

Belmont County 4-H Council Scholarship

Due date: April 10, 2023 by 4:30 p.m.

Statement of Purpose

The Belmont County 4-H Council will be sponsoring no more than five (5) \$1000 scholarships each year to selected candidate(s). Students may major in any field of study which leads to a post-high school degree. These scholarships will be available to be awarded annually if suitable applications are received.

Eligibility of Applicants

1. Must currently be a member of a Belmont County 4-H club.
2. Must have been enrolled and completed a minimum of three (3) years as a 4-H member in Belmont County.
3. Any current member of Belmont County 4-H can be eligible for this scholarship.
4. May only receive this scholarship once.
5. Students must have received or be on target to receive a high school diploma or equivalent (does include home-schooled education) by June 30, 2023.

Application Procedure – Must complete all elements to be considered.

1. Must include official copy of current high school transcript.
2. Applicants must plan to enroll or be enrolled in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school in the United States for the entire 2023-2024 academic year.
3. Must attach a minimum of one (1) letter of acceptance from a college you have applied to for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Must include a current photograph with this application.
5. Must secure two (2) completed Letters of Recommendation. One (1) must be from a person qualified to evaluate your academic performance (such as an instructor.) One (1) must be from an employer, co-worker or advisor. Recommendations from a parent will not be considered. Return recommendations by April 10th to: Belmont County 4-H Council Scholarship, C/O OSU Extension – Belmont County, 101 North Market St., Suite A, St. Clairsville, OH 43950.
6. Must attach a one (1) page typed essay describing both how 4-H has prepared you for adult life and why you believe you are a deserving recipient of the Belmont County 4-H Scholarship. The essay must be written by the applicant.
7. Applications must be mailed or turned in to: OSU Extension, Belmont County 101 N. Market St., Suite A, St. Clairsville, OH 43950 by April 10th by 4:30 p.m.
8. Interview will be conducted with a slate of judges on April 17, 2023 at the Extension Office. You will be notified to select a time.

Scholarship Payment and Time Limitations

Following completion of a minimum of one (1) semester and maximum of two (2) semesters, the recipient will be required to submit a copy of their transcript from the academic institution to the Belmont County Extension office.

The recipient must have maintained a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or above to receive scholarship payment. The check will be issued after successful completion of the semester.

Also, recipients of the scholarship must have completed the 2023 4-H year in order to receive their award. Each scholarship recipient **MUST** complete their 4-H project, they **MUST** have their project judged, and they **MUST** exhibit their project at the Belmont County Fair in the year they submitted their scholarship application.

Interviews and Selection Committee

The slate of judges will be secured by the Belmont County Extension office.

4-H Involvement beyond the Belmont County Level	Years Involved

Briefly explain a successful experience relating to your 4-H career.

School Activities

Organization	Level of Involvement	Years Involved

Community Activities

Organization/Activity	Level of Involvement	Years Involved

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Belmont County 4-H Council Scholarship

Applicant Name _____

To the applicant:

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To the reference person:

The above person is applying for a scholarship sponsored by the Belmont County 4-H Council. Please give us your frank opinion of the applicant's qualifications to complete a course or curriculum at an accredited post-high school institution of higher education (university, technical school). All information given will be treated as confidentially as the law permits. Thank you.

Reference Signature, Title

Date

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