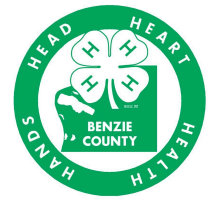


Melinda Klockziem Memorial Scholarship
Senior Scholarship for \$300
Application Due: April 30



The Melinda Klockziem Memorial Scholarship is an annual competitive scholarship awarded to a **High School Senior** who is a 4-H or FFA member, whose grade point average is greater than a 2.5 and who qualifies for financial aid and has been accepted by a college or trade school in an agriculture-related field. Preference will be given to students from Benzie County or surrounding counties.

Applicants will submit a letter of application to Benzie County 4-H Youth Development. The letter of application must include:

- a. Three (3) references.
- b. Letter of Acceptance from the college or trade school considering attending.
- c. Reasons why the applicant feels consideration for the scholarship is warranted and be written in the student's own words.
- d. The students' involvement with 4-H, FFA, and community service will be a significant factor in awarding the scholarship so attention to content and presentation will be very important.

Remit Applications to: **4-H Program Coordinator, MSU Extension Office, 448 Court Pl, Beulah, MI 49617** by April 30.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Final GPA: _____

Name of School (or indicate if homeschooled): _____

Name of Club(s)/FFA Chapter: _____

Number of Years in 4-H and/or FFA: _____ County of Participation: _____

Executive Positions Held in 4-H and/or FFA and Year(s) Held (If needed, attach additional pages):

4-H and/or FFA Awards, honors, or special recognition and year of honor (if needed, attach additional pages):

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Letter of Application Points to Consider

Please consider the following items and address those that are relevant to your 4-H and/or FFA experience. Please format your letter of application as a typed, narrative letter describing your program experiences and how this scholarship will support your future academic or vocational plans.

Letter of Application Reflection Prompts

- Describe your future plans and goals.
- What are three strengths that you possess and three challenges you have had to overcome. How has 4-H and/or FFA helped you to improve upon your strengths and work on the challenges that you have faced?
- What District, Regional, State, or National 4-H and/or FFA programs have you attended? Share your learning experiences at each.
- What are two meaningful things you did in 4-H and/or FFA that helped you become the person you are today or directly impacted your academic or vocational goals/path?
- Describe your service to your community outside of 4-H and/or FFA.
- How will this scholarship help you reach your goals?
- Describe your financial need.

Qualifications to Apply:

1. Must graduate in the current year of the scholarship award.
2. Must be a current Michigan 4-H or FFA member.*
3. Must have a grade point average greater than a 2.5, qualify for financial aid, and have a genuine need for financial assistance.
4. Applicants must have been accepted by a college or trade school in an agriculture-related field.
5. A letter of application, including three (3) references, a copy of Letter of Acceptance from the college(s) or trade school(s) considered for attendance, submitted to Benzie County 4-H Youth Development by April 30.
6. One \$300 scholarship will be awarded per year, until the fund is depleted (unless additional donations are made to continue to the fund).
7. Scholarship will be awarded based on the completion of the narrative application only, the impact 4-H has made on the youth's life, and the demonstration of financial need.

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To be first awarded in 2025.