

The Gordon and Viola Bierlein 4-H Scholarship

Description: This scholarship was started by the Bierlein family in honor of Gordon and Viola Bierlein, who have made a major impact in the Tuscola County 4-H community throughout their lives. Gordon and Viola were both honored for 58 years of service to 4-H in 2012. Family, education and 4-H were important to Gordon prior to his death in 2013 and Viola prior to her death in 2015. Throughout their 62 years of marriage, Gordon and Viola passed on those values to their four children and eleven grandchildren. Gordon and Viola grew up on farms, had a farm together and feel strongly about the cornerstone values 4-H instills.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1. Application deadline is June 26th, 2026, and the recipient will be awarded \$1,000.**
2. Applicants must be at least a high school senior and within the 4-H age requirements and currently be enrolled in Tuscola County 4-H.
3. Applicants must meet the minimum academic achievement required for unconditional acceptance (not Probationary) into the school which they will be attending.
4. Applicants need to have completed at least 4 years of 4-H experience.
- 5. The scholarship will be awarded by Friday, July 26, 2026, before 4-H Livestock Auction begins unless determined otherwise.**
6. Applicants do not have to be furthering their education in agriculture to be eligible to apply.

Please included the following with the application:

1. Two letters of recommendation from two adults but not including family members.
2. Resume; including school and work experience and achievements, G.P.A., volunteer work, etc.
3. One essay: How has being in 4-H impacted your life? How will the things you learned in 4-H help you with your further education?
4. Applicants need to include their official high school transcript and/or a copy of their letter of college/trade school acceptance.

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Full Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____ Phone (____) _____

Current Tuscola County 4-H member: Yes ___ No ___ Total years in 4-H: _____

High School currently attending or graduated from: _____

School you plan on attending post graduation or currently attending: _____

Field of study in which you plan to major: _____

List the 4-H projects you have participated in and the years for each.

List any 4-H achievements and awards you have received while being enrolled in 4-H

County Level	State/National Level

The application and attachments will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 26th, 2026, to the Tuscola County 4-H Extension Office. Applications can be mailed to or dropped off at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office located at 362 Green Street, Caro, MI 48723.

Finalists will be notified shortly after the deadline.

The scholarship will also be fully voided if the recipient drops out of school for which the semester the scholarship was awarded.

Signature of Applicant

Date