Sarasota County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Scholarship Application

The Sarasota County 4-H Foundation awards scholarships each year to current Sarasota County 4-H members who are graduating from high school. The scholarships are awarded in memory of the late George Cross and the late Mabry T. Carlton, Jr.

Applications will be screened by the 4-H Foundation's Scholarship Committee and recipients will be selected by the 4-H Foundation. The scholarships will be presented at the Foundation's annual meeting in May.

Scholarships will be awarded based upon 4-H accomplishments and personal growth while a member of 4-H. The 4-H Foundation awards scholarships for further education at colleges, universities, vocational, and technical schools. The Foundation is proud to support 4-H members in their future endeavors.

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Requirements:

1. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors.

2. Applicants must be current 4-H members with a minimum of three years of 4-H membership. Applicants must have completed a record book each of the three years.

3. Applications must be complete and submitted on or before Friday, April 10, 2026. Completed applications can be sent by email to: aday149@gmail.com.

4. All essays must be typed: Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced.

5. Two (2) letters of recommendation are to be submitted. One letter is to be from a 4-H leader or agent and one letter is to be from an outside source (teacher, coach, mentor etc.). Recommendation letters cannot be from family members.

Please submit your 4-H Scholarship application in this order*:

1. Applicant Information- Part I

2. 4-H Involvement- Part II

3. Typed Essay Response- Part III

4. Two (2) Letters of Recommendations- Part IV

* All portions of the scholarship application must be complete. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION- Part I

Full Name: _____

High School: _____

Telephone: (____)_____ Address: _____

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E-Mail Address: _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Current 4-H Club(s): _____ Number of Years in 4-H: _____

Future Education Plans:

Intended School Type (circle one or more):

Vocational/Technical *2-year college* *4-year college*

Selected Colleges/Educational Institutions: 1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Intended Major or Program: _____

Extracurricular Activities (Non-4-H Based): Describe activities beyond your 4-H involvement (*volunteer service, work experience, school clubs, organizations),* years involved, and leadership positions.

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4-H INVOLVEMENT- Part II

4-H Involvement- Project Areas, Competitions, Demonstrations: List up to four of your most significant 4-H projects throughout your 4-H years. List the years involved, activities related to the project (fair exhibit, demonstrations, workshops), and awards/honors/accomplishments connected to each project.

Project:	Years:
Activity:	
Awards/ Honors:	
Project:	Years:
Activity:	
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4-H INVOLVEMENT- Part II

4-H Leadership Roles: List leadership roles or experiences throughout your 4-H career. Examples: Club President, County Council Officer, District Delegate, 4-H University. List the years, level of participation (L-Local {club}, C-County, D-District, S-State, N-National), and Role, Responsibilities, and/or Accomplishments.

Leadership Role/Experience: Level of Participation:	Year(s):
Role, Responsibilities, and/or Accomplishments:	
Leadership Role/Experience: Level of Participation:	Year(s):
Role, Responsibilities, and/or Accomplishments:	
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Role, Responsibilities, and/or Accomplishments:	
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Role, Responsibilities, and/or Accomplishments:	
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4-H Foundation Fundraisers: List Foundation Fundraisers in which you have participated in (examples- Elephant Ear Booth).

Foundation Fundraiser:	Years:
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4-H INVOLVEMENT- Part II

4-H Citizenship and 4-H Community Service: List your most significant community service activities from your 4-H career. List the years, your role (M-Member of a group, Y-Performed yourself, L-Led the group/service), and the Importance/Impact.

4-H Community Service: Your Role:	Year(s):
Importance/Impact:	
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAY- Part III

Explain and support with details your overall experience in the 4-H program. In composing your essay include the following:

- Major Accomplishments
- Skills Gained
- Leadership Experience
- Community Service

All information should be connected to your years in 4-H. Please limit responses to 500 words. Essays must be typed: Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced.