



ARAPAHOE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO:

Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Committee
Attn: Hannah Henderson
CSU Extension Office
6934 S Lima St, Suite B
Centennial, CO 80112

Application Due Date: February 1, 2026 Awards Ceremony Date: April 15 2026

Note: A personal interview with members of the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation are scheduled for **February 25, 2026.**

If you have any questions regarding the form, please contact Hannah Henderson at 303-730-1920.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please **complete all sections** to the best of your ability and review the checklist (last page) to ensure you've included all requested items.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____

E-mail Address: _____

4-H Club: _____

Years in 4-H: ____ Currently Enrolled? ___Yes ___No

NAMES AND ADDRESS OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Please carefully read the following instructions and provide all requested items. A checklist has been provided to assist with this process (page 7). Each of the items listed below should be included on a separate page. For certain items, additional guidelines are provided on pages 5 and 6.

1. **HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT(S):** Please attach your official high school transcript(s).
2. **PHOTO:** Please attach this to the front of your application.
3. **PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Please submit a statement indicating reasons for your decision to pursue your chosen field of study. Also explain your personal and career goals and reflect on your ideas and initiative.
4. **RECORD OF 4-H PROJECT WORK:** Briefly summarize your involvement in 4-H projects, including the points listed below. A suggested format has been included on page 5 of this application.
 - a. List all 4-H projects you've completed
 - b. List the number of years completed for each project
 - c. Include the "results" from your project (county fair, state fair)
 - d. Described the skills you've learned through your 4-H projects
 - e. Summarize any specific training(s) you gave to younger 4-Hers in one or more 4-H projects/activities
5. **4-H EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE:** After reviewing the items listed below, select several (or all) of the items listed and review what you've completed and what you learned. (Note: This can be at the family, club, community, county, district, state, or national level.)

NOTE: Do not include awards/recognition in this section. You'll list this information in a separate section.

 - a. Initiating ideas and/or events
 - b. Demonstrations and/or public speaking
 - c. Volunteer, appointed, and elected leadership roles
 - d. Community service and citizenship projects
 - e. Committee work
 - f. Conducting workshops, training, etc.
 - g. Decision making
6. **4-H HIGHLIGHTS:** Describe and discuss the one most worthwhile accomplishment or experience you've had as a 4-H member. Identify how you've benefited, grown, and reached your potential through this experience.
7. **4-H AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:** List up to three (3) of the achievements, awards, or recognition of which you're especially proud.



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8. **OTHER ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:** Summarize your participation in school, religious, or other areas that are especially important to you.
9. **CAREER GOALS:** Comment on how your 4-H participation and background has prepared you for the career direction you've selected.
10. **FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION:** Identify what percentage of your educational costs will be paid for by:
 - a. You
 - b. Your family
 - c. Financial aid (loans, scholarships, grants)

Also include projected total costs for attending one year at your chosen school.

11. **OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS:** List all other scholarships you've applied for (or intend to apply for). Please identify any scholarships you've already received and provide the dollar amount of each.
12. **RECOMMENDATION LETTER:** Please arrange for a letter of recommendation from one of your 4-H leaders. Additional instructions are included on page 6.



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RECOMMENDATION LETTER(S) GUIDELINES:

The scholarship applicant will provide the following to the individual(s) writing reference letter(s).

- These written instructions
- Date letter of recommendation is due to the 4-H office.
- A stamped envelope addressed to the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation; Attn: Hannah Henderson, 6934 S Lima St. Suite B; Centennial, CO 80112.

General Guidelines:

- The letter should be written by a 4-H leader (preferably not one of your parents/guardians)
- The letter is to be confidential and should be sent directly by the author to the Scholarship Selection Committee (in care of the 4-H Extension Agent).
- The letter must be received in the 4-H office by the date listed on the first page of this application.

Content Guidelines:

- Describe the applicant's contributions to 4-H. Include family, club, community, county, district, state and national involvement.
- Assess the applicant's potential for success in higher education. Evaluate his/her ability to focus on a topic of study, to complete assignments, to set and reach goals, and to meet the rigorous demands of higher education for their selected career.
- Include candid comments regarding the applicant's personal character qualities, e.g.: maturity, attitude, dependability, etc.
- Review other aspects of the applicant's interests and participation in school, the community, youth groups, etc.

Mailing Information:

Mail the completed recommendation letter to:

Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Committee
Attn: Hannah Henderson, 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent
6934 S Lima St. Suite B
Centennial, CO 80112

Fax Information:

Alternative: Fax the completed recommendation to:
Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Committee
Attn: Hannah Henderson, 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent
Fax Number: 303-730-2764



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CHECKLIST:

- High School Transcript(s)
- Photo
- Copy of admissions letters from all colleges/universities/business schools/trade schools
- Scholarship information (including awards letters, if applicable)
- Recommendation Letter(s)
- Completed Application
- Signatures of Parent/Guardian(s), 4-H Leader and 4-H Extension Agent
- Application is delivered to Extension Office by due date. **February 1, 2026**



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CONDITIONS FOR AWARDING AND PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Arabelle J. Burnett Excellence Scholarship - \$5,000.00 4-H Foundation Scholarships - \$3,000.00

1. Scholarship applicants must have completed at least two years in Arapahoe County 4-H, including the year in which they apply for the scholarship to be eligible for consideration for the scholarship.
2. The scholarship recipient must be an Arapahoe County 4-H member and complete at least one project in the year in which the scholarship has been granted in order for the scholarship to be funded.
3. The scholar may select any field of study which leads to a formal post-secondary degree (Technical, Associate, or Bachelors). A scholarship is not intended for use simply to "take a few classes" here or there.
4. These scholarships may be applied to any institution of higher learning including business or trade school; community college; or a public/private college or university.
5. The Arabelle J. Burnett Excellence Scholarship (\$5,000.00) will be awarded to a qualified applicant each year. Graduating high school seniors planning to major in math, science or engineering at a four-year college or university will be considered first when applications are scored. Extensive experience in a variety of 4-H activities (projects, club involvement, participation in Junior Leaders, involvement in contests, etc.) also will be a deciding factor.
6. After satisfactorily completing the first full-term of study and subsequently registering on a full-time basis (not part-time) for the second term, scholarship monies will be sent payable to the school and credited to the student's **school account**, to be used for tuition, fees, books or dorm housing. Funds are not to be transferred directly to the student, the student's family or to a savings account, etc.
7. For the scholarship to be credited to the student's school account, the following items must be provided to the County Extension office upon completion of the first term of school:
 - a. Transcript of courses and grades for first term, indicating the student was registered as a full-time student and completed course work in a satisfactory manner. Students must not be on academic or financial probation.
 - b. Copy of registration for second term, indicating the student is registered as a full-time student, not on academic or financial probation and intends to complete the entire term.
 - c. Student's current address/phone and student I.D. number, plus address, phone number and name of contact person in the financial aid office at the institution.
8. Should the recipient fail to complete the first term of study or fail to register for the second term or withdraw from school within the first three weeks after classes have begun, the scholarship will be revoked. Should the student transfer to a new institution upon completion of the first term, all conditions stated herein apply.
9. Recipient of the scholarship certificate will be given eighteen (18) months from the date of high school graduation to demonstrate completion of requirements for receipt of the funds. After this period, the scholarship will be revoked and eligibility terminated.

Arapahoe County Extension Office
Attn: 4-H Foundation
Kathy McDaniel, Corresponding Secretary
6934 S Lima St. Suite B
Centennial, CO 80112