

The Benzie County 4-H Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY:

An applicant is eligible for the award on a first year scholarship when the selection committee finds that he/she:

- Is currently fully enrolled in Benzie County 4-H, with Benzie as the primary county of enrollment.
- Must have been an enrolled member the past 4 consecutive years of the Benzie County 4-H program only. A dual enrollment situation would only be considered in the event that it occurred because Benzie did not offer that project area.
- Has no record of criminal activity.
- Has graduated from high school, or is a student in good standing and will graduate at the end of the academic year.
- Must complete an application for this scholarship and return in complete by the date established for that award year.

ADMINISTRATION OF AWARD:

- There is currently one \$1000 scholarship offered. It is comprised of matching funds from Gleaner's Crystal Lake Arbor Chapter #138 and the Benzie County 4-H Advisory Council.
- A selection/interview committee – which will consist of current Benzie County 4-H Advisory Council members – will interview prospective candidates and make a final decision based on the interview, submitted application/materials, and extent of 4-H involvement. Members of the Gleaner's Chapter #138 will be invited to participate, although they are free to decline.
- The scholarship award money will be administered by the 4-H Advisory Council by direct payment to the recipient, once he/she has provided proper documentation of some form of educationally related expenses (tuition, room and board, books, etc.).
- If the recipient withdraws from or delays his/her educational program, the award will be held in the Advisory Council account. The use of this money will be determined by the Advisory Council.

CHOICE OF COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR TRAINING SCHOOL

- The choice of the institution of higher learning is restricted to those schools that offer accredited programs that the student wishes to pursue.

BENZIE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Address: _____
(House # and street and/or P.O. Box) (city) (state) (zip)

Home/Cell Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

First and Last Names of Parents and City They Live In:

Father/City: _____ Mother/City: _____

4-H Age (as of January 1st of this year): _____ Number of Years in 4-H: _____

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____ / _____ / _____

Institution You Plan to Attend: _____

Major or Course of Study You Plan to Pursue: _____

Other Institutions Applied to and/or Accepted at: _____

References: List three (3) references and include telephone numbers and e-mail addresses (no relatives and no 4-H staff, please). **Attach** recommendation letters - from your references listed below - to this application. Copies are acceptable.

1. Please **attach** a brief summary of your 4-H experiences. Try to describe each year's activities and be sure to include all local, state, and national experiences. Please title this "**Attachment 1**" at the top of the page.
2. Compose and **attach** a short essay describing what you have learned in 4-H that you can apply to your continuing education and adult life. Please title this "**Attachment 2**" at the top of the page.
3. Please **attach** a list, including dates/locations/brief descriptions, of your **non-4-H** activities (community service, church, school, organizations, etc.). Please title this "**Attachment 3**" at the top of the page.

Application and the following are due the last business day of April at the Benzie County MSU Extension office:

- Letter from guidance counselor or school administrator, stating that the student has met the necessary requirements for graduation. (Attach to application).
- Letters from references. (Attach to application).
- 4-H Leader Recommendation Statement (Attach to application).
- 4-H Personal Record Book and your own portfolio of your 4-H history and experiences. (May be separate from the application, but it is due WITH the application).
- Scheduling Survey document, indicating the days in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th weeks of April that you available/unavailable for an interview.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

4-H LEADER RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT

Statement Prepared for: _____
(name of scholarship applicant)

Statement Prepared by: _____
(name of 4-H club leader or co-leader)

4-H Club Name: _____

List the Years that This Member Was in Your Club: _____

Describe Quality of Attendance at Club Meetings: _____

Describe the type of projects that this member was involved in. Were they completed? What was the quality of the work? _____

Why do you recommend this 4-H member for a scholarship? _____

What do you think this 4-H member has learned in your Club that will prepare him/her for their continuing education and adult life? _____

Optional: you may attach your own letter or statement to this form if you feel that additional comments are necessary.

Leader signature: _____ Date: _____

Dear 4-H Club Leader:

If you are given this form separate from the scholarship application, please remember to return it to your club member promptly. He or she must turn in a completed application to the Benzie MSU Extension office by the last business day in March, and any application that is missing supporting documents will be disqualified.

SCHEDULING SURVEY

Interviews for Benzie County 4-H Scholarship applicants will be held **on a weekday in May**.

We need to coordinate a date that works best for the schedules of all persons involved - scholarship applicants, ambassador candidates, and the interview panel. Interviews take place after school hours, in order to accommodate students.

Students: Please note in the calendar squares below if you have any other commitments that would occupy your schedule **from 3:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. on any given day**. If you **do not** have any commitments **in that time frame** on a particular day, you may leave that square blank, or you may print the word "free" in that square.

Adults/Interview Panel: The interview panel usually gathers before the students do, in order to review applications and prepare for the interviews. For that reason, the panel meets about 30 minutes before the first interview, depending upon how much material there is to review. Please note in the calendar squares below if you have any other commitments that would occupy your schedule from **3:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.** If you do not have any commitments in that time frame on a particular day, you may leave that square blank, or you may print the word "free" in that square.

MAY

(Current Year of Tentative Interview Date)

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI
1st Week					
2nd Week					
3rd Week					
4th Week					
5th Week					

Students: Please remember to turn this in with your application, which is due by the last business day in April. Thank you.