

March, 2012

Dear 4-H Member/Student:

Attached are the new 2012 requirements for applying for the Rhode Island 4-H Club Foundation scholarship. **Please read over the instructions and follow the format carefully, there have been several changes made to the application.** The requirements and deadlines will be strictly adhered to without exception.

Some of the requirements may take time to obtain, such as letters of recommendation, signatures and transcripts. These requests should be made early in order to meet the deadline. Transcript copies will be accepted.

Applications must be completed by typing or with ink. The application can be downloaded from the Foundation web site: www.ri4hclubfoundation.org

Answer all the questions on page 4 completely. If your application is submitted with omissions, such as signatures, transcripts, or recommendations the application **will not** be accepted and an interview **will not** be scheduled. The application must be complete.

Some scholarship funding is available for students demonstrating financial need. Current Financial Aid forms must be submitted with the scholarship application to become eligible for this funding.

Due date is May 14, 2012.

We hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Heidi A. Wright
Executive Director

PS: Do not confuse this scholarship with the one provided by the Rhode Island Eastern States Exposition Trustees. Copies of that application are available from the State 4-H Office (874-2959) or 4-H Club Leaders.

RI 4-H CLUB FOUNDATION 4-H SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE (2012)

Who is eligible?

1. Present or former Rhode Island 4-H members with at least 1 years in 4-H.
2. Graduating high school seniors, undergraduate college students and graduate level students.
3. You must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or technical school for a minimum of 6 credits.
4. A student in good academic standing with a current semester GPA of 2.0 or better.
5. Any applicant wishing to be considered for financial needs based funding is a required to submit financial aid forms (FAFSA) with their scholarship application.

Completed application must include:

1. **4-H Scholarship Form** - type or attach typed pages. Application form can also be downloaded from www.ri4hclubfoundation.org
2. **Current Transcripts** of high school grades, or post secondary school grades, must be signed by an appropriate official. (A current semester GPA of at least 2.0 or C average is required for scholarship consideration)
Home schooled students may submit a one page summary of their portfolio along with their SAT scores (if taken) and any exams taken that show proficiency in high school level subjects.
3. **Two letters of recommendation:**
 - 1-from someone knowledgeable about **current** academic performance. (Graduate level applicant may submit a professional letter of reference)
 - 1- from someone knowledgeable about your 4-H work **including your current work (as a member and/or volunteer); previous year's recommendation will not be accepted.**
(Looking for opportunities to volunteer, contact our office at 874-7143 or heidw@etal.uri.edu)
4. **Enclose your college Financial Aid Form (FAFSA form) to be eligible for needs based scholarship funds.**

Important dates:

April – May 14 Complete application and obtain transcripts and letters of reference.

May 14 - Application, transcripts and letters must all be received or postmarked (NO EXCEPTIONS!) at: Rhode Island 4-H Club Foundation

**PO Box 1925
Kingston, RI 02881**

Tuesday May 29, 2012, 6 – 9 pm Interviews (time to be scheduled after applications received).

Place: TBA

August -Award recipients will be notified by mail.

January 2013- Scholarship awarded after you send us (1) your transcripts showing satisfactory performance in the fall term (current semester grade average of C (2.0) or better) and (2)**service to the RI 4-H Club Foundation done in the past year, such as assistance in fund raising, finding Golf Tournament sponsors, helping at a fair, solicitation, etc.**

Selection will be based on the applicant's 4-H record as the highest priority, academic performance, interview and financial need when applicable. The amount of the scholarship and the number to be awarded are at the discretion of the committee and the board. Amounts may vary based on 4-H experiences, grades, interview and financial need.

Should the student selected for the scholarship fail to meet an academic grade point average of C or better in the semester immediately following the award or fail to carry out service work with 4-H, the scholarship will be forfeited. If that happens, a student has the option of applying again the following year without prejudice.

Rhode Island 4-H Club Foundation, 2012 Scholarship Application

Attach typed or written in ink the following information:

Include Question #'s with your responses.

Study Interests

1. Name and address of school you plan to attend this year.
2. What career do you plan to follow and why?
3. Describe why you are interested in pursuing more education.
4. Field in which you are planning to major and outline your reasons for choosing this field of study.
5. How did 4-H influence your choice of a field of study.

Experiences in 4-H

6. Major 4-H Projects: (give number of years for each)
7. Major 4-H awards received: Year, Type of Award, Reason Received, and Level
8. Major 4-H offices held: (club, district, state, give years held)
9. 4-H Citizenship/Leadership Experience:
List in chronological order your 4-H citizenship/community service experiences: include things that contributed to the welfare of your club or group members, other individuals, or community, and indicate the size and scope of what you did.
10. List the skills that you have developed through your 4-H experiences.
11. What have you learned about yourself as a result of your involvement with 4-H?
12. What is the one most important contribution that you have made to 4-H?
13. Describe work that you have done in the last year to give back to 4-H.

Experiences outside 4-H

14. Citizenship/Leadership experience outside 4-H (including school).
15. Describe any work experience that you have had.