

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP 2026

1. Applicants for this scholarship must be a graduating senior in high school AND have been a Grays Harbor County 4-H member for a minimum of three years.
2. The Grays Harbor County 4-H Council will offer up to \$1,500 in college scholarships for 2026. Scholarship amounts will range from \$250 to \$500 and will only be awarded if warranted. The scholarship must be used for the 2026-2027 school year. If for any reason the scholarship is not used, it must be returned.
3. Applicants may attend any accredited institution of higher education - trade school, community college, college/university or private school.
4. The selection criteria will include all aspects of the application. Special attention will be given to the length of 4-H membership as well as 4-H project/activity experience, citizenship/leadership experience, contribution to 4-H beyond personal achievement, service to other 4-H members, and community service activities.
5. A selection committee will review all applications. The selection committee will be comprised of 4-H volunteers and club leaders from various project areas and locations. Selection committee members may not be from the same 4-H club as any of the applicants.
6. The scholarship award will be announced in the spring, with formal recognition given at the County 4-H Recognition Event in the fall.
7. Recipients may choose to have the scholarship payment sent to the educational facility OR to themselves directly. If you choose to receive the funds directly, you will be required to describe/disclose how the funds were used in a brief letter. Please send your letter to the email or address listed below.
8. Applications can be mailed or submitted electronically but must be postmarked/received by April 30, 2026.
Submit electronically to: tracie.hanson@wsu.edu
Mail to: Grays Harbor County 4-H Council Scholarship
PO Box 3018
Elma, WA 98541

REQUIRED PARTS OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. **Grays Harbor 4-H Council Scholarship Application**
2. A one-page **Cover Letter** addressing the items outlined in the *Personal Information* Section
3. **Resume** as directed in the “*Resume*” section.
4. **4-H Story** – minimum 2 pages, as outlined below in the “*How to Write Your 4-H Story*” section
5. **Two Letters of Recommendation**, one of which must be from an academic advisor, or school official on institution letterhead. The second letter should be from someone who knows you personally and what you have accomplished (such as your 4-H leader).
6. An official, signed copy of your **High School Transcript**. This may include official college transcripts if the applicant is part of a running start program.
7. (optional) The Permanent Record portion of the 4-H Record Book may be submitted for additional information

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or print clearly in ink

PERSONAL DATA

Name _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Email address _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

4-H AFFILIATION

Name of 4-H clubs you were involved with and the number of years in each club:

COLLEGE PLANS

Name of institution you plan to attend _____

STATEMENT BY 4-H APPLICANT

I have prepared the Grays Harbor 4-H Council Scholarship Application and believe it to be true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

ENDORSEMENT OF APPLICATION

I have reviewed the GHC 4-H Council Scholarship Application and believe it to be true and accurate.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of 4-H Leader _____ Date _____

All signatures must be present for application to be considered.

COVER LETTER

Personal Information

In the body of your one-page cover letter, address the following:

- ⇒ Why are you interested in this opportunity?
- ⇒ What are your goals regarding this opportunity?
- ⇒ How do you plan to attain your goals, contribute to your community and to the future of 4-H?

RESUME

Outlining your life both in 4-H and outside of 4-H

Besides the standard resume sections, please make sure to include the following sections if they apply:

- ⇒ Leadership Experience – any offices you have held both inside 4-H and outside 4-H
- ⇒ Achievements/Awards – any awards or achievements you have earned, both inside 4-H and outside 4-H
- ⇒ Educational Achievements – any awards you have received in school

HOW TO WRITE YOUR 4-H STORY

(MINIMUM 2 PAGES)

- ⇒ **Introduce yourself.** Tell where you live, plus when and why you became involved in 4-H opportunities.
- ⇒ **Describe your 4-H projects and activities.** Include major learning experiences, special interests, and achievements. Include the amount of time you have been involved, levels of responsibilities, what types of projects you have done. (*i.e. - participation in demonstration skills, talks, exhibits, workshops, judging events, media presentations, field trips, tours, and camps attended*)
- ⇒ **4-H Citizenship/Leadership Experience.** Provide information about your involvement in 4-H related activities. Include the durations and extent of your involvement, your roles and responsibilities
- ⇒ **Describe how your involvement in 4-H exemplifies each part of the “4-H Pledge.”** You will provide examples from your years in 4-H as examples for each part of the pledge. You may provide more than one example if you like.