



Norton County 4-H Scholarship

BACKGROUND

The Norton County 4-H Council created an account with the Kansas 4-H Foundation after receiving a donation from the George Jones Estate in 2005. Mr. Jones opened and operated Hall's clothing store, a retail men's store, for many years and was a huge supporter of our local 4-H program. Over the past fourteen years, additional donations from individuals as well as funds from the Council account have increased the savings to a point where the interest can be used to provide scholarships for Norton County 4-H members, one of the initial intents of the Foundation account.

PURPOSE

To provide an annual college scholarship(s) of varying amounts to encourage the 4-H youth of Norton County to make the most of their 4-H experience and retain their membership throughout their high school career.

ELIGIBILITY

1. A Norton County 4-H member who has provided leadership, citizenship and project area development to the local 4-H program.
2. Must have been a 4-H member in Norton County 3 years or more including their Junior and Senior years of high school.
3. Must have demonstrated leadership responsibilities in county-wide activities.
4. A graduating high school senior or enrolled at a junior college, vocational school or university.
5. The applicant should attach a reference letter. A copy of the applicant's transcript should be attached to the application.
6. If applying a second time, a recommendation letter from your 4-H club leader is required.

USE

The scholarship must be used for starting or continuing a formal accredited educational program. The scholarship must be used within one year of selection. The scholarship may be used at any higher educational institution.

SELECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Selection announcement shall be made by the Norton County 4-H Scholarship Committee determined by a scholarship review committee consisting of Extension agents outside the Twin Creeks Extension District. Applicants will be ranked with scholarship amounts awarded at various levels according to available funds. Applications are due to the Twin Creeks Extension District – Norton office by July 1st. Selection will be made prior to the County Fair announced at the livestock auction.

PROCEDURES

1. One-half of the scholarship will be given to the recipient after presenting proof of enrollment the first semester. The remaining portion will be given following receipt of proof of enrollment for the second semester.
2. Twin Creeks Extension District – Norton office will be responsible for announcement, distribution and collection of applications and supportive materials for Scholarship Selection Committee use.

Norton County 4-H Scholarship Application

Due to Twin Creeks Extension District – Norton Office by July 1, 2026.

Year _____

Name (First, Middle, Last) _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone (including area code) _____

School

Year presently in school: High School _____ College _____

Date of High School Graduation: _____

Name of high school, college or trade school you are now attending: _____

Name and state location of college you plan to attend this fall: _____

Intended college major: _____

High school grade point average: _____ out of _____ points

If in college, grade point average: _____ out of _____ points

Describe why you are interested in pursuing a college education.

4-H Participation:

Number of years enrolled in a 4-H Club: _____

Name of Club(s): _____

Major projects (of most importance to you): _____

Please Check All That Apply: (Include participation within the past four years – please include year or years completed)

- ☐ Exhibited one or more of your projects at a 4-H Club Tour, 4-H Club Exhibit Day or the County Fair.

Year(s) Completed _____

- ☐ Attended a majority (more than half) of the regularly scheduled meetings of your 4-H club or group.

Year(s) Completed _____

- ☐ Gave a presentation at a 4-H project meeting, 4-H club meeting or other 4-H group meeting.

Year(s) Completed _____

Presentation/Title _____

- ☐ Served as an officer for your club.

Year(s) Completed _____

Office Positions Held _____

- ☐ Served as a member of a committee in your club.

Year(s) Completed _____

List Committees (Indicate if you served as chair of the committee)

- ☐ Complete the previous 4-H year's record book and turn it in to your club leader.

(Club Leader Verification Signature)

- ☐ Received a project achievement pin at Achievement Banquet. (List project area and year received.)

- ☐ Participate in County 4-H Club Day as a contestant. (List event and year.)

- ☐ Participate in Regional/District 4-H Club Day as a contestant. (List event and year.)

- ☐ Participate in a county/district 4-H event not already listed. (List event and year.)

- ☐ Serve as an officer on the County/District/State level. (List group, office position and year.)

- ☐ Serve as a member of a committee on the County/District/State level. (List committee and year and indicate if you served as chair of the committee.)

- ☐ Participate in a state 4-H event such as Discovery Days, Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Forum (KYL), Ambassador Training, CIA, etc. (List events and year attended.)

- ☐ Exhibit in a competitive 4-H class at a state show such as Kansas State Fair, Kansas Junior Livestock Show, etc. (List event, exhibit and year.)

- ☐ Participate in a State Fair 4-H event such as demonstration contest, Fashion Revue, dog show, etc. (goes beyond sending an item for exhibit). (List event and year.)

To be filled out by Club Leader:

I attest that _____	
<i>Name of Applicant</i>	
is in good standing with _____	
<i>Name of Club</i>	
and that he/she has filled out the above records correctly.	
_____	_____
<i>Signature of Club Leader</i>	<i>Date</i>

Additional 4-H Participation Highlights:

List major 4-H leadership given to your Local Club (L), County (C) and State (S). (Indicate each leadership activity with the appropriate level. Examples: Day Camp Jr. Leader, County Camp Counselor, Club Day Room Monitor, Assistant Project Leader, etc.)

List major 4-H achievements and recognition. (Indicate level of recognition for Local Club (L), County (C) and State (S). Examples: Key Award, State Project Area Winner, Grand Champion exhibits, Visual Arts Selection for Kansas 4-H Foundation, etc.)

List most memorable 4-H experience during your 4-H career.

Non 4-H Participation: (List participation for each section.)

School (List Organizations/Sports/Events and year of participation. Indicate if you served as an officer/captain/leader, etc.)

Community (List activities in your community and year of participation. Examples: Norton Theatre volunteer, Downtown Flower Pot Volunteer, God's Pantry volunteer/donations, etc.)

Church (List volunteer activities/responsibilities and year of participation. Examples: Served as acolyte, lector, usher, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School, etc.)

Special Interests and Hobbies (List free-time activities.)

To be filled out by Scholarship Applicant:

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

If awarded, please make check payable to: _____

Mailing Address: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received _____ Initial of Receiving Staff Professional _____

Date Application Reviewed By Committee _____

Signature of Committee Member _____

Approved By Scholarship Committee ☐ Yes ☐ No

Norton County 4-H Council President Signature

Date

Scholarship Amount Awarded _____

1st Semester Payment Date _____ 2nd Semester Payment Date _____

Check # _____

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