

October 28, 2025

TO: Jones County 4-H/FFA High School Seniors
RE: Jones County 4-H Scholarship Program
FR: ISU Extension and Outreach Jones County

If you are currently a Jones County 4-H and/or FFA member, a high school senior and are planning to continue your post-secondary education, you may qualify for this scholarship opportunity.

Jones County 4-H has again combined efforts to support scholarships for graduating high school seniors that are 4-H and/or FFA members.

See the enclosed information sheets for complete details on eligibility and application procedures. This information is also available on our county website www.extension.iastate.edu/jones.

The selection of the winners will be based on the written application and letter of references, and in person interviews. **All components of the application are due to the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Jones County office no later than midnight on March 1, 2026.**

If you have further questions regarding the scholarships, please contact the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Jones County office at 319-465-3224.

JONES COUNTY 4-H and FFA SCHOLARSHIP

2026 AWARDS

1. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded as Jones County 4-H Scholarship
 - Selection will be based on overall 4-H participation and personal growth
 - *Presented by Jones County 4-H*
2. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded as a Livestock/Animal Exhibitor Scholarship
 - Applicants must have exhibited at least one 4-H and/or FFA livestock/animal project at the Great Jones County Fair during their 4-H and/or FFA career
 - *Presented by Jones County 4-H and the Blue Ribbon Fund*
3. One \$1500 scholarship will be awarded as a 4-H Leadership and Community Service Scholarship based on a 4-H member's leadership and community service experience
 - Presented to a Jones County 4-H member who participated in training and activities that emphasized leadership and community service during their 4-H career
 - *Presented by the Joe Legg Family*

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a 2026 graduating senior in high school.
2. Applicant must be an active member of a Jones County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Current FFA members who are not also enrolled in 4-H currently are only eligible for the Livestock/Animal Exhibitor Scholarship.
3. Applicants must be entering professions or vocations requiring a minimum of 6 months of college or career school.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

The following application components are required:

1. Jones County 4-H/FFA Scholarship Application Form (including resume and answers to the questions in the application)
2. Two letters of reference
 - One from a present or past 4-H club leader/FFA chapter advisor
 - One from another person other than a family member (i.e.: academic advisor, teacher, minister, employer)

PROCEDURES

1. Application and letters of reference must be returned no later than midnight on March 1, 2026. Applications may be submitted one of three ways:
 - Hand-delivered during office hours (Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
 - Mailed to ISU Extension and Outreach Jones County, 800 N. Maple St., Ste. 2, PO Box 28, Monticello, IA 52310
 - Emailed to the County Youth Coordinator, at jones4h@iastate.edu
2. Written applications and supplemental materials will be evaluated and scored by a committee
3. Scholarship funds will be awarded to the recipient upon verification of enrollment from the college/school they attend.

JONES COUNTY 4-H and FFA SCHOLARSHIP
Application Form

Name: _____

Years in 4-H or FFA: _____ Age: _____

Club/Chapter: _____

College/University you plan to attend: _____

Expected major or area of study: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

4-H Leader/FFA Advisor Signature: _____

I would like to be considered for the following Jones County Scholarships: (mark all appropriate)

- ☐ Jones County 4-H Scholarship
- ☐ 4-H/FFA Livestock/Animal Exhibitor Scholarship
- ☐ 4-H Leadership/Community Service Scholarship

Attach a personal resume (maximum ONE page) that includes the following information:

- Name, address, and phone number.
- Completion of Education, include name of High School, class rank, class size, and GPA.
- 4-H or FFA experience; projects, leadership/citizenship/communication activities/recognition/awards, etc.
- Other school or community leadership activities.

Attach additional page(s) (maximum TWO pages) with answers to the following questions:

1. Briefly state your long-term and short-term goals and how a college education fits into your future.
2. How has 4-H or FFA helped you plan for your future?
3. How have you personally gained leadership or citizenship experience through 4-H or FFA?
4. How would you encourage younger members to make the most of their 4-H or FFA career?

5. Please answer the following questions specific to each scholarship on additional sheet(s) of paper:

- **Jones County 4-H Scholarship (select one question - maximum ONE page)**

5a. Who is your role model or mentor and why? Please explain the qualities you admire and how they have helped you grow personally.

5b. List ways you've helped others throughout your 4-H career, through mentorship, community service, leadership, etc.

- **4-H/FFA Livestock/Animal Exhibitor Scholarship (select one question-maximum ONE page)**

5c. List the size and scope of your participation in the livestock/animal industry. Include all 4-H/FFA livestock/animal projects owned and completed throughout your 4-H/FFA career(s), accomplishments exhibiting livestock/animal projects, etc.

5d. Share an essay summarizing your experiences and responsibilities within the livestock/animal industry. Emphasize what you have gained or learned from your livestock/animal projects, exhibitions and evaluations, classes, employment, daily chores, volunteer work, etc.

- **4-H Leadership/Community Service Scholarship (select one question - maximum ONE page)**

5e. List the size and scope of your leadership and community service experiences. Include appropriate involvement through 4-H, as well as through other school, church, and civic organizations.

5f. Share an essay summarizing your experiences and responsibilities related to leadership and community service. Emphasize what you have gained or learned from these experiences, as well as how you might use them during the next four years and beyond.