

McDonald's Canada Future of Agriculture 4-H Scholarship

2023 Application Guidelines



The McDonald's Canada Future of Agriculture 4-H Scholarship aims to recognize and support the next generation of Canadian Farmers. In partnership with McDonald's Canada, 4-H Canada is proud to offer eight (8) scholarships, valued at \$5,000 each, for senior 4-H members across Canada that aim to advance important work in sustainability through their education in agriculture.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by January 1, 2023 and a current 4-H member in good standing.
- Applicants must be Canadian residents in their final year of high school, CEGEP, or a post-secondary student planning to attend college, university, or provincially recognized trade program in September 2023.
- Applicants must be pursuing an education in an agricultural-based program or pursuing an education that directly supports food security and the food system and value chain.
- Applicants must complete the online application form at apply.4-h-canada.ca and include all of the following:
 - Answers to all questions in the application
 - A summary of their 4-H and community involvement, and their plans for post-secondary studies
 - A 500-word essay response to the following question: *What do you see as being the biggest barrier to climate action and sustainability in the agriculture industry and how would you like to use your education to change this?*
 - A reference letter from their community, school or 4-H leader
 - A letter of offer or acceptance to a full-time program in an accredited Canadian college/university or provincially recognized trade school for September 2023 that aligns with the educational requirements of this scholarship.
- Applicants must grant permission to McDonald's Canada and 4-H Canada to use their name and/or photograph, province of residence, college or university and area of study in publications and through communications channels to promote the McDonald's Canada Future of Agriculture 4-H Scholarship.
- Recipients must agree to provide a headshot photograph, proof of acceptance and their social insurance number in order to claim their award; Funds will not be released and announcements will not be made until these documents are provided.



Selection Criteria

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

- Ability to follow instructions and meet deadlines
- 4-H involvement (including number of years, positions held and projects completed)
- Post-secondary plans (letter of offer or acceptance into eligible program)
- Reference letter provided
- Confirmation of current good standing in a Canadian 4-H club
- Community involvement (including extracurricular activities outside of 4-H that are relevant to their career goals and/or involve climate action)
- Career goals demonstrating an interest in agriculture, food security, and/or the food system and value chain
- Quality of answer to the question "What do you see as being the biggest barrier to climate action and sustainability in the agriculture industry and how would you like to use your education to change this?"

In the event of a tie, winners will be selected by a random draw.

Online applications

Applications open at 10 a.m. ET on March 1, 2023, and must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on May 31, 2023.

Winners will be notified in July 2023 and public announcements will be made in August.

To apply, visit 4-h-canada.ca/scholarships or apply.4-h-canada.ca.

For more information

Have a question about this scholarship? Contact Allison Hudson, Program Coordinator, Admissions and Travel at program@4-h-canada.ca.

