

Outagamie County Poultry and Rabbit Scholarship Fund

Overview

This Scholarship fund was created to benefit members enrolled in the Poultry and/or Rabbit projects who pursue a 2 year degree, or more, at an accredited College or Technical School. There are requirements that need to be met to take advantage of this scholarship and all applications are subject to review as well as availability of funds.

Application Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be considered eligible for the scholarship.

1. Applicant must have been an active 4-H member in the Poultry or Rabbit project for at least 5 years. These do not need to be consecutive years, or all in the same project (3 years in Rabbits and 2 different years in Poultry is ok). Each year is only counted once (if you are in both projects in the same year, that is one year).
2. Applicant must have participated in Showmanship for at least one project each year they were in Poultry or Rabbits. Showmanship is preferred in these two projects, but if you participated in another animal showmanship because it was the same day as poultry or rabbits, that may be acceptable.
3. Applicant must be in good standing with the Small Animal Committee, this could include helping out with events, mentoring others, attending meetings and serving on the Small Animals Committee, among other things.
4. Applicants must have applied for the Scholarship while they were an active 4-H member, before graduating from 4-H. If they do this, they can continue to apply after they graduate from 4-H. (Exceptions will be made through 2014 for any past members applying)
5. Applicants must be pursuing at least a 2 year degree at an accredited school. The degree does not need to be related to the project.
6. Requests must be received via email at least 45 days prior to the start of the semester. (Exceptions will be made for 2014)
7. Applications must include a character reference as well as an essay from the applicant. The reference letter can be from any 4-H leader; however, Small Animal Committee members are not able to write these letters. The essay needs to be between 500 and 1000 words and be about what you learned in the project and how it will apply to your future education.
8. The Small Animal Committee has final discretion in the approval process for applications as well as the funds awarded. Members pursuing a degree in Agriculture, Vet Science, or Animal Sciences may receive additional funds if available.

Scholarship Benefits

The scholarship fund is intended to cover the cost of books, tuition, materials, and other miscellaneous costs related to pursuing a degree.

1. Up to \$350 will be awarded to eligible applicants each semester. The final amount for each applicant will be determined by the Small Animal Committee.
 - a. Maximum reimbursement of \$350 is for an outstanding member that is pursuing a degree in Agriculture, Vet Science, or Animal Sciences.
 - b. \$250 is the maximum reimbursement for an outstanding member pursuing a degree in an unrelated field of study.

Application Process

The application process is outlined below. All applications must include all information at the time of submission or they will be considered incomplete. Applications must be submitted via email.

1. Complete the Application form attached.
2. Write and attach the 500 to 1000 word essay.
3. Obtain and attach a character reference from a leader.
4. Submit the completed application form to:

Jeremy Trost

jtrost73@gmail.com

Application Form

Member Name: _____

Poultry Member: _____

Rabbit Member: _____

Membership years: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____

Did you participate in Showmanship all 5 years: Yes ___ No ___

What projects, other than Poultry or Rabbits, did you compete in Showmanship for?

How did you demonstrate to the Committee that you are a member in good standing?

Year you will/did graduate 4-H: _____

Degree you are pursuing: _____

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Student Status: Full Time: _____ Part Time: _____

Semester Start Date: _____

Semester End Date: _____