4-H and Jr. Fair sponsored events which you participated in as a 4-H member. If you do not have enough room, please list your most recent and/or most significant experiences.

Year(s)	Program, Activity, or Award	Level: Club, County, State, National, etc.
<i>2018</i>	<i>Example: Lead Jr. Camp Counselor</i>	<i>County</i>

Comments:

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4-H Influence on Future Plans (15 points)

Please summarize the most important knowledge and skills you have acquired through 4-H and what impact 4-H has made upon your plans for the future.

Academic Success/Grades (10 points)

Please attach a copy of your high school transcript showing the courses you have taken and the grades received. Transcripts can be unofficial.

Essay (20 points)

Attach a one-page essay (or type below) answering the following questions: What have the Four-H's meant to you in your growth and development and how will they help you in the future?