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ELIGIBILITY

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will award two scholarships to Kentucky 4-H Horse Program participants that are high school seniors and college students, seeking post-secondary education (i.e. technical, vocational, junior college) for the current year. Scholarships may be applied toward tuition, housing, books and other educational expenses. Payments will be made directly to the recipient. A \$500 award **will be mailed directly to the recipient**. The scholarship winners will be announced at the State 4-H Horse Show opening ceremony on Saturday June 27, 2026.

To be eligible, applicant should:

- have a minimum 3.0 cumulative **high school** GPA **or** a minimum 2.5 cumulative **college** GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- have participated in a state horse show or qualifying event for state show. The scholarship committee will consider the applicant's last year of participation.
- submit two letters of recommendation (Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture employees are prohibited)
- must be entering their senior year of high school or entering/enrolled in post-secondary education.

Those not eligible are the children of:

- Kentucky Department of Agriculture Employees

RULES

- Recipient may enter any accredited college but must pursue a two-year minimum course of study.
- Recipient must enter college or post-secondary education within the first full year upon graduating high school.
- A transcript (high school or post-secondary education) is required with application submission.
- A recent photo of recipient
- All application materials **must be hand-delivered, emailed to Lashley.Stith@ky.gov or postmarked by **Wednesday June 10, 2026****, to the address below. Mail the completed application and supporting materials to:

***Kentucky Department of Agriculture,
Shows & Fairs Branch,
Attn: Lashley Stith
111 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601***

The scholarship committee will make the final decision on all cases concerning the interpretation of these rules. All applications become the property of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Shows & Fairs Branch and will not be returned.

Please note:

Recipients of this scholarship can re-apply for the scholarship every other year.
Example- If received scholarship in 2024; you are eligible to apply again in 2026.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
 First *Middle* *Last*

Address: _____
 Street Address

Phone: _____ () _____ E-mail Address: _____
 City *State* *Zip Code*

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Parent's Names: _____

4-H Chapter: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

College: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Are you pursuing a four-year degree? YES NO Career Choice: _____

Level of Course Work (Check One): Advanced Honors Basic Other

GPA** _____ ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____ Class Rank/Class Size _____

Unweighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale. Give to the nearest one-hundredth. **Do not round off.

High School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Counselor: _____ Phone : _____ () _____

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING

- A high school or college transcript
- Letters of recommendation describing characteristics such as leadership, citizenship and maturity. Two are required; one from a school official (e.g. teacher, counselor, principal) and one from a non-relative (KDA employees are prohibited)
 - An essay, in 500 words or less, answering the question:
“How has the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program impacted my life?”

Community Service/Volunteer Work Participation

<i>List Community Service and/or Volunteer Work (list at least 2 for maximum points)</i>	<i>Year(s) Participated</i>	<i>Description of Community Service/Volunteer Work</i>

Extracurricular Activity Participation

<i>List Extracurricular Activities (list at least 2 for maximum points)</i>	<i>Year(s) Participated</i>	<i>Description of Extracurricular Activity, Awards/Honors received, positions held, etc.</i>

SCORING GUIDE

Note: 100 POINTS POSSIBLE

Item	Points Possible	
Essay	<u>50</u>	
• Content	25	
• Grammar	10	
• Spelling	10	
• Format	5	
Community Service/Volunteer Work	<u>10</u>	
• Two opportunities	5 (x2)	
Extracurricular Activities	<u>10</u>	
• Two activities	5 (x2)	
GPA	<u>15</u>	
• 4.0	15	
• 3.8-3.9	14	
• 3.6-3.7	13	
• 3.4-3.5	12	
• 3.2-3.3	11	
• 3.0-3.1	9	
• <2.9	7	
Letters of Recommendation	<u>10</u>	
• Source of letter	2.5 (x2)	
• Content of letter	2.5 (x2)	
ACT/SAT Score	<u>5</u>	
SAT ACT		
• 2040-2400	32-36	5
• 1920-2039	27-31	4
• 1800-1919	22-26	3
• 1680-1799	18-21	2
• <1680	<17	1
Total	100 pts	