

**EL PASO COUNTY 4-H HORSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Scholarship Application Form**

DIRECTIONS

Please complete each section. Responses may be typed or neatly handwritten directly on this form, or you may download an electronic copy of the application and fill in the information using Microsoft Word (must be printed out and returned by U.S. mail, no e-mail forms accepted). Extra lines and/or pages may be added if additional space is needed. Please do not attach any other materials except what is requested by this application. Any supplemental information not requested will not be considered.

Required documents to be submitted for scholarship consideration:

- Completed application
- Completed essay
- Copy of High School, College (if already enrolled), or Home School Transcript, GED or other documentation showing completion of requirements for High School Graduation
- Two letters of recommendation (to be mailed separately)

Return complete application to Colorado State University Extension, Attn: 4-H Horse Scholarship Committee, 17 North Spruce Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80905. Application and all supporting materials must be postmarked or hand delivered by April 15, 2017

Scholarship Winners will receive the scholarship money after a semester of college is completed with passing grades or they document proof of non-traditional education completion/certification to the Horse Advisory Committee.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:
MAILING ADDRESS:	PHONE NUMBER:
PARENTS/GUARDIANS	HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING/ATTENDED:
GRADUATION DATE:	GPA:
CURRENT 4-H CLUB:	CURRENT CLUB LEADER:
ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE HORSE OR MINI HORSE PROJECT?	HORSE/MINI HORSE PROJECT LEADER:
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDING OR PLANNING TO ATTEND:	DATE YOU PLAN TO ENTER (OR ENTERED) COLLEGE?
FIELD/MAJOR YOU PLAN TO STUDY:	Are you planning to attend a Non-Traditional Educational Program? Please elaborate in the last section of the application

RECORD OF 4-H INVOLVEMENT

Are you enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project for 4-H year 2016-17? Yes _____ No _____

(Note: you must complete the 4-H Horse Project for that year in which you apply in order to receive a scholarship. See rulebook for requirements to complete the project.)

Number of years you have completed the 4-H Horse Project (if you completed the 4-H Horse Project in other counties or states, please indicate locations):

Please indicate your current 4-H Horse Advancement Level (1-4; Note "U" if Unrated)):

English _____ Western _____ Ranch _____ Mini Driving _____

If you have additional Level Ratings in Showmanship, or multiple English Seats; please note here: _____

Please indicate the number of years you have competed in the following divisions at 4-H Shows:

English _____ Western _____ Gymkhana _____ Ranch _____ Dressage _____ CTRs _____ Mini _____

Educational Activity Involvement:

	Number of years involved: (practices or practice competitions)	Note Years Competing at County Level	Note Years Competing at State Level	Note Years Competing at National Level
HORSE BOWL				
HIPPOLOGY				
HORSE JUDGING				
HORSE SPEECH/DEMO				

Other 4-H Horse/Mini Horse Project Involvement

4-H Community Service: (In this section please include only community service related to your Horse/Mini Horse project):

Mentoring activities (Please describe any mentoring you engage in with younger or more inexperienced 4-H members: Please be specific:

Any other 4-H horse activities or examples of involvement not listed above:

Awards and accomplishments in 4-H horse project:

(Includes but is not limited to: major contest placings, participation in state or national 4-H conferences, year-end awards, record book awards, special recognitions, high-point awards at horse shows, county or state fair awards, regional or national contests, etc.)

Leadership and Other Involvement in 4-H (non-horse/mini related)

List 4-H club membership, offices, and leadership positions held. For each year you were in 4-H, List any offices or leadership positions and the year held. You may include years of 4-H in other counties or states (include location).

Office Held	4-H Club	County Youth Council	State 4-H Leadership
President			
Vice President			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Historian			
Sergeant of Arms			
Other (specify)			

Please List other (non-horse/mini) 4-H Projects completed and number of years you participated:

Awards and accomplishments in other 4-H projects:

Participation with horses outside of 4-H *(Examples are breed associations, other horse clubs or programs, shows, trail rides, etc.):*

School-related extra-curricular activities (grades 9-12; *Please note any offices held.):*

Other interests, hobbies, and activities *(Examples would be church involvement, participation in other clubs or organizations, or non-4-H community service):*

Special achievements or awards received outside of 4-H:

Please respond to the following questions if planning to attend a non-traditional educational program or professional certification.

- a) What kind of professional training are you pursuing? Have you completed any training in this discipline? If so please give details.
- b) Are there levels or stages in this training? If so what are your ultimate goals?
- c) What is the timeline and/or duration of the training?
- d) Where is the training for this program?
- e) Once the program is completed will you be able to provide proof of completion and competency?
- f) Is there a website where we can see the curriculum?

Please attach an essay describing the most important lessons you have learned through your years in the 4-H horse project. There is no minimum length but please submit no more than 2-3 pages.

The following ideas may be used as a starting point for your essay, but you are not required to answer these questions: What challenges or difficulties have you experienced? What did you learn from them? What was your greatest reward as a result of the 4-H? What was your greatest disappointment? What fears did you conquer or what obstacles did you overcome? What is your greatest sense of accomplishment in your 4-H involvement? How has 4-H benefitted you and prepared you for the future?

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Instructions:

Two letters of recommendation are required. Please detach the following two forms, fill out the information at the top of the form, and submit to:

1. Your 4-H horse project leader, club leader or other 4-H adult volunteer.
2. A current teacher at your school who knows you well (or mentor, for homeschoolers)

Ask each recommender to return the form and letter of recommendation **directly to the Scholarship Committee – letter should not be included in your application and failure to follow this procedure could result in forfeiture of your application**. Request the recommender send the letter directly to Colorado State University Extension, Attn: 4-H Horse Scholarship Committee, 17 North Spruce Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80905. It must be postmarked by the due date of the application. E-mailed letters will not be accepted.

➤ **If your parent is your club and/or project leader:**

Your parent may not submit a letter for you, so you will not supply that leader recommendation. Instead, request a letter of recommendation from another person in the 4-H community who knows you well and has had the opportunity to observe you in the context of 4-H horse activity. Use the form for 4-H leader or adult. Members of the scholarship committee may not supply a letter.

➤ **If you are homeschooled:**

Your letter of recommendation from a teacher cannot be supplied by a parent. Instead, seek out another adult who is familiar with your scholastic abilities. This may be an outside teacher, a college teacher, or any adult mentor who knows you well (at your discretion, this could include either 4-H or non-4-H adults).

Be sure to allow your recommenders plenty of time to write their letters. Don't wait until the last minute!

**El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee
Required Letter of Recommendation for Scholarship Applicant**

4-H Leader

To be completed by applicant:

Scholarship applicant's name: _____

Name of recommender (4-H leader): _____

Due Date on Application: _____

Dear 4-H Leader:

Thank you for providing a letter of recommendation for the 4-H member listed above, who is being considered for a college scholarship awarded by the El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. In writing your letter, please include information about how long you have known the applicant and the context in which you have had the opportunity to observe him or her. You may also include comments about the applicant's level of involvement in 4-H or horses, character, motivation, initiative, concern for others, or any other qualities which make this young person outstanding. Thank you for your candid feedback.

Please do not give your letter of recommendation to the applicant. Instead, mail this form, along with your **signed** letter of recommendation to the following address. Letters must be postmarked by the due date of the application.

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**El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee
Required Letter of Recommendation for Scholarship Applicant**

Teacher (or Mentor for homeschooled applicants)

To be completed by applicant:

Scholarship applicant's name: _____

Name of school: _____

Name of recommender (teacher or mentor): _____

Due Date on Application: _____

Dear Recommender:

Thank you for providing a letter of recommendation for the 4-H member listed above, who is being considered for a college scholarship awarded by the El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. In writing your letter, please include information about how long you have known the applicant and in what context you've had the opportunity to observe him or her. You may also include comments about the applicant's academic potential, work ethic, character, motivation, initiative, concern for others, or any other qualities which make this young person outstanding. Thank you for your candid feedback.

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