

GEORGIA 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PLANNER SHEET

Who is eligible to apply?

Current 4-H'ers who are high school seniors who will be enrolled in college the Fall of 2009. Or, a former, active 4-H'er who is a current college student enrolled as a Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior. Participation in Collegiate 4-H where applicable is desired.



Parts of the Scholarship Application

Personal Statement

Be Creative. Be Specific. It's a narrative of your accomplishments that you'd like to elaborate further from the questions on the other parts of the Scholarship Application. Limit to one page only & it should be typed, 12 pt. font, double spaced. No "shingling" and layering on other things like photographs. Do not back your paper with cardstock to create a layered effect. Remember, the judges read lots of these. Be unique, but be YOU!

Transcript

High school seniors must include official high school transcript. College students must include only official college transcripts (no high school). All must be **official** institution transcripts.

Letter from 4-H Agent

You'll need to ask your 4-H Agent to write a letter of recommendation. Ask your agent in plenty of time before the deadline so that he/she may have time to prepare a letter for you. If your county does not have a 4-H Agent, ask your County Extension Coordinator to write a letter for you. This letter should be no more than one page in length.

In General

Distinguish yourself. Remember that over the past four years, over 175 4-H'ers have held the title as district and/or state board officers -- hundreds more, county officers. List those achievements, but try to capture what sets you apart from the other applicants. What contributions of leadership and citizenship have you made to 4-H? Don't make a stretch of something that wasn't big in the first place. Just give yourself credit for the work and accomplishments you've achieved. Your application is cumulative. Consider your entire 4-H Career, not just the past year.

Important: If using Word or Word Perfect to type in your information, the application must remain 4 pages in length and the exact spacing as in the Adobe Acrobat document. If in question, look at the layout on the web.

Learning to communicate your accomplishments for this 4-H application will help you when filling out future applications for other scholarships, awards, and jobs once you've graduated from high school.

And, you thought you were just filling out an application – you're also developing Life Skills --

**Planning and Organizing
Character -- by demonstrating responsibility**

Complete and turn in application early, so that it will be in the State 4-H Office no later than March 2, 2009.

It's your application! Be responsible for getting your application completed and turned in on time!

Suggested Plan to help complete your application:

December / January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Print a hard copy of the application
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Review the list of things to include in your application
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Begin working on your application – look at past portfolios, teen leader entries, etc. for ideas.
Mid- January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ask your 4-H Agent to write your letter of recommendation; at the same time, ❖ Give the 4-H Agent a draft of your application so that he/she may offer some suggestions on how to make your application better. Perhaps you've missed something big or need to explain something further. *Ask a 2nd adult to review your application & ask questions if something is unclear. ❖ Develop your personal statement ❖ Ask School Counselor or Registrar's office for an official transcript. If they want to send it directly to the State 4-H Office, give them the following address: Georgia 4-H Scholarship Committee, c/o Emily Schattler, 325 Hoke Smith Annex, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. ❖ Don't forget, if you are interested in being eligible for scholarships that consider your financial need, you need to complete the Statement of Financial Need (Page 4 of application). Develop it this month, too.
By February 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Make any final revisions to scholarship application

By February 20

- ❖ Take final copy of application, personal statement, statement of financial need, and transcript to your County 4-H Office.
- ❖ Ask your 4-H Agent to add his/her letter of recommendation and send your application to the State 4-H Office.

You've done a great job preparing your scholarship application. Keep a copy of your application. It may help you when you begin to apply for other scholarships, awards, or other opportunities that come your way!

Best of luck in your quest to achieve your dream of a College Education! Enjoy the Journey!