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Applications **must** be received
in the 4-H Office on or before
APRIL 17, 2009 @ 4:30 PM
Cornell Cooperative Extension
21 S. Grove St., Suite 300
East Aurora, NY 14052

ERIE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Application for Scholarship

NAME:		AGE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY, STATE, ZIP:		
PHONE:	NAME of 4-H CLUB/Ind. Member:	

Two letters of character reference are required:

1. One must be from your 4-H Club Leader (or Parent for an Individual Member) which refer to your projects, activities and leadership experiences. Please use Form available in print or electronically from Shirley in the 4-H Office sh6@cornell.edu 652-5400 ext. 131.
2. AND one from another person (who is not a relative) i.e. teacher. Please limit letter to one page.

Your two letters of reference should be submitted in sealed envelopes with this completed application form.

Name and Phone Number of 4-H Leader (or Parent)

Name & Phone Number of second reference

Name of High School - MUST INCLUDE Principal's name, title, and address

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATIONS:

- Take time to fully complete this application. **Be sure it is done neatly, with correct spelling & grammar**, and returned in advance of the deadline. Essays need to be in paragraph form. **Do NOT add extra pages.**
- This application may be requested and prepared electronically. Contact Shirley in the 4-H Office sh6@cornell.edu 652-5400 ext. 131. Please **print and submit it to the office in paper form**. Use a 10 point or larger font. Complete questions within the format. Must be typewritten or word processed. It should fit within 4 page format (2 pages of actual questions and answers).
- **Be sure the lists are complete and all-inclusive.** If you don't have accurate records or need correct names of project titles, please refer to the Erie County Fair Book and the Leaders' Handbook which all head leaders should have (a copy is in the Extension Office for you reference).
- Please note that the application asks for **4-H activities, experiences, and projects** NOT from participation in school or other organizations.
- Applicants from 4-H Dog and Horse Programs will be considered for the Braymiller and Swart Scholarships according to the information you provide in your application. You will receive the highest monetary award according to the judges' scores.
- For further information refer to the back of this application.

Projects and Activities

1 - 10 Points - List 4-H project areas completed. *Example: Foods - 4 years; Electrical - 3 years*

2 - 10 Points - List 4-H activities in which you participated. Indicate number of years and use L=Local; C=County; R=Regional; S=State; N=National for level of involvement. *Example: Public Presentations - 8 years (L) & 1 year (S); Clothing Revue - 7 years (C) & 1 year (S); Hippology - 3 years (R); Community Service - 2 years (L)*

Please answer the following questions in essay form (complete paragraphs):

3 - 10 Points - Describe how a 4-H project area or 4-H activity has been beneficial to your personal development.

Leadership

4 - 10 Points - List Leadership experiences in your 4-H club and/or at county levels. *Example: Club or County offices, Club President - 1 year (L); Special committee assignments, Centennial Planning Committee - 1 year (C); other ideas...Junior Leadership in your club or helping another club get started, Leader Training Meetings, Teen Council, Youth Board, etc.*

5 - 10 Points - Describe your personal development as a result of taking on these leadership roles and what impact your leadership has made in your club, your community, your country, or your world.

⑥ - 10 Points - How have your 4-H experiences helped you to determine your career expectations?

⑦ - 10 Points - Describe your personal development as a result of your involvement in 4-H Citizenship & 4-H Community Service activities and what impact your involvement had on other people. *Put emphasis on the quality of your experience rather than quantity.*

Personal Narrative

⑧ - 10 Points - Compose a personal narrative about yourself highlighting any important facts and information you believe the selection committee should know when considering your application. *Do not repeat any information already contained in the application.* If appropriate, describe obstacles you have overcome in order to have a successful 4-H career and to positively impact your community.

⑨ - 10 Points - As a 4-H member, what other opportunities would you like to see implemented in a 4-H program & why?

⑩ - 10 Points - References

Number of years in 4-H:	
I have been accepted at:	

I acknowledge that the information on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and this application represents my own work.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applications will not be accepted with out the applicant's signature.

DUE DATE:

The completed application and two references must be returned to the 4-H Office by 4:30 p.m. on **April 18, 2009**. Because of the considerable time required for judging, *there can be no exceptions to this date*.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Members of the Erie County 4-H Youth Development Program Committee will review and evaluate each application and select our scholarship recipients.

NOTIFICATION:

Scholarship recipients, as well as their High School Principals, will be notified by mail on or around June 1st.

AWARDS:

Up to two (2) \$1,000 awards, up to eight (8) \$500 and up to four (4) \$300 awards will be given out based on merit, sponsored by the 4-H Cookie & Candy Sale and 4-H Teen Council.

In addition, one (1) John Braymiller Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$300 will be awarded to an outstanding 4-H member active in the Horse Program who typifies qualities of good sportsmanship & dedication to the program in honor of the former 4-H'er for whom the scholarship is named.

And one (1) Nancy Swart Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$300 will be awarded to an outstanding 4-H member active in the 4-H Dog Program who typifies dedication to the program in honor of the former 4-H Leader for whom the scholarship is named.

One-half of the total awards will be paid upon notification in June. The second half will be mailed upon proof of registration for the second semester (preferred proof is a letter from the Office of the Registrar).

Due Date: April 17 @ 4:30 p.m.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION:

1. Make a copy of the form in order to do a rough draft. Don't worry about getting your answer into the space provided. Just get your thoughts down on paper.
2. Walk away from the application and give your mind a rest.
3. Work on getting the answers to fit in the spaces. This will help you make a stronger statement. (Do as many drafts as you need in order to present yourself in a clear way to someone who doesn't know you.)
4. Give the application to someone else to read and make suggestions for improvement.
5. Make a second draft incorporating your improvements. Be sure you have done your best with grammar and spelling.
6. Give it to someone to proof read.
7. Please make sure the application is **typed or word processed**. If you have trouble with this form, please call Shirley at 652-5400, ext. 131.