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Re: 4-H Senior Scholarships

Dear seniors,

The Ogemaw County 4-H Senior Scholarship Application is now available, and the deadline to apply is Friday, **March 13, 2026 by 4:00pm.**



If you have been an active 4-H member for at least 3 years and are interested in attending college, a university or trade school, please consider taking advantage of this scholarship opportunity offered by the Ogemaw 4-H Council! The application form should be completed and either mailed to the provided address, or scanned and emailed to us by 4pm on the date of the deadline. Be sure to leave time to obtain the required recommendations!

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Ogemaw County 4-H

The 4-H Council will be awarding the scholarships. These awards will be paid directly to the college/university to be used to assist in educational expenses. The scholarship committee will be conducting personal interviews after the application deadline, so please be on the look out for a letter and email with your scheduled interview date and time.

If you have any questions, please contact us at MSUE.Ogemaw@msu.edu or steph544@msu.edu or call 989-345-0692.

Sincerely,

Ogemaw County 4-H

Included in this packet:

- Application Packet
- Scholarship Interview Tips & Tricks

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Personal Information

Address: _____

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Did you hold an office in any of the above listed clubs? (Please include club and years in each office, put N/A if you did not participate in clubs)

List any awards or certifications you received during your participation in 4-H.

What is your most important accomplishment in 4-H? Describe.



How has 4-H contributed to your growth and development as a person? Explain.

High School Career

School(s) Attended:

Dates Attended:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

List any extra-curricular or community activities you have participated in not affiliated with 4-H?



Work Experience

<i>Date Started</i>	<i>Date Ended</i>	<i>Business/Address</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Job Description</i>

if more than three, list three most recent

Institution Information

List the colleges/trade schools/institutions applied/accepted at:

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What will be your program of study? (Please describe)

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Has 4-H contributed to your chosen field of study? If so, how?

Do you have any additional comments for the scholarship selection committee?



Acknowledgement

1. I understand that I must have been active at least three years in 4-H before I am eligible to complete this application.
2. I understand that this application is only part of the 4-H Senior Scholarship selection process. I will select two unrelated adults (i.e. teacher, counselor, 4-H leader, etc.) to complete the recommendation forms and have them send recommendations directly to the address on the form by **4:00 pm, March 13, 2026.**
3. I AGREE TO a **personal interview** on a date set by the scholarship committee.
4. If I am a scholarship recipient, I acknowledge that the scholarship must be used within 2 years of completing high school.
5. I understand that if I am the recipient of this scholarship, I must provide proof of enrollment to the Ogemaw County 4-H Council with my student number and the address of the institution I am attending to send the payment to.
6. I also agree that I must return the full amount of the 4-H scholarship if another full-paying scholarship (including tuition, fees, room and board) is awarded. **If I withdraw from the institution** before I complete the academic year in which the scholarship was applied, I will return the amount awarded in the 4-H scholarship.

I acknowledge that all the information above is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature

Date

Mail to (or drop off at):

*Ogemaw County 4-H Council
205 S 8th St.
West Branch, MI 48661*

OR

Scan and email to: MSUE.Ogemaw@msu.edu

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4-H SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION*

Due: by 4:00 pm on March 13, 2026

Applicant's Name: _____

How do you know this applicant? _____

PERSONAL COMMENTS ABOUT APPLICANT:

I would recommend applicant for a 4-H scholarship: Yes _____ No _____

If no, please give reasons: _____

I understand that this information will be kept confidential and will ONLY be seen by the scholarship awards committee.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

MAIL TO:

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**Unrelated adult that could include teacher, principal, coach, or counselor.*



Extra Space for Comments



4-H SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION*

Due: by 4:00 pm on March 13, 2026

Applicant's Name: _____

Number of years I have supervised applicant in 4-H work: _____

List projects supervised: _____

PERSONAL COMMENTS ABOUT APPLICANT:

I would recommend applicant for a 4-H scholarship: Yes _____ No _____

If no, please give reasons: _____

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Tips for a Successful Scholarship Interview

Just like job applications, many scholarships (though not all!) will require or request a personal interview. Interviews can last anywhere from 15 mins to an hour, depending on the scholarship. Most, however, will last 15-20 minutes. These interviews are typically held by a small group of people, like a selection committee. You will often find the interviewer(s) to be pleasant and focused on you at your interview! They'll try to put you at ease and make you comfortable, because they want to judge you at your best. Remember, they want you to succeed. A helpful tip is to keep your answers concise – they want to hear you show your skills, and describe your experiences, but avoid lengthy or rambling answers that might distract from your message.

Most importantly: **come prepared to your interview**. Prepare a response to “Tell me about yourself.” – this is one of the most common interview questions, and often the hardest to answer! Practice talking about yourself, your interests, your goals and aspirations, and what you got you to where you are today. Most important? Practice it as if it's an elevator speech – limit it to a couple of minutes at most! Know as much as possible about your course of study, career goals, and the college you plan to attend. If you're not sure about your major or the school you plan to attend, let the interviewer(s) know the areas you're interested in as well as why you applied to a particular college. Don't be afraid to have notes with you and to use them. Finally, be sure to have one or two questions in mind that you might ask the interviewer.

The Do's:

- Be punctual!! Get directions to the interview location before leaving your home. Check in when you arrive. If it is a virtual interview, make sure that your backdrop is professional and clean, and that you are in a quiet area. A helpful tip is to use headphones with a microphone to make it easier for you and the interviewers to hear each other!
- Dress appropriately as if applying for a job, which means neither too casual nor too dressy – this goes for virtual interviews too!
- When you meet the interviewer(s), introduce yourself, make eye contact and be professional.
- Listen to the interview questions carefully; think about what you'll say before replying.
- Be brief and honest with your answers.
- Maintain eye contact with the interviewer(s).
- Demonstrate interest and confidence – SHOW why you want this scholarship, and demonstrate why you deserve it!
- Have one or two relevant questions ready to ask the interviewer(s).



- Thank the interviewer(s) for his/her time and consideration. If possible, send a thank you note after the interview.
- Remember to SMILE!! Don't be shy! The interviewers want you to succeed.
- Practice interviewing with a friend, parent, teacher, or counselor.

The Don'ts:

- Assume the interviewer(s) are knowledgeable about you and your background – regardless of what you've included in your application.
- Be negative or critical about teachers, school, or friends.
- Give long answers that avoid the actual question.
- Don't be afraid to say "I don't know", but be prepared to provide a solution as to how you will find out.
- Expect the interviewer(s) to make a decision on the day of the interview – be patient! You are not the only applicant.
- Use political, racial, ethnic, religious or other insensitive statements.
- Chew gum, bite nails, yawn, stretch, or slouch.

Questions you may be asked:

- Be prepared to discuss your college choice, career goals and any other information you included in your application.
- Information on your background.
- Your academic achievements and why you should receive the scholarship.
- Personal matters such as finances, future plans, and things you are interested in.
- Your personal value structure, which may include the things you think are important in your life.
- Tough experiences that required you to problem solve or think creatively.

Tips & Tricks Summarized from: <https://www.evangel.edu/scholarship-interview-preparation-tips/>

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