

Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association's  
**4-H Equine Educational Scholarship**

*Please return completed application and all required documents by July 15<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m. to:  
Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association, 1737 Hillandale Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49022*

This scholarship was created to encourage active participation in the Berrien County 4-H Equine Project. Horse ownership and/or an equine-related Major/Minor are not a requirement for eligibility. Applications will only be accepted if the following requirements are met:

- Applicant must be a high school graduate and have been a member of the Berrien County 4-H Horse and Pony project for a minimum of two years.
- The applicant will have successfully completed at least their first year of post-secondary education. (Examples: University, College, Trade-School, Certificate programs, etc.)
- Applicant may apply and be awarded the scholarship up to 3 times provided they have not reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by January 1 of the application year. The scholarship will not apply for graduate school.
- Applicants may type answers to the application questions separately, however, the order and format of the questions must be maintained. If typing answers, the applicant's name must appear on the upper left-hand corner of each page. Use 12 pt. font, double spaced with 1" margins.
- **A one to two-page essay** around the theme: "How has the 4-H Horse & Pony Project impacted your future goals?" Essay to be printed in 12 pt. font, double spaced with 1" margins. Applicant's name must be in the upper left corner. No handwritten essays will be accepted.
- **Official Post-secondary transcript including grade report is required.** A minimum of a 2.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale is required for eligibility. If hand delivering transcripts, it must be received sealed with corresponding application. Transcripts may be mailed from higher learning institutions directly to the Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association. All transcripts must be received by the application deadline.
- **Two letters of recommendation are required:**
  - One must be from either a current or past 4-H Leader in the Berrien County 4-H Horse & Pony Project area.
  - The other letter may be from a current or past instructor, employer, or a non-family character reference.

**Rubric for Scholarship** (Total of 100 points possible)

- 1) ***Post-Secondary Education GPA:*** minimum of 2.7 required. Up to 5 points \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) ***Number of Years in the 4-H Horse & Pony Project:*** Applicant must have completed a minimum of two (2) years in the Berrien County 4-H Horse and Pony Project area. Up to 5 points \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) ***4-H Equine Activities and Accomplishment:*** Applicant must have completed a minimum of one (1) equine educational area of interest. Areas to be considered: Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Science Notebook, Public Speaking and Horse Bowl. Other animal educational areas will be considered if a portion is on equine, i.e., Veterinary Science. Up to 30 points \_\_\_\_
- 4) ***4-H Leadership and Volunteerism:*** Consideration for applicants: 4-H Leadership opportunities such as Teen Leader role, Chair positions, Committees served on, and Officer Roles. Additional participation in other educational areas of 4-H, such as 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus, 4-H Capitol Experience, etc. Up to 20 points \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ***Essay:*** Essay will be scored on content, grammar, spelling, and format. Up to 25 points \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) ***Other:*** Letters of Recommendation, Extracurricular Activities, etc. Up to 15 points \_\_\_\_\_

Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association  
**4-H Equine Educational Activity Scholarship - Application**

**Application Deadline: July 15 by 5:00 p.m. of each year**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First                                    Middle                                    Last

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Street                    Apt. No.                    City                    State & Zip

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

High School(s) attended (include Transcript): \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Post-secondary Education Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_  Undeclared

*If you attended another institution of post-secondary education, list below (attach transcript)*

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Institution	Years attended	Grade Point Average
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**Letters of Recommendation:**

*One must be from either a current or past 4-H Leader in the Berrien County 4-H Horse & Pony Project. The other letter from a current or past Instructor, employer, or non-family character reference.*

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***Attach copies of your post-secondary admission acceptance letter, high school transcripts and post-secondary transcripts. Applications missing materials will not be accepted.***

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**Name of 4-H Clubs related to the Horse & Pony project in which you were a member:**

Applicant must have completed a minimum of two (2) years in the Berrien County 4-H Horse and Pony Project area.

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Club	Years of Membership
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**4-H Equine Activities and Accomplishments:** List the Area (Horse Judging, Hippology, etc.), and Year(s) of participation. Use additional page(s) if needed.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Year Participated</u>	<u>Result</u>
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**4-H Leadership/Volunteerism:** List along with year any Teen Leader, Officer Positions, Committees, Chairs, etc. Use additional page(s) if needed.

**Extracurricular Activities:** List clubs, groups, community service/volunteerism projects, etc. Use additional page(s) if needed.

*I hereby attest that all the information provided is true and accurate.*

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of applicant*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of parent or guardian if applicant is a minor*