

2026 4-H Teen Opportunities Awards and Scholarships

Wood County Award and Scholarship Information available on our website at:

<https://wood.osu.edu/node/279>

State Achievement Awards - Deadline to apply January 9

4-H Achievement Awards are based on a 4-H member's achievement in a specific area, and applicants must be 14-18 as of 1/1/26. These awards recognize a 4-H member's achievement in a specific area. Areas include Beef, Camping, Citizenship & Community Service, Clothing & Textiles, Communications, Companion Animals, Creative Arts, Dairy, Family Life & Child Development, Foods & Nutrition, Gardening & Horticulture, Goat, Healthy Living, Horse, Leadership, Llamas & Alpacas, Mechanical Engineering, Natural Resources, Personal Development, Photography, Poultry, Rabbits, Safety, Sheep, Shooting Sports, STEM, Swine, Veterinary Science, Workforce Development, and Woodworking.

Each achievement award winner will represent Ohio on an expense paid trip to National 4-H Congress that is held in Atlanta, Georgia in November 2026 for ~5 days following Thanksgiving.

<https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>

4-H College Scholarship Information - Deadline to apply February 15

Several College Scholarships are available beginning December 1st to 4-H members who will be a freshman at Ohio State University or Ohio's many technical Colleges or Universities next year through the Ohio State University College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences. 4-H members who are currently seniors in high school or above should apply (Collegiate Level Scholarships are available). For the online applications go to: <https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/awards-scholarships/ohio-4-h-scholarships>

Ohio Teen Leadership Council (TLC) - Deadline to apply August 7

TLC is a statewide group of 4-H teens (age 14-18 as of 1/1/26) and young 4-H alumni that provides a youth stakeholder perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Ohio 4-H programming. As a result of participation, Council members develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and aspirations needed for adult success, and the Ohio 4-H program is strengthened and expanded. Applications are due in early August and the term runs from September 1-August 31 each year. For information on how to apply for the Ohio Teen Leadership Council visit: <https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/teen-leadership-council>



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4-H Camp Scholarship – Deadline to apply March 15

4-H Camp Scholarships for participation at Wood County 4-H Camp Palmer (held in June each summer) are made possible by generous community donors. Camp scholarships are for Wood County 4-H members in third-eighth grade. The scholarship may be applied for on an annual basis, are given to first time and repeat campers, multiple campers in a household, and are \$125 in value. The total number of scholarships that are awarded each year are dependent on donor gifts and milkshake barn sales. To learn more about Wood County 4-H Camp visit and find the 4-H Camp Scholarship forms visit: <https://wood.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/everything-camp>.

4-H Honor Court - Deadline to apply June 15

The Wood County 4-H Committee will again sponsor a scholarship program to recognize outstanding achievement of 4-H members aged 16 and older. This program will honor eight individuals, the top two 4-Hers will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and the remaining six individuals will each be awarded a \$750 scholarship. This 4-H Honor Court will be recognized throughout the year at county 4-H events. In-person interviews are scheduled for July 7, 2026. If you are interested in this program, an application form can be found on the website:

For Honor Court Information and application Visit: <https://wood.osu.edu/node/279>

Sewing Machine Scholarship – Deadline to apply September 1

Annually, funds raised from the sale of milkshakes and Bake-Off donations contribute to the purchase of a brand-new sewing machine to support the growth of a deserving Wood County 4-H member. Sewing continues to be a skill members carry with them for a lifetime and recognizing the importance of this project area has been a key focus for many years. All applicants must be active 4-H members and enrolled in a sewing construction (clothing or quilting) project. A separate application is available on our website at:

<https://wood.osu.edu/node/274>

