



WSU EXTENSION
Spokane County

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From: Gary F. Varrella, WSU Spokane County 4-H *Gary F. Varrella*
On behalf of the Spokane 4-H Budget & Fund-Raising Scholarship Committee

RE: Spokane County 4-H Scholarships for HS graduates and those already in a post-secondary program

We are pleased to call for 2026 applicants for Spokane County 4-H scholarships, in collaboration with the Horse Projects Committee. We will be awarding a total of **\$3,500 in scholarships** this year.

We have 4 scholarships available for **currently active** Spokane 4-H youth intending to enroll in post-secondary education/training/certification that will graduate from HS in 2026. Categories include:

- **One Malina Strong Memorial Scholarship (\$700)** to the highest scored application from a 4-H Horse Project graduate.
- **One Maria Imperial Memorial (\$700)** for a youth having been active in the **Horse projects** area.
- **Two general high school graduate scholarships (\$700 each)** in any project area(s) of 4-H.

We have 1 scholarship available for **former** Spokane 4-H youth already enrolled in post-secondary education/training/certification program. Categories include:

- **One general post-secondary scholarship (\$700)** to a former Spokane County 4-H'r who is already in a post-secondary program leading to certification or a degree.
- Please note applicants may receive a **post-secondary scholarship only once**.

The applications will be available on the Spokane 4-H website by March 2026:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/spokane/4h/members/scholarships/>. Please use the correct application.

Questions may be directed to Gary Varrella at gvarrella@wsu.edu or call 509-435-3369 (cell). Use of the wrong application will cause an applicant to be disqualified.

- "Graduate" means you will complete HS in the spring or summer of 2026 (already being in running start is acceptable, if this is the year that you officially graduate from HS).
- "Post-secondary" means you are in a college, graduate school, trade, or vocational school, or extended certification program when you apply (**and received your HS diploma prior to 2026**).

Applications must be word-processed (typed) and sent to CAHNRS.Spokane.County.Extension@wsu.edu.

The DEADLINE for applications is **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**. They must be dropped off or post-marked by 4/15/26 or emailed by 11:59 pm 4/15/26). We suggest you call Bob Kestell at 904-0749 to confirm receipt of your emailed materials. Scholarship recipients will be notified in late-May of 2026. Award checks will be sent directly to the institution that you plan to attend in the fall of 2026. Good luck current and former Spokane County 4-H'rs!

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