# The Maureen McHale Memorial Scholarship

**About:** This scholarship is for Somerset County 4-H members who are seniors in high school with plans to attend a 4-year college or university following graduation, pursuing any field of study. The scholarship recognizes 4-H members who have made outstanding contributions to their 4-H clubs and community and have demonstrated exceptional involvement in 4-H activities related to service, leadership, and teamwork. **One applicant will be selected to receive a total grant of $5,000, with $2,500 awarded in each of their first two years of college or university study.**

Maureen McHale lived in Hillsborough, New Jersey for 17 years with her husband Jim, son Andrew, and daughter Kate. She and Kate joined the 4-H Woof Dog Club in 2013 with plans to train their newly rescued dog. They remained heavily involved in Somerset County 4-H for eight years and found great joy in their time spent together at 4-H events. Maureen served as an adult leader of the Woof Dog Club and was an active 4-H parent outside of her leadership role. This scholarship was started by her family after her passing in 2021 to memorialize her contribution to Somerset County 4-H, and to recognize outstanding members who exemplify the same passion for leadership and service that Maureen brought to her community.

**Criteria and Requirements:**

* Applicants must be a member in good standing in a 4-H club
* Applicants must be a senior in high school at the time of application
* Applicants must have plans to attend a 4-year college or university in the coming fall
* Applicants must demonstrate a history of involvement in leadership, service, and 4-H

**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******.*** *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.***

# Applicant Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Institution you plan to attend and address:** *If undecided, list top 3 choices.*

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**By submitting this application and signing below, I agree that all information submitted is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.**

4-H Member/Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Application

**Years in 4-H:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H Club Membership:** Please list 4-H clubs you have been a member of. Note significant leadership positions for each club.

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| **Years** | **Club Name** | **Positions** |
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**Leadership:**

Please list significant leadership opportunities you have been involved in through 4-H. Describe your role and responsibilities, as well as any significant achievements from your time in these roles.

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**Service:** List significant 4-H affiliated involvement in community service activities. Briefly describe the project and your role.

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Please briefly elaborate upon which of the above activities was the most meaningful to you.

What did this service opportunity mean to you, and how did it impact your community? (100 Words)

**Local Involvement:** Please list other significant events, projects, trips, programs, or opportunities that you have participated in through 4-H. Briefly describe each activity. Activities may include involvement in 4-H outside of one’s club, such as TOPS Camp, presentations, county-wide committees or projects, Tricky Tray, etc.

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**State and National Involvement**: Please list any state or national 4-H involvement. This may include national trips and summits, Winter Camp, NJTC, project shows, etc.

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**Written Response: (500-600 Words)**

Write about the most significant project, committee, or team you worked on during your time in 4-H. This could include planning a show, state/national event planning, or other significant projects you led or participated in as a 4-H member. What made this project so important to you, and how did your role and contributions influence the success of this project? Did your actions have a greater impact on a 4-H club or community?