April 2024

Dear 4-H Member/Student:

Attached you will find the 2024 scholarship application and the related requirements for applying for the Rhode Island 4-H Club Foundation scholarship. **Please** r**ead over the instructions and follow the format carefully.** 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 of June 14th.

Applications must be completed **by typing** your responses into the attached form. The application can be also be downloaded from the Foundation web site: [www.ri4hclubfoundation.org](http://www.ri4hclubfoundation.org)

Answer all the questions completely. If your application is submitted with omissions, such as signatures (an electronic signature is acceptable if you submit by e-mail), transcripts, or letters of recommendation, the application **WILL NOT** be accepted. **The application must be complete**.

Our scholarship funding is awarded primarily on academic achievement and 4-H involvement, but we may also take financial need into consideration. If you wish to include a Current Financial Aid form (FASFA) with your application, you are welcome to do so.

Please be assured that the ONLY individual that will have access to the Financial Aid Form will be the Executive Director of the RI 4-H Club Foundation. The form or your family’s financial status will not be distributed to or shared with members of the Scholarship Committee. The Executive Director alone will review the Financial Aid form and report to the Committee, in very broad terms, whether or not the Committee should take financial need into consideration.

**Due date is Friday, June 14th, 2023. All applications must be postmarked by June 14th or hand-delivered to the State 4-H office (at East Farm) by 5 pm on Friday, June 14th..  Unless someone is in the office that day, the doors will be locked, so it’s best to mail or e-mail your application. There will be no exceptions made or extensions of the deadline.**

We hope you will consider applying and good luck!

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Imondi

Executive Director

**RI 4‑H CLUB FOUNDATION 4‑H SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE (2024)**

**Who is eligible?**

1. Present or former Rhode Island 4‑H members with at least 1 year in 4-H and who now continue to volunteer within the 4-H organization or serve 4-H in some capacity.

 2. Graduating high school seniors, current undergraduate and graduate level students who are:

* Accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or technical school. Undergraduates must be taking at least 12 credits in the Fall 2023 semester, and at least 6 credits for grad students.
* A student in good academic standing who has achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better in the past and continues to achieve at least a 2.5 GPA in the Fall 2023 semester.

3. Eligibility for financial need based funding will be based on financial aid forms (FAFSA). To be considered, applicants MUST submit a FAFSA form with their scholarship application.

**Your application must include:**

1. **4‑H Scholarship Form** – type your responses in the form. The application form is in Microsoft Word format and can be downloaded from [www.ri4hclubfoundation.org](http://www.ri4hclubfoundation.org). **Enclosing your Financial Aid form (FAFSA) will cause us to consider financial need in addition to your academic and 4-H activities.** *Please note: applicants that have applied in past years MUST update their application form to include more recent info and achievements.*
2. **Current Transcripts or copies of transcripts** of high school grades (or post secondary school grades if applicable) must be signed by an appropriate official or sent in an official format. (A current semester GPA of at least 2.5 or a B 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**:
* One from someone knowledgeable about **current** academic performance (Graduate level applicants may submit a professional letter of reference) and one from someone knowledgeable about your 4‑H work, including your current work as a 4-H member and/or volunteer; **previous year’s recommendation letters will not be accepted**.
* Recommendation letters **must be dated** within the last 12 months (anytime after June 14, 2023)
* Recommendations submitted by e-mail will be allowed, but the email must be sent directly to the 4-H Club Foundation (dimondi4@etal.uri.edu) from the writer, rather than forwarded by the applicant.

**Important dates to remember:**

**Now through June 14th.**  Complete your application and obtain transcripts and letters of reference.  **Application, transcripts and letters must all be received by the 4-H office or postmarked by June 14th. Applications and the attachments should be mailed to the Rhode Island 4-H Club Foundation, PO Box 1925, Kingston, RI 02881 or e-mailed to** **dimondi4@etal.uri.edu****.**

**July/August –** Candidates will be contacted and may be asked to schedule an interview, by phone or in person. Award recipients will be notified by mail.

***January 2025****‑* Scholarship recipients are awarded funds after we receive your transcripts showing satisfactory performance in the Fall 2024 term (current semester grade average of C (2.5) or better) and an e-mail or letter from you detailing your recent 4-H and/or community activities. You should have served 4-H, the community or a non-profit organization in some capacity during the previous 12 months (such as helping a 4-H club or at a 4-H event, fundraising for an organization, volunteering for a charity, or helping at a fair). If you are looking for opportunities to volunteer in 4-H, please contact Kristy Horan by calling the 4-H office at 874-2959 or e-mailing her (kstone@uri.edu). You must document how you “gave back” to 4-H or the community in the letter or e-mail to the 4-H office. ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RECEIVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE FALL SEMESTER.

Selection will be based on the applicant's 4‑H record as the highest priority, followed by academic performance, the personal interview, and financial need when applicable*.* The amount of the scholarship and the number of scholarships to be awarded is at the discretion of the Committee and the Board. Amounts will be determined based on 4-H experiences, your application, your grades, the interview, and financial need. Should the student selected for the scholarship fail to meet an academic GPA of 2.5 or better in the semester immediately following the award, or fail to carry out service work with 4-H or the community, the scholarship will be forfeited. If that happens, a student has the option of applying again the following year without prejudice.

**4-H Club Foundation Rhode Island, Inc.**

**2024 Scholarship Application Form**

***This application form must be typed and submitted by June 14th, 2024***

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Age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yrs in 4-H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Legal Guardians name and address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Name of the 4-H Club(s) you belonged to :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information** (Complete all statements that apply)

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Name and Address of College, University, or Institute of Higher Learning you currently attending or plan to attend in the Fall: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Year you expect to graduate:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Current year in college:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

National Testing Scores: SAT: Verbal\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Math\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date tested: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 ACT:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date tested:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Level: National Graduate Testing (type, score, date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home schooled students may submit a one page summary of their portfolio along with scores on SAT (if taken) and any exams taken that show proficiency in high school level subjects.

**Statement by 4-H Member and Parent/Guardian**

Applicant: I personally have prepared this report and certify that it accurately reflects my work.

*(If you plan to submit this form by e-mail, type your name on the line…if you plan to mail or hand-deliver, please sign)*

Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: We have reviewed this report and believe it to be correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(If you are under 18, you must have a parent* ***sign*** *the form and mail/hand-deliver your application. However, if you want to e-mail it, please have your parent sent a separate e-mail to* *dimondi4@etal.uri.edu* *stating they approve your submission.)*

**Rhode Island 4-H Club Foundation, 2024 Scholarship Application**

**Your responses must be typed on this form and can be submitted by mail (RI 4-H Club Foundation, PO Box 1925, Kingston, RI 02881) or e-mailed to** **dimondi4@etal.uri.edu**.  **Please fill in your responses on the following questions:**

**Study Interests:**

1. Why or how did you choose the school you plan to attend?

2. What major do you plan to pursue and your reasons for choosing this plan of study?

3. Did 4-H influence your decision? If so, how?

4. What are your career plans? (25 words or less)

**Experiences in 4-H**

5. 4-H projects and # of years in each:

 Projects Years

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6. 4-H awards:

 Program or Ribbon, Placing or Club, District

 Year Project Award or State Award?

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7. 4-H Offices or Leadership Positions held:

 Club District State Years Held

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8. 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.

9. Explain the skills you have developed through your 4-H experiences.

10. What have you done in the last year to “give back” to 4-H (list volunteer activities and any projects/events you have participated in)?

**Experiences Outside of 4-H**

11. Explain your Citizenship/Leadership experiences outside 4-H (including school)

12. List extracurricular activities in school/college (clubs, band, sports, etc.)

13. List any work experience you have had. (Include type of work, hours/week, dates of job held.)

*Please note: If you intend to include your Financial Aid form with your application, it will be reviewed by the Executive Director of the Foundation BUT WILL NOT be shared with the Scholarship Committee or anyone else.*

*Thank you and good luck*!