

THE MISSISSIPPI 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS ASSOCIATION YOUTH AWARD GUIDELINES

General Recommendation:

The Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association scholarship application form must be sent to the local County Extension Staff with 4-H responsibilities. Scholarships must be typed or filled out using the online form (http://msucare.com/4h_Youth/scholarships/index.html#) or contact the local extension office for a copy of the application.

Eligibility Guidelines:

Candidates for the Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Award must:

1. Complete an application.
2. Have been an active Mississippi 4-H member.
3. Be recommended by letter from an Extension agent ***and*** a 4-H Volunteer Leader.
4. Be an entering freshman in an accredited college or university.
5. Send acknowledgment and appreciation for the scholarship in writing to the donor once the scholarship has been granted.

Need:

Need shall be a factor in the selection process, but is not necessarily a primary consideration.

Selection:

An impartial committee that includes members from the MVLA Executive Committee appointed by the State Advisor will judge the Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Scholarship applications. Previous Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Scholarship winners will be ineligible to reapply.

Award:

The amount of the scholarship may vary depending upon rate of interest earned prior to the presentation year, but the expected amount is \$500.

Management:

Mississippi State University Foundation Inc. will be responsible for the investment & accounting of the fund.

Completed Applications Must Meet the Following Criteria:

1. Applications must arrive in the State 4-H Office by 5:00 pm on ***April 1st*** of the current year (**not a postmarked date**).
2. Scholarship application form must be signed by ***Extension Agent***.
3. An official (***unopened/ stamped***) transcript of high school and/or college grades must be included. If homeschooled, a ***notarized (unopened)*** copy of transcript must be included.
4. ***Three*** letters of recommendations (one must be from an ***Extension Agent*** and one must be from a ***4-H Volunteer Leader***) must be included.
5. A copy of your ***4H Story*** must be included.
6. The original and two copies of the ***entire*** scholarship application with all signatures included, all letters of recommendation, and your 4-H Story must be sent. (***3 copies total***)

Please note: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Name: _____

4-H Work

1. Number of years in 4-H? _____
2. What is or was your main project? _____
3. What other 4-H projects have you participated in? _____

4. Have you attended any 4-H Judging Events?
District Project Achievement Day _____ State Congress _____
Yes _____ No _____ Yes _____ No _____
Number of times _____ Number of times _____
Other 4-H Judging Events (Please list) _____

5. Have you been a State 4-H Record Book Winner?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Have you attended National 4-H Congress?
Yes _____ No _____
If yes, where was it held? _____

7. Have you attended National 4-H Conference?
Yes _____ No _____
8. Have you been a member of the State 4-H Leadership Team?
Yes _____ No _____
9. Have you participated in the Congressional Awards program?
Yes _____ No _____
If yes, what level have you obtained? _____

Need:

Number of children in household? _____ Ages _____
Do you have brothers and sisters currently in college? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, how many? _____.
What are their expected dates of graduation? _____

Name: _____

ACTIVITIES IN MAIN 4-H PROJECT

OTHER 4-H ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

EMPLOYMENT

Please list any jobs you have held (indicate if you worked during school year and/or summer and approximately how many hours worked per week).

Name: _____

Checklist

- _____ Completed Application Form with all signatures (3 copies)
- _____ 3 Letters of Recommendation (3 copies of each)
 - ___ Letter of Recommendation from 4-H Volunteer Leader (3 copies)
 - ___ Letter of Recommendation from Extension Agent (3 copies)
 - ___ Other Letter of Recommendation (3 copies)
- _____ 4-H Story (3 copies)
- _____ Unopened official copy of High School transcript (1 copy)

