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KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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## ELIGIBILITY

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will award two scholarships to Kentucky 4-H Horse Program participants that are high school seniors and college students, seeking post-secondary education (i.e. technical, vocational, junior college) for the current year. Scholarships may be applied toward tuition, housing, books and other educational expenses. Payments will be made directly to the recipient. A \$500 award **will be mailed directly to the recipient**. The scholarship winners will be announced at the State 4-H Horse Show opening ceremony on Saturday June 28, 2025.

***To be eligible, applicant should:***

- have a minimum 3.0 cumulative **high school** GPA **or** a minimum 2.5 cumulative **college** GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- have participated in a state horse show or qualifying event for state show. The scholarship committee will consider the applicant's last year of participation.
- submit two letters of recommendation (Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture employees are prohibited)
- must be entering their senior year of high school or entering/enrolled in post-secondary education.

***Those not eligible are the children of:***

- Kentucky Department of Agriculture Employees

## RULES

- Recipient may enter any accredited college, but must pursue a two-year minimum course of study.
- Recipient must enter college or post-secondary education within the first full year upon graduating high school.
- A transcript (high school or post-secondary education) is required with application submission.
- A recent photo of recipient
- All application materials **must be postmarked by Friday May 30, 2025, hand-delivered or emailed to Lashley.Stith@ky.gov** by this date to the address below. Mail the completed application and supporting materials to:

***Kentucky Department of Agriculture,  
Shows & Fairs Division,  
Attn: Lashley Stith  
111 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601***

The scholarship committee will make the final determination on all cases concerning the interpretation of these rules. All applications become the property of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Shows & Fairs Division, and will not be returned.

***Please note:***

Recipients of this scholarship can re-apply for the scholarship every other year.  
*Example- If received scholarship in 2023; you are eligible to apply again in 2025.*

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
*City State Zip Code*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT INFORMATION

College : \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you pursuing a four-year degree? YES  NO  Career Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of Course Work (Check One):  
Advanced  Honors  Basic  Other

GPA\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank/Class Size \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Unweighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale. Give to the nearest one-hundredth. **Do not round off.**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING

- A high school or college transcript
- Letters of recommendation describing characteristics such as leadership, citizenship and maturity. Two are required; one from a school official (e.g. teacher, counselor, principal) and one from a non-relative (KDA employees are prohibited)
  - An essay, in 500 words or less, answering the question:  
***"How has the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program impacted my life?"***

### Community Service/Volunteer Work Participation

<i>List Community Service and/or Volunteer Work (list at least 2 for maximum points)</i>	<i>Year(s) Participated</i>	<i>Description of Community Service/Volunteer Work</i>

### Extracurricular Activity Participation

<i>List Extracurricular Activities (list at least 2 for maximum points)</i>	<i>Year(s) Participated</i>	<i>Description of Extracurricular Activity, Awards/Honors received, positions held, etc.</i>

## SCORING GUIDE

Note: 100 POINTS POSSIBLE

Item	Points Possible	
<b>Essay</b>	<u>50</u>	
• Content	25	
• Grammar	10	
• Spelling	10	
• Format	5	
<b>Community Service/Volunteer Work</b>	<u>10</u>	
• Two opportunities	5 (x2)	
<b>Extracurricular Activities</b>	<u>10</u>	
• Two activities	5 (x2)	
<b>GPA</b>	<u>15</u>	
• 4.0	15	
• 3.8-3.9	14	
• 3.6-3.7	13	
• 3.4-3.5	12	
• 3.2-3.3	11	
• 3.0-3.1	9	
• <2.9	7	
<b>Letters of Recommendation</b>	<u>10</u>	
• Source of letter	2.5 (x2)	
• Content of letter	2.5 (x2)	
<b>ACT/SAT Score</b>	<u>5</u>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>ACT</b>		
• 2040-2400	32-36	5
• 1920-2039	27-31	4
• 1800-1919	22-26	3
• 1680-1799	18-21	2
• <1680	<17	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 pts</b>	