Somerset County 4-H Mechanical Sciences Scholarship Application

Selected scholarship recipients will receive *a one-time grant of $1000.00* provided that you have been accepted for a regular course of study or are currently a student attending a college, technical vocational, or trade school. Somerset County 4-H Members in 12th and 13th grades are eligible. This scholarship is sponsored by Emmett Henderson, one of the co-founding leaders of the 4-H Go-Kart Club. You should apply for this scholarship is you are interested in any trade that allows you to be “hands-on”. Examples could be, but not limited to: plumbing, HVAC, electrical, pipefitter, auto / diesel mechanics, airplane mechanics, carpentry, etc. In addition, anyone pursuing a college degree in engineering, or teaching – if you are planning to teach something such as wood shop, metal shop, or auto mechanics.

**Requirements:**

* Be a graduating high school senior or 13th-grade student;
* Is a current member in good standing with a Somerset County 4-H Club.
* A letter (1) of recommendation from an adult currently active in the Somerset County 4-H Programwill need to be submitted to the 4-H office by the due date.
* Currently registered on 4Honline
* Has not previously received the Somerset County 4-H Mechanical Sciences Scholarship

**Criteria:**

* Must be learning a trade involving mechanical sciences
* 4-H Participation and Achievement
* Demonstrated Leadership;
* Contribution to the 4-H Program
* Demonstrated Personal Growth and Character Development

*This application and a letter of recommendation from an adult currently active in the Somerset County 4-H Program* **must be returned to the 4-H Office by April 1, 2024. Letters of recommendation must be sent to the office directly and NOT accompany the application.**Applications may be mailed or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope to the office or emailed to [***SC4hscholarship@gmail.com***](mailto:SC4hscholarship@gmail.com)***.*** *We may want to contact your reference and present/past leaders. Please have your references include their address and phone number.* ***This application must be submitted typed or the applicant will be disqualified. Any incomplete application submissions will result in disqualification. Please do NOT attach resumes.***

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**Personal Information**

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| **Names of Parents/Guardians:** | | | |  | | | | | | |
| **Name of High School and Graduation Date:** | | | | | | |  | | | |
| **By signing this application, you are certifying the accuracy of all information enclosed.** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Your signature:** | | |  | | | | | | | |
| **Parents/Guardian’s Signature:** | | | | |  | | | | | |
| **Club Leaders Signature** *(required***)\*\*:** | | | | | |  | | | | |

\* Applicant: if your parent is also a leader of your club, you must receive a signature from another leader of the club vouching for the validity of this application.

\*\* Email validations from leaders will be accepted on behalf of the applicant.

**Name and address of the Vocational, Technical or College Institution which you will be or are attending \*:**

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\*(if school / program is not determined as of yet, please indicate the two leading choices)

**4-H Club Participation:** Total number of years in 4-H .

List each club individually, including 4-H Prep. Please include the club’s name, number of years in the club, project area, offices held, club leader name and phone number using the following column format:  
***Fields will expand as you type***

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| **Club Name** | **Years**  **in Club** | **Years Active in Club** | **Project Area** | **Offices Held/**  **Committees Chaired** | **Club Leader’s Name(s)** |
| ***Ex: Wags N’ Whiskers*** | ***6*** | ***2008-2014*** | ***Dog*** | ***Fundraising Committee Chair***  ***President*** | ***Susan Blythe – (908) 526-6644*** |
| ***Ex: Senior Council*** | ***2*** | ***2015-Present*** | ***Service*** | ***Community Service Committee*** | ***Jared Landon – (908) 526-6644***  ***Sara Landon – (908) 526-6644*** |
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**DISCLAIMER:** The committee recognizes your 4-H experience has been significantly affected since March 2020. The pandemic presents unique challenges to your participation. Please enter your recent information with the same thoroughness, detail, and clarity as you do your 4-H history.

**4-H Achievements**: ***Spaces will expand as you type, and please use as much space as you need to fully answer each question.***

1. **Leadership Roles:** Within the prior section, you identified leadership positions and/or club committee(s) you were engaged in. Please provide a brief description of the committees on which you served, and activities planned and delivered to the 4-H Program and outside community.

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| Club (*note: you can have more than one example per club)* | Leadership Role(s) & Committee(s) | Year(s) involved in leadership role / committee | Explanation of leadership role while involved with a committee (activities planned & delivered) |
| ***Ex.: Senior Council*** | ***Leaf Raking Committee Chair*** | ***2014 & 2015*** | * ***Within this leadership role, I was responsible to be in communication with the families of the yards the club raked.*** * ***I confirmed times and sign-up / follow-through of fellow club members.*** * ***I reported back to the club as well as the Association regarding the success of the initiative.*** |
| ***Ex: Alpaca Club*** | ***Zoom Coordinator*** | ***2020*** | * ***Created and sent the link for each club meeting*** * ***Took attendance for the meeting*** |
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1. **4-H Mentoring:** Describe ways in which you have coached others within the 4-H program.

*Mentorship:* is a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person. Mentoring can also include experiences related to opportunities to “step up” to challenges and/or initiatives as well as nurture the abilities/goals of another member(s).

1. **4-H Community Service:** Describe the activities in which you participated and any specific responsibilities you had for the activity. *Examples include events that benefited the well-being of another individual, group, population, or environment. [Road clean ups, Cards for Veterans, Operation Shoebox, Leaf Raking / Clean-Up, Clothing Drives, etc.]*
2. **4-H County Participation:** Describe the activities in which you participated, any specific responsibilities you had related to it, and the number of years you were involved. *There are many examples of county participation. Please review the provided list of examples and utilize these within your answer. Please include any additional examples that may not be listed.*

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| Wreath Sales  Yearbook Ad Sales  BIG Rummage Sale  BIG Tricky Tray Sale | Science-sational Day  County Public Presentations  Prep New Year  Winter Camp  Family Camp | Fair Responsibilities:   * Setup (in tent & throughout fairground) * Tent / Project Responsibilities * Herdsman |

1. **4-H State and National Involvement:** List the activities in which you participated, any specific responsibilities you had related to it, and the number of years you were involved. *Many project areas include state and/or national events. Please include these examples, if applicable, in the “other” categories.*

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| **Event** | **Year(s) Applied** | **Year Accepted & Attended** | **Accepted 2020, Unable to Attend (COVID)** | **Responsibilities (IE: Committee(s), Action Plan(s), Leadership Roles** |
| State Public Presentations |  |  |  |  |
| North Jersey Teen Conference (NJTC) |  |  |  |  |
| Leadership Washington Conference (LWF) |  |  |  |  |
| Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) |  |  |  |  |
| National 4-H Congress |  |  |  |  |
| National 4-H Conference |  |  |  |  |
| Other: |  |  |  |  |
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1. **4-H Influence:** Please describe how 4-H has influenced your decision in selecting a college, major, or career choice.
2. **COVID:** Explain how were you able to adapt your 4-H involvement during COVID if applicable.
3. **Activities Beyond 4-H:** List activities and interests beyond 4-H (such as school, community, athletics, work, hobbies, music, etc.) in which you have participated. Focus on any leadership or special honors you have received in these activities. *Do not submit resumes.*

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**Essay:** Please write an essay of 200 - 300 words that describes a memorable 4-H experience and how it has helped to **shape your character.**

*If you are chosen as a scholarship recipient, the scholarship will go directly to the college/trade school. That financial information must be completed and submitted to the 4-H Association by September 1.*

***Please review your application to make sure it is complete.***

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