



## Island County 4-H'er of the Year Scholarship Application

### Requirements:

- Must have completed at least Sophomore year of high school for the year in which you were applying (example: if you are submitting your application on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, you must have completed your Sophomore year during the 2024-2025 school year).
- Enrolled 4-H member and have been in 4-H for a minimum of 3 years (consecutive not required, excluding the current year). Received a score of 95% or greater on the current year record book including your Permanent Record.
- Participation in 3 or more county, district, state, regional, or National 4-H events, including 4-H zoom events and/or in-person, as evidenced in your record book.
- 3 letters of recommendation. One Letter should be from your club leader or another 4-H adult in a leadership role within the club, not related to you. The remaining two letters may come from a 4-H Leader outside of your club or a teacher, employer, youth leader, etc.
- Applications with county-judged record book and letters of recommendation due to the Extension office by December 31.

### Judging Criteria:

- Leadership shown by offices held, 4-H representation and involvement (15 points)
- Promotion and recruitment of 4-H within community (15 points)
- 4-H honors and lifetime accomplishments (20 points)
- Written Response Questions (30 points)
- Interview (20 points)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of Jan 1, 2025) \_\_\_\_\_

Club Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions:

On a separate piece of paper, type up a response to each of the questions. Do not include your name or club information on the written response. Drop off your application at the Island County Extension Office in Coupeville, or send your applications to R-A Mazzola, 4-H Coordinator, at [r.mazzola@wsu.edu](mailto:r.mazzola@wsu.edu)

At the time of the interview, please present yourself to the best of your ability. We suggest that you arrive 5 minutes early, and don't forget to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water beforehand! It is useful to have a copy of your Record Book and Permanent Record with you at the time of the interview.



**4-H OVERVIEW AND INVOLVEMENT (15 points)**

1. List project(s) you have participated in.
2. List any offices you held within the 4-H organization, list the year starting with the current year.
3. Have you helped plan or conduct any club or county programs/events/etc.? Please list and explain.
4. What other 4-H education activities have you participated in this year? Include demonstrations, shows, public speaking, conferences, teen summits, KYG, camps, etc.

**4-H PROMOTION (15 points)**

5. Have you represented 4-H in front of or to any other groups? This could be during a live event, or via social media, information posters, tabling at recruitment events, etc. Please describe.
6. Have you recruited any new club members or leaders? Please describe.

**4-H HONORS AND LIFETIME ACCOMPLISHMENTS (20 points)**

7. Have you received any recognitions, awards, or honorable mentions for your work in 4-H? Please list and include the year awarded.
8. 4-H Lifetime Accomplishments. What do you feel is your greatest award or accomplishment in 4-H. Please include year awarded.

**WRITTEN RESPONSE (30 points)** – Please limit each response to no more than 400 characters.

9. Would you encourage other youth to join 4-H? Why or why not? Is there anything you would change or add to encourage more youth to join 4-H?
10. Describe your experience engaging in leadership during your 4-H career. This could be acting as a club officer or taking the lead in planning an event. What, if anything, did you learn from your experience?
11. Describe the most valuable lesson or skill you have learned in 4-H.
12. Why do you want this award?

Judges Response: Score \_\_\_\_\_/100