

McDonald's Canada Future of Agriculture 4-H Scholarship

2026 Application Guidelines



In partnership with McDonald's Canada, 4-H Canada is proud to offer 15 scholarships, valued at \$3,000 each, for senior 4-H members across Canada that aim to support important work in sustainability through a career in agriculture.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by January 1, 2026 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 2026.
- Applicants must be pursuing an education in a degree, certificate, or trade-based program with the intent to pursue a career that supports and/or advances sustainability within the agriculture sector.
- Applicants must complete the online application form at apply.4-h-canada.ca and include the following:
 - Answers to all questions in the application.
 - A letter of offer or acceptance to a full-time program in an accredited Canadian college/university or provincially recognized trade school for September 2026.
 - 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?

- Applicants must grant permission to McDonald's Canada and 4-H Canada to use their name, photograph, province of residence, college or university and area of study in publications and online communication channels to promote the McDonald's Canada Future of Agriculture 4-H Scholarship program. The consent form will be in the 4-H Canada online application.
- 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.
- Recipients must be available to attend a scholarship presentation with a McDonald's Canada representative in their home community or suitable location.





Selection Criteria

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

- Ability to follow instructions and meet deadlines
- Quality of the essay submitted
- 4-H involvement (including number of years, positions held and projects completed)
- Community involvement
- Post-secondary plans (letter of offer or acceptance into eligible program)
- Career goals demonstrating an interest in supporting/advancing sustainability within the agriculture sector
- Confirmation of current good standing in a Canadian 4-H club

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

Online applications

Applications open at 10 a.m. ET on April 1, 2026, and must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on June 1, 2026.

Recipients will be notified in July 2026, and public announcements will be made in August/September.

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

For more information

Have a question about this scholarship? Please contact 4-H Canada at program@4-h-canada.ca.

