



Youth who have at least five years of active membership in South Dakota 4-H (current high school senior or accepted to college, technical institute, etc.) are eligible to apply for South Dakota 4-H Scholarships.

Applications are accepted now through April 1st of this year. Make sure you have appropriate signatures and send your scholarship application to:

State 4-H Office,  
Berg Ag Hall 109, Box 2207E  
South Dakota State University  
Brookings, SD 57007-2097

A committee will review all applications and announce recipients by April 10th. All applicants will be notified via USPS mail regarding their final status after selection of recipients. All recipients must complete and return the 4-H Scholarship Acceptance Form to receive the scholarship(s). There will be a news release and program to honor donors and recipients at the 2018 State Fair. Winners will be informed of this program upon scholarship acceptance.

4-H scholarship awards are based on fulfillment of scholarship-specific criteria and the following:

- 40% scholastic achievement;
- 10% character;
- 40% 4-H project involvement including Citizenship/Community Service and Leadership; and
- 10% financial need.
- Preferences identified by individual scholarships

Do not submit a 4-H Journal or 4-H Record Book as a part of the application.

To apply for South Dakota State 4-H Scholarship(s), applicants need to submit the following four (4) items:

1. Cover letter of one typewritten page (8½"x11"), with one inch margins, using a 12 point font including:
  - Name of each South Dakota State 4-H Scholarship being applied for;
  - Description of applicant's future career path, including major area of study, post-secondary institution attending, and how/if 4-H experiences influenced youth's decision to pursue this career;

- Brief statement regarding financial information (non-confidential) regarding educational costs, anticipated need for financial assistance, and any special circumstances to consider; and
  - Signatures of the 4-H member, parent/guardian (if under the age of 18), and the county's 4-H Youth Program Advisor.
2. Resume of one or two typewritten pages (8½"x11"), with one inch margins, using a 12 point font including:
    - 4-H member's name, complete home address, college address (if applicable), 4-H county, contact information including email address and daytime phone number;
    - Description of applicant's definition of 4-H Citizenship and Community Service; what has been learned through 4-H Citizenship and Community Service to become a better citizen for his/her club, community, country and the world;
    - Description of leadership skills attained through 4-H and non-4-H activities, events and opportunities; and
    - Description of two 4-H projects including the size, scope, goals set/achieved and skills/knowledge gained.
  3. Non-confidential one-page letter of recommendation from ONE of the following: 4-H club leader, county 4-H Youth Program Advisor, school administrator or teacher, employer, pastor or someone who can comment on the applicant's goals and skills.
  4. For high school seniors, an official copy of his/her high school transcript with the current cumulative grade point average (GPA), rank in class and ACT/SAT scores (Shooting Sports Scholarship does NOT require ACT/SAT scores). For current college students, a college and/or technical institute transcript with the current cumulative GPA.

**OPTIONAL:** One page of photos with captions showing 4-H leadership work/accomplishments.

**REMINDER:** Submit only one copy of the required application items stapled in the left corner (please, no folders or presentation binders). In the cover letter, please list the names of each scholarship that is being applied for.

DONOR	SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT(S)	CRITERIA
<b>Robert and Maxine Olson 4-H Endowment</b>  The scholarship may be renewed at the discretion of the 4-H selection committee.  #101699	<b>\$1000</b> (for one student)	Selection criteria is based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recipients shall be enrolled at any accredited post high school educational institution. Both graduating high school seniors and current higher education students are eligible.</li> <li>Recipients must be in good standing during their 4-H membership and demonstrate participation in leadership activities.</li> <li>Recipients shall demonstrate commitment to their academic pursuits and progress toward attaining their post high school degree and/or certification.</li> <li>Preference shall be given to residents of South Dakota pursuing education at South Dakota higher education institutions.</li> </ul>
<b>Folkerts Family Scholarship – 101700</b>  The scholarship may be renewed at the discretion of the 4-H selection committee.  #101700	<b>\$1000</b> (for one student)	Selection criteria is based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recipients shall be enrolled at South Dakota State University. Both graduating high school seniors and current higher education students are eligible.</li> <li>Recipients must be in good standing during their 4-H membership and demonstrate participation in leadership activities.</li> <li>Preference will be given to residents of Davison County, SD. If there are no eligible recipients from Davison County, the scholarship shall be open to any SDSU student with a background in 4-H.</li> </ul>
<b>John F. and Beryl Younger 4-H Scholarship – 10722</b>  John F. Younger served almost 41 years on State 4-H staff and as administrator for the South Dakota 4-H Youth program. He also served as Executive Director of the South Dakota 4-H Foundation. His family offers this memorial scholarship.  #10722	<b>\$800</b> (\$400 each for 2 students)	Selection criteria is based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recipients of the John F. and Beryl Younger 4-H Scholarship must have been active in a 4-H Club and a resident of South Dakota.</li> <li>Recipients must have demonstrated 4-H activity and leadership, scholarship, need, and character.</li> <li>Students are to be incoming freshman, but scholarships may be renewable during their sophomore, junior and senior year provided they have maintained at least 2.8 GPA or C+ overall.</li> <li>The award shall be made to recipients majoring in Elementary or Secondary Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education major within the Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership or Agriculture and Biological Sciences.</li> </ul>
<b>South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship</b>  The scholarship is not renewable.	<b>\$2,250</b> (3 Scholarships: \$1,000, \$750, & \$500)	Selection criteria is based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The recipient shall be enrolled at any accredited post high school educational institution.</li> <li>The recipient of the South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship must have been actively involved in the SD 4-H Shooting Sports project area.</li> <li>The recipient must be in good standing during their 4-H membership and demonstrate high achievement in SD 4-H Shooting Sports.</li> <li>Students are to be incoming freshman.</li> </ul>

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