

2026 Spokane County 4-H Post-Secondary Scholarship Application Instructions

The Spokane County 4-H Budget and Fund-Raising Committee is pleased to announce it will be awarding one \$700.00 scholarship to alumni of the Spokane County 4-H. Applicants should have successfully completed an equivalent of at least one semester or quarter of post-secondary instruction/training and be enrolled in a post-secondary program leading to certification or a degree for the summer or fall of 2026. This general scholarship is available to WSU Spokane 4-H alums in all majors.

This application form is available at:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/spokane/4h/members/county-scholarships/>

Please note applicants can receive a *post-secondary scholarship only once.*

Applications must be word-processed (typed) and sent to CAHNRS.Spokane.County.Extension@wsu.edu. **The DEADLINE for applications is Wednesday, April 15, 2026** dropped off or post-marked by 4/15/26 or emailed by 11:59 pm 4/15/26). **We suggest you email or call Bob Kestell at 509-904-0749 to confirm receipt of your emailed materials.

Mailed applications should be sent to:

4-H Budget and Fund Raising - SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
c/o Bob Kestell - Spokane County 4-H
222 N. Havana, Spokane, WA 99202

Recipients of scholarships will be notified late-May of 2026. Award checks will be sent directly to the institution that you plan to attend, beginning in the fall of 2026.

Please note: No scholarship checks will be sent until the award recipients have provided the following:

1. Precise mailing address of their institution including the correct department (e.g., the Registrar's Office or Financial Aid Office).
2. Their student number.
3. A recent photo that may be posted on the 4-H website.
4. A copy of the essay portion of their scholarship application that may be posted on the 4-H website.
5. A personal thank you note to the providers of the scholarship, the Spokane County 4-H Budget and Fund-Raising Committee.

General instructions are found on the next page.



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Important

1. Complete the cover page and include all signatures. *Applications without the cover page and requisite signatures will not be reviewed.*
2. Be sure to refer to the “Post-Secondary Application Rubric” for a description of appropriate contents to include in your cover letter.
3. Letters of recommendation from **TWO** of the following are required:
 - a. Former club leader
 - b. Post-secondary instructor
 - c. Employer or supervisor/director of paid or voluntary experience
4. Complete and include all elements required. Refer to the Scoring Rubric for details. The point values of the various sections are:
 - a. Cover letter (15)
 - b. Non-academic activities (50)
 - c. 4-H Essay (75)
 - d. College Transcripts (30)
 - e. Letters of recommendation (10)
 - f. Overall impression of the application by the reviewer (20)
5. **Formatting** is extremely important to the committee:
 - **Do not use** a serif font such as “Times New Roman 12” or a script font such as “Lucida Handwriting.”
 - **Use** a “sans serif” font such as “Tahoma” **or** “Arial” **or** “Calibri” when you word process your application. **Not using a sans serif font will cause a uniform penalty of 15 points out of 200.**
 - If you have formatting questions, please call the 4-H Office at 904-0749 and one of the 4-H staff will assist you.



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Personal Data & Information

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____
City _____ Zip _____

High School GPA _____ College GPA _____ Post-Secondary Major _____

Parents/Guardian Name _____
(only if under 18 years of age)

Email _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

The "Spokane County Post-Secondary Education Scholarship," is open to **anyone that was a member of the WSU Spokane County 4-H.**

Your major is: _____

Statement by Applicant

I have personally prepared this Spokane County 4-H Scholarship application and believe it to be accurate and true. (If sending electronically, names may be typed in.)

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

All signatures/names must be present in order for application to be considered complete.

Good Luck!



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COVER LETTER

Write a one-page cover letter briefly including the following information: (15 points)

- a. Be clear and concise**
- b. Introduce yourself *briefly* describing**
 - i. Your current post-secondary plan**
 - ii. An overview of your career goal(s)**
 - iii. Your financial need(s)**



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4-H Essay

(remember to follow the formatting guidelines)

Write an essay describing how your 4-H involvement has impacted your first or continued years of post-secondary education. (75 points). The essay may be up to 500 words in length. A few hints to help you write your essay:

1. Write **succinctly and clearly**
2. Be certain each paragraph has a **strong topic sentence**
3. Please be sure to briefly describe your **historical [and current] activities with 4-H**, in Spokane County, in your essay
4. **"Personalize"** your application, i.e., do more than report your accomplishments, share what 4-H means to you and how it has shaped you as a person, affected your successes since completing high school, your success in your post-secondary study, and include your future hopes and goals
5. Remember that a **good closing paragraph** is as important as your opening paragraph!

If you type this in a separate document, please format using **Tahoma 10, spacing at "6 points" above and below paragraph returns, and a line spacing of "1.5."**

Remember to include your transcripts and the two letters of support (40 points total). If you mail or drop off your application, include them with your application. If you wish to **e-mail your application**, send materials to CAHNRS.Spokane.County.Extesnion@wsu.edu and convert your transcript and letters of support to PDFs and attach them as well.

Good Luck to you!

The Spokane County 4-H Budget and Fund Raising Committee



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Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who participate in 4-H events and programs. Contact Tammy Wilson at the Spokane 4-H Extension Office at 222 N. Havana, Spokane, (509-904-0753; tammy.wilson@wsu.edu) at least two weeks prior to the event.

(Application last revised 3/10/2026)