

Weston Family 4-H Agricultural Scholarships

The Weston Family 4-H Agricultural Scholarship program will be offered to 4-H members who will be an undergraduate or postgraduate student in an agricultural-based certificate, degree or diploma program at a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution in the fall of 2016.

Successful applicants will receive one full year of tuition (2 continuous full-time semesters) at their institution in the appropriate program. The number of scholarships that are available depends on the value of the program in which they are enrolled. Applicants can re-apply each year to receive additional funding.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by January 1, 2016 and a current 4-H member in good standing.
- Applicants must be Canadian citizens who will be an undergraduate or postgraduate student in an agricultural-based degree, diploma or certificate program at a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution in the fall of 2016.
- Complete the online application at <http://apply.4-h-canada.ca> and include the following:
 - Two letters of recommendation from people who are not related to you, whenever possible.
 - The first letter must speak to your 4-H involvement and the second letter must reflect your community involvement.
 - Upload a transcript of marks from the most recent term/semester.
 - High School/CEGEP applicants must have a minimum 80% average
 - Undergraduate applicants must have a minimum 70% average
 - Graduate applicants must demonstrate acceptance into a post-graduate program
 - Upload a 1,000-word essay that responds to the following: *What do you feel are the most significant challenges facing the agriculture industry in Canada, and how do you plan to use your education to support overcoming these challenges?*
 - Provide a description of your 4-H and community leadership involvement, awards and distinctions.
 - Upload a confirmation of enrolment from a recognized Canadian institution that states your program of study.
- Winners must agree to provide a photograph, proof of acceptance and their social insurance number to claim their award. Funds will not be released until these documents are provided.
- Applicants must grant permission to Weston and 4-H Canada to use their name, photograph, province of residence, school and area of study in publications and online communications channels that promote the Weston Family 4-H Scholarship program. The consent form will be in the 4-H Canada online application.

Selection criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and judged on the following criteria:

- Ability to follow instructions and meet deadlines
- Academic standing
- Quality of the essay submitted
- Reference letters provided
- 4-H involvement (including number of years, positions held and projects completed)
- Community involvement
- Confirmation of current good standing in a Canadian 4-H club

Successful applicants will be expected to advocate for 4-H and agriculture in their communities and on campus. This involvement could include things such as:

- Starting or being involved in a 4-H College Club
- Continuing your involvement in your local 4-H club in a leadership capacity
- Being engaged in a leadership capacity in your community
- Being an advocate for the promotion of positive youth development

Scholarship recipients will commit to participating in longitudinal study of the impact of their educational choices and career path.

Online applications must be received no later than 11:59pm EST on May 31, 2016.

Winners will be announced by July 8, 2016.

Access the application at apply.4-h-canada.ca. If you do not already have an account, you will need to create one in order to sign in. Please use Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome as your browser.

Questions?

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