**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://extension.msstate.edu/scholarships-for-4-h>) 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.*

MISSISSIPPI 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS’ ASSOCIATION

YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION

Please answer all questions completely. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please print legibly in blue or black ink, or fill out using the online form at: <http://extension.msstate.edu/scholarships-for-4-h>

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last First Middle

Present Address

 Number and Street or Route

City State Zip Code County

Telephone E-mail

Age (as of date of completion of this application)

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

College Status

Name of college or university attending: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My major will be:

High school information (*to be completed by high school official):*

 a. High school attended (name/address):

 b. Graduation date

 c. High school GPA (on a 4.0 scale or numerical grades, i.e., 90, 95, etc.)

I certify that all High School information on this completed application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as reflected by appropriate school records.

Signature of School Official Date

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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)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you been a State 4-H Record Book Winner?

 Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

1. Have you attended National 4-H Congress? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

 If yes, where was it held? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you attended National 4-H Conference?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

1. Have you been a member of the State 4-H Leadership Team?

 Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

1. 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?

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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).

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (special interests and/or honors, etc.)

4-H STORY – ATTACH 4-H STORY (limit to one page) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Signature of Applicant Date

 Signature of Parent Date

 Signature of Agent in Charge of 4-H Date

* Attach *three* letters of recommendation – must include one letter from a *4-H Volunteer Leader* and one letter from an *Extension Agent*.
* Attach unopened High School transcript.
* Attach 4-H Story.
* Submit original and two copies of your entire application with all signatures included, letters of recommendation, and 4-H story. *(3 copies total of each).*

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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)

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