

4.) Conditions Governing State Scholarships

A scholarship shall be used within one (1) year of the date of the award. In the event the scholarship is not used within the year of limitation, the winner must present in writing to the Assistant Dean for 4-H a request for time extension. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

5.) Procedure for Requesting Scholarship Payment

Payment of scholarship funds is made directly to the accredited college or university or technical/trade school on behalf of the recipient. In the event of special education needs, payment of scholarship awards can be directed to the recipient upon prior approval of the Assistant Dean for 4-H. Under these conditions an IRS Form 1099-MISC will be filed with the Internal Revenue Service and with you for the calendar year in which it is received.

Winner must submit the following to the State 4-H Office:

- College/school name, contact person's name and address
- Enrollment verification
- Copy of thank you letter written to donor
- Social Security Number
- Student ID (if used for registration way at designated higher educational institution)

6.) Listing of Available Scholarships

An updated listing of available 4-H scholarships can be obtained from the 4-H Events website at <http://www.florida4h.org>.

7.) Horseman of the Year Scholarships

One scholarship and two bonds have been donated by the Florida 4-H Horse Program. The awards are:

1. Top 4-H Horseman or Horsewoman will receive a \$500.00 scholarship
2. First runner-up will receive a \$200 savings bond.
3. Second runner-up will receive a \$100 saving bond.

This scholarship may be used for any advanced training at a college, university or approved trade or vocational school. The scholarship awards will be based on the criteria listed on the attached requirement sheet.

The purpose of this scholarship is for the Florida 4-H Horse Program to recognize and promote the total involvement and development of the 4-H Horse Club member in all aspects of the Florida 4-H program. It will not be an award strictly for show activities.

Participation Guidelines

- Applications must be received at the same time the other scholarships are due and follow all other 4-H Scholarship guidelines described in part 1 of this section.
- 4-Hers must have completed at least the junior year of high school and have completed at least two years in the Horse project including current year. Each applicant is limited to two (2) years of participation/eligibility. For graduating senior clarification see Participation Guidelines in part 1 of this section.
- Previous first place winners will be ineligible to compete. First and second runner's up and all other applicants will be able to compete.

Application Process

Each applicant must submit the following information. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

1. An original, completed Florida 4-H Portfolio with up-dated Scholarship cover sheet.
2. A completed 1-2 page 4-H Resume, using the "What Are My Skills?" worksheet (4-HGCR32) and format.
3. A three-page narrative addressing the following:
Pages 1-2: "What Participating in the 4-H Horse Program Has Meant To Me."
Page 3: "Why I Would Like to Have the Scholarship and What I Plan to Do With It"
"Why I Need This Scholarship" (Explain/describe financial need)
4. Current 4-H horse project record book.
5. Outline summary of horse activities outside 4-H (not to exceed one page, i.e., scouts, breed associations, horse organizations).
6. Official High School Transcripts/High School Scholastic Records.
7. - One letter of recommendation from a school counselor, academic advisor, instructor, or employer.
- One letter of recommendation from your County Extension Agent.

All of the above materials should be compiled by the applicant and bound before submission to the State 4-H Office. (The State 4-H Office will not be responsible for inserting late transcripts, recommendations, etc. into an applicant's folder...all materials must be submitted at one time).

Selection

A state review committee will select the top candidates for interviews based on the criteria described. The interview will be conducted at the State 4-H Horse Events. Finalists will be informed of specific time approximately two (2) weeks prior to interviews. The winners will be announced at the awards program following the State 4-H Horse Show.

Selection is based on the following criteria and information provided:

- 30% (a) A completed Florida 4-H Portfolio with up-dated Scholarship cover sheet.
A completed 1-2 page 4-H Resume, using the "What Are My Skills?" worksheet (4-HGCR32) and format.
- 10% (b) Two-page Narrative Statement - "What Participating in the 4-H Horse Program Has Meant To Me."
- 20% (c) Current Horse Project Record book.
- 10% (d) Other Horse Activities Outside 4-H (not to exceed one page, i.e., scouts, breed associations, horse organizations).
- 10% (e) Scholarship Record - High school scholastic information/transcripts; Narrative paragraphs: "Why I Would Like To Have The Scholarship and What I Plan To Do With It"; "Why I Need This Scholarship"
- 20% (f) Interview - (the number to be interviewed will be determined by selection committee.) This interview will be conducted at the State 4-H Horse Events.