

Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Collegiate Scholarship 2026

Dear Potential Applicant,

We are pleased to attach an application for the 2026 Licking County 4-H Equine Scholarship Fund. It is the intent of the Council that this scholarship will be presented to a 4-H member who has shown great interest and passion for the equine project area, who has also devoted time to service and leadership activities throughout their time in the program. Established in 2013, this scholarship will be presented each year at the Fall Banquet. During 2026, at least one \$1,000 scholarship will be presented to a deserving recipient, as long as there are qualifying applicants.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Active member of a Licking County 4-H (enrolled in horse project), in the calendar year in which they apply;
- Planning to pursue a degree from a two / four year program at an accredited and degree granting institution;
- Applicant must be a 2026 graduating high school senior who will be enrolled in college classes during fall 2026;
- Participated in the Licking County 4-H Horse program a minimum of three consecutive years, including year of application;
- Must submit two letters of reference (family members excluded). One letter must be submitted by your 4-H Club organizational advisor, the other may come from a local community leader, high school teacher, etc.
- Submit a copy of your most recent high school transcript and copy of college acceptance letter.
- Note: *If circumstances prevent the member from being eligible for 4-H enrollment during their senior year, the situation should be addressed with the Horse & Pony Council in advance of scholarship deadline, during their final year of membership eligibility in the 4-H program.* (3.11.19)

No additional information, beyond that which is listed within this application form, will be considered during selection. Selection will be based upon involvement and participation in 4-H Equine activities and events throughout their time of involvement in the Licking County 4-H Program. Selection will be made by 4-H Professionals from around Ohio. Recipients of the scholarship are no longer eligible to apply.

Once selected, recipient must submit a copy of a paid fees receipt to Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Treasurer (by no later than December 1, 2026), so that a check may be written to the recipient's college / university. Recipient forfeits scholarship if documentation is not presented by stated deadline.

Application must be typed. Please fill it out in its entirety as incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application must be postmarked by no later than Friday, May 22nd.

Completed application should be mailed to:
Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Scholarship
c/o Licking County Extension Office
771 E. Main Street, Suite 103
Newark, OH 43055

**Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council
Collegiate Scholarship
Application Form**

I. Personal Information

Name: _____

Parents/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

County of Residence: _____ DOB: ____/____/____ Age as of 01/01/2026: _____

High School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ / High School GPA: _____ / 4.0 scale

Number of Siblings: _____ How many of them are currently attending college: _____

II. 4-H Information

Name of Current 4-H Club(s): _____

Name of Current Organizational Advisor(s): _____

Past 4-H Clubs: _____

Number of consecutive years in Licking County 4-H: _____ / Years enrolled in Horse Project: _____

Name any and all 4-H Club Offices you have held: _____

List all 4-H County / State / National activities you have attended (i.e. Officer Training School, Ohio Teen Conference, State Leadership Camp, etc.): _____

List all County 4-H Responsibilities & Awards (i.e. Royalty, Camp Counselor, Junior Fair Board Member, etc.):

III. College

Name of College Planning to Attend: _____

Planned Area of Study / Degree: _____

Hours Completed toward Degree (if applicable): _____ / Current GPA (if applicable): _____

Are you planning to reside on campus: Yes / No

IV. Your 4-H Story

Summarize in 500 words or less how you are involved in 4-H, school and community activities and why you feel you are deserving of this scholarship. Please also address the degree of financial need that exists and how you plan to pay for your education. (attach)

I acknowledge that the information contained in this application is true to my knowledge and represents the applicant in a forthright and honest manner. I also acknowledge that the decision of the selection committee is final.

Member: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Organizational Advisor: _____ Date: _____