



Buffalo County 4-H Leaders' Association **Policies & Procedures**

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Membership, Enrollment & Dues Policy

1. 4-H membership is open to all youth regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, pregnancy, veterans' status, non-job related conviction record or qualified disability.
2. To be eligible for 4-H membership, a boy or girl must be in must be in 5-year-old Kindergarten and may continue in the 4-H Club through the next 4-H year following their graduation from high school not to extend beyond the age of 19 at the time of enrollment.
3. A youth must enroll in a 4-H Community Club. Individual enrollment is not permitted in the Buffalo County 4-H Community Club Program. A 4-H club includes Community Clubs or special interest project and/or activity committees, clubs, or groups. A 4-H member may not enroll in more than one county or state.
4. Cloverbuds, a pre-4-H age program for youth in grades in 5K-2nd grade, allows younger members to participate in club activities. Exploring is a pre-4-H age program for youth in 3rd grades. 3rd graders who enroll as an Explorer must follow all Exploring regulations and guidelines. Youth in 3rd grade may enroll as a Junior 4-H club member in a Community Club in place of the Exploring Program.
5. Enrollment is required in a minimum of 1 4-H project. It is recommended (but not restricted) that youth enroll in no more than 10 4-H projects (i.e., beef, flowers, speaking).
6. The 4-H club year starts on October 1 and ends on September 30 of each year. The 4-H fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 each year.
7. 4-H re-enrollments are due to the UW-Extension Office by November 1st every year. All project changes must be completed prior to April 1st each year in order to exhibit at the Buffalo County Fair and other events. New members may join a 4-H club on a year-around basis; however, members, including Cloverbuds and Explorers, must join by April 1 to be eligible to exhibit at the Buffalo County Fair.
8. Membership dues are \$10.00 per member per 4-H year. Each 4-H club is responsible to pay member dues to the Buffalo County Leaders' Association by January 15. The 4-H Leaders Association will cover the cost of the \$5.00 Buffalo County Fair Entry Fee for each exhibitor. Horse project members are responsible for an additional \$2.00 per year. The Horse Project Committee will be responsible to pay these additional dues to the 4-H Leaders' Association by January 15.
9. New 4-H clubs can be started at any time, with the approval of the 4-H Youth Development Agent. To receive approval to be a chartered 4-H Club and retain that charter, the 4-H Youth Development Agent must ensure the following criteria is met and maintained:
 - a. Establish a 4-H Club Name, Constitution and Bylaws within the guidelines set by 4-H Charter requirements.
 - b. Enroll five or more youth members from at least two families.
 - c. Be led by at least one certified adult leader; however, it is recommended that there be a team leadership of certified adults and youth leaders is established.
 - d. Set an educational plan which meets the purposes of the 4-H youth development program.

- e. Involve youth in leadership and decision-making including, but not limited to 4-H Club Officers elected by the 4-H youth membership.
 - f. Hold meetings on a regular basis.
 - g. Keep regular contact with the UW-Extension Office and/or the 4-H Youth Development Program Staff.
 - h. Be open to all youth regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, pregnancy, veterans' status, non-job related conviction record or qualified disability
 - i. Submit an accurate and complete 4-H Annual Charter Packet to the UW-Extension Office by November 1 each year.
 - j. Meet all Wisconsin State 4-H requirements for 4-H Clubs.
10. 4-H Clubs will hold at least 6 meetings each 4-H year with adult leadership present.
11. Members are required to attend 50% of their 4-H club's meetings. College students are exempt from these club attendance requirements, but are encouraged to attend club or project meetings when possible. The following criteria will be used to determine if the attendance requirements have been met:
- a. Excused absences will be permitted. The Organizational Leader or Club Leadership Team is responsible for determining what constitutes an acceptable excuse for missing a club meeting.
 - b. Members may participate in alternative activities to make-up for an absence and meet the 50% attendance requirement. "Make-ups" need to be coordinated within the club and may include such alternatives as: a parent attending a meeting when a member cannot; an additional community service event; attending a Youth Council Leaders' meeting or Leaders' Association meeting.
 - c. 4-H members, including Cloverbuds and Explorers, who join mid-way through the 4-H club year will be required to attend 50% of the remaining meetings for that 4-H year.
 - d. A consequence like that of loss of Buffalo County Fair premiums may result at the discretion of the 4-H Leaders' Association for 4-H members, including Cloverbuds and Explorers, who do not meet the 50% club attendance requirement.
12. All 4-H members, including Cloverbuds and Explorers, are insured under the 4-H Leaders' Association policy at all 4-H events, except those activities not covered by insurance like that of sledding. Only certified, enrolled 4-H adult volunteers are covered by this insurance policy. *(Please contact the 4-H Youth Development Agent if you have questions or concerns regarding the insurance policy.)*
13. Volunteer Leader Orientation/Youth Protection Screening is required for ALL adult volunteers in the Buffalo County 4-H Program. All enrolled 4-H leaders, adults who drive 4-H youth, and adults who spend *any* amount of time with 4-H youth without a certified leader present (including project meetings, festival of arts coaches, or sports teams' captains) must be certified volunteers. The 4-H Leaders' Association strongly recommends this two-hour training and background check for any adult or parent who participates in 4-H events including 4-H club meetings, 4-H project meetings, and/or the Buffalo County Fair.

4-H Literature Policy

Each 4-H club must adhere to the following 4-H literature requirements:

- 1. Each 4-H club is entitled to decide if and/or how literature expenses will be ordered and collected from 4-H members at the club level.
- 2. Literature returns to the 4-H Leaders Association will not be accepted. The UW-Extension Office will not accept used literature. Reusing literature is recommended on the club level.

Behavioral Policy & Discipline Review Procedure

Buffalo County 4-H Annual Behavioral Expectation Agreement

As a condition of participation in 4-H program travel experiences, activities, and events you agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. Terms of the Agreement shall apply while you are participating in activities or attending events because you are a 4-H Member.

4-H Members must:

1. Behave in ways acceptable to others
2. Use good judgment in selecting clothing appropriate to occasion
3. Be responsible for own property
4. Respect public and personal property
5. Be financially liable and responsible for any damage to public or personal property
6. Abide by quiet hours and curfew times established by chaperon or sponsoring organizations
7. Behave in accordance with applicable federal, state and municipal laws
8. Abide by any additional expectations established for a particular event

Buffalo County 4-H Members will be appropriately disciplined when there is reasonable proof of the following:

1. Possession or use of illegal drugs, chemicals, tobacco, or alcoholic beverage
2. Theft, misuse, or abuse of public or personal property
3. Sexual misconduct
4. Breaking curfew or disturbing the peace
5. Unauthorized use of vehicles during an activity or event
6. Illegal or unsafe use or possession of non-prescription drugs
7. Use of prescription medication other than as prescribed by physician (*chaperones must be informed of the need to take any such medication*)
8. Use of language found to be objectionable by others

Buffalo County 4-H Members and their families understand the leaders/chaperones role to be:

1. To serve as an advocate for the 4-H Members.
2. To maintain regular contact with members to monitor health, attitude and problem situations.
3. To be aware of all prescription medication; but not to dispense medication
4. To make appropriate decision in emergency situations to enhance the health and well-being of the members
5. To have responsibility for determining the occurrence of inappropriate behavior and taking appropriate actions, which may include:
 - A. Counseling with involved member(s)
 - B. Taking disciplinary actions at the time of occurrence, not to include physical punishment
 - C. Informing parents and UW-Extension personnel of misbehavior if leader/ chaperone feels the situation warrants notification
 - D. Deciding to remove member from the program and send him/her home early at the member family's expense. Representatives removed from the program in such a manner may be required to relinquish all funds provided towards event, may result in restricted opportunity to participate in future 4-H-related activities for the involved member(s), and may be required to appear before the Buffalo County Leaders' Association Executive Board.

In the occasion, that a 4-H member or volunteer does not conduct themselves according to the Behavioral Expectations above the following Disciplinary Review Procedure will be conducted:

The individual who witnesses inappropriate behavior may submit their concern either verbally or in writing to the event/travel experience chaperone, 4-H Leaders Association President or 4-H Youth Development Agent. The information will be shared with the Leaders Association Executive Board for action. When reporting an incident, please state your name, describe the situation, indicate the date and location of occurrence, who was involved and what happened. If a member is reported and it is deemed that the member must appear before the Executive Board, then the member will be suspended from all 4-H related events and activities until the s/he appears before the Executive Board for disciplinary review.

A. Situations that require Executive Board action:

Person(s) accused of any of the following while participating in any 4-H related activity **will be required to appear before the Executive Board within 10 days of the reported incident:**

- illegal possession or use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products
- theft, misuse or abuse of public or private property
- sexual misconduct
- unauthorized absence from the premises of the event
- violation of federal, state or municipal law

Other relevant parties may appear with the 4-H leader/member.

If the accused individual is found to be in violation of any of the above, he/she will be suspended from participation in 4-H activities at all levels for a period of up to one year.

B. Situations for possible Executive Board action:

Persons accused of any of the following while participating in any 4-H related activity **may be required to appear before the Executive Board within 10 days of the reported incident:**

- breaking curfew or disturbing the peace
- unexcused absence from the activities of the event
- unauthorized use of vehicles during the event
- participation by his/her willful presence at secretive events in which people are using alcohol, tobacco, unauthorized or illegal drugs
- inappropriate behavior or misconduct

Other relevant parties may appear with the member/leader.

If the Executive Board determines a meeting is necessary, the accused will be invited to appear before them. If the individual is found by the Executive Board to be in violation of any of the above and disciplinary action is recommended he/she may be suspended from participating in any 4-H activity for up to one year.

C. Appeals procedure:

If an individual wishes to appeal the decision of the Executive Board, the person must appeal in writing to the 4-H Youth Development Educator within ten (10) days following the notification of disciplinary action to be taken. An appeal board shall be appointed within 30 days following the date of the 4-H member's appeal request. The Review/Appeals Board shall consist of:

- One Buffalo County UW-Extension Department Head
- Two members of the Buffalo County 4-H Leaders' Association Executive Committee
- Two members of the Buffalo County 4-H Youth Leaders' Council Officer Team

4-H Financial Accountability Policy & Procedure

1. Federal regulations governing the use of the 4-H name and emblem require annual financial reporting/accountability of all organized 4-H units. Funds raised in the name of 4-H must be publicly accountable, and must be used for 4-H purposes. Failure to annually submit a 4-H Annual Charter Renewal Packet will result in loss of approval to use the 4-H name and emblem and 4-H charter.
2. The Buffalo County 4-H Leaders' Association will develop and adopt an annual budget each year.
3. All 4-H funds must be deposited in a checking or savings account that bears the individual 4-H group's name. The account should be set up so that all checks require two signatures--those of the youth treasurer and of an adult club leader who is not a parent or guardian of the treasurer. In order to open a checking or savings account, the 4-H club will be required to have an Employer Identification Number (EIN).
4. The 4-H club treasurer should deposit all funds promptly. Each club shall have an annually budget developed. If expenses arise that are not part of the budget, each item needs to be presented to the members for approval before payment. Payment should be made only in response to a written bill,

invoice, or receipt. The itemized invoice or other written document will become part of the treasurer's records.

5. All 4-H Clubs, Committees, Councils and Associations are required to submit a 4-H Annual Charter Renewal Packet to the 4-H Youth Development Agent once each year by November 1. Failure to annually submit a 4-H Annual Charter Renewal Packet will result in loss of approval to use the 4-H name and emblem and 4-H charter.
6. In order for reimbursement to be made, an itemized list of expenses with actual receipts attached shall be submitted to the 4-H Youth Development Educator within thirty (30) days after the end of the month in which such expenses were incurred. The Leaders' Association is authorized to allow reasonable claims for reimbursement of expenses and any exceptions or variations from this procedure.
7. The Buffalo County 4-H Leaders' Association is an all-volunteer organization supporting the 4-H youth program in Buffalo County. The Leaders' Association does not compensate its members and/or leaders for time or services rendered. Volunteers can only be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred while conducting or participating in a program or activity that is approved through the 4-H Leaders' Association budget, motion or grant application process.
8. 4-H clubs must include a statement of dissolution in their by-laws or club guidelines similar to the following: Upon dissolution of the 4-H Club any assets must be turned over to a recognized 4-H club or group, with the approval of the 4-H Leaders Association and the county 4-H Youth Development Agent.

4-H Fundraising Policy

4-H Club fundraising guidelines:

1. Fundraising should only be conducted to meet a specific 4-H-related goal and/or purpose.
2. Generally, money raised during the course of the 4-H year should be spent that same year, unless the fundraising goal is long term.
3. Follow the rules regarding the use of the 4-H name and emblem in fundraising.
4. Check with local and state authorities on health, licensing, labeling, labor and tax laws.
5. 4-H groups that plan to conduct raffles or bingo must comply with state regulations and obtain licenses.
6. Discuss fundraising plans with the 4-H Youth Development Agent.

Equipment Rental Policy

4-H Clubs may use 4-H Leaders' Association Equipment like that of the Pizza Warmer and Ovens at no cost.

Other non-profit organizations in Buffalo County who have 4-H membership may use 4-H Leaders' Association Equipment like that of the Pizza Warmer and Ovens if they meet the following regulations:

1. A 4-H member is involved in the organization and present at the event.
2. A \$10 deposit is collected from the organization at time of equipment pick-up. The \$10 deposit will be refunded at time of equipment return.

The person and/organization who checks out the equipment is responsible for replacing the equipment within 30 days if damage occurs while in their possession. Please contact the UW-Extension Office to gain approval for equipment rental.

4-H Resume Process & 4-H Award Travel Experience Policy

Resume Process

1. The resume and cover letter is authentic way of summarizing the 4-H projects and activities that a 4-H member participated in over a period of years. A 4-H Resume packet should be completed by 4-H members grade 6 and over.
2. Resume packets are due to the UW-Extension Office November 1. Resume Interviews will be conducted in the month of November. Candidates will be notified by December 1 of Travel Experiences and Award selections.
3. Not necessarily all members who apply for a travel experience with a Resume packet will be awarded a Resume interview or a 4-H Award Travel experience. Resumes are subject to standards of completion. A Resume should represent a 4-H member's best work.
4. Resume candidates who cannot attend Resume Interviews must notify the 4-H Youth Development Agent by November 1st and receive an approved excuse. With an approved excuse, the member is responsible for arranging for the interview to be conducted with the 4-H Youth Development Agent prior to the scheduled interview date.

Award Travel Experience County Eligibility & Requirements

In order to qualify for financial assistance and selection for travel experiences, members must:

1. Develop and return a Resume as forth in Resume Guidelines Packet by November 1.
2. Participate in interview selections.
3. Complete and submit a 4-H Record by September 4-H Record Reviews.
4. Successfully complete the requirements for any previous travel experiences (as listed on Travel experience Requirement Report Form) by November 1.

Award Travel Experiences:

The Buffalo County 4-H Leaders Association will offer a portion of a 4-H member's fee and/or expenses for one award travel experience per year. (Must meet requirements specific to each travel experience in addition to those county requirements listed above).

- **FIVE** (locations vary) – half of the travel experience (~\$175)
- **Space Camp** (Huntsville, AL) – half of the travel experience (~\$300)
- **Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference** (UW-Madison) – Half of registration plus seminar fees and transportation costs (~\$150)
- **Citizen Washington Focus** (CWF) – Half of travel experience (~\$650)
- **Out-of-State Service-Learning** (locations vary) – Half of travel experience (~\$650)
- **American Spirit** (locations vary) – Half of travel experience (~\$600)
- **Western Spirit** (locations vary) – Half of travel experience (~\$750)
- **National 4-H Congress** (Atlanta, GA) – Half of travel experience (~\$550)

State Sponsored Travel Experiences Available to 4-H Members:

Must meet requirements specific to each, but is required to complete only some county requirements determined by 4-H Leaders. The Association will pay one-half of a 4-H members fees to participate in one of the following State sponsored activities per year not to exceed \$500.

- Wisconsin Leader Council
- State Teams including: Art Team, Press Team, Drama Company
- National 4-H Conference
- International Exchanges
- Other State-sponsored Programs with request and approval

Award Travel Experience Payment:

The 4-H Youth Development Agent will send an acceptance form to selected participants following interview selections. The acceptance form with the member's signature and his/her parent's signature along with the specified deposit must be returned by the posted date. The remaining balance must be paid by the dates set by 4-H & Youth Development Agent. The payments could be several small increments or one large sum closer to the date of travel. In any case, the entire amount of the delegate's fees must be paid no later than two weeks prior to the travel experience.

If the member defaults on the travel experience, after turning in the acceptance form, and chooses not to attend, the member is responsible for the entire cost of the travel experience. If the 4-H Leader's Association has paid a scholarship portion of the travel experience and the member defaults on the travel experience, after turning in the acceptance form, and chooses not to attend, the member is responsible to pay that amount back in full to the 4-H Leader's Association by November 1. If a member defaults on a travel experience due to an emergency, for example: death in family, critical illness, or any other reasonable cause, the 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board reserves the right to allow default of the travel experience and no repayment be made.

If a member needs a disciplined plan in making payments, a payment plan may be set up with the 4-H Youth Development Agent in conjunction with the 4-H Leaders' Association Executive Board on an individual case-by-case basis. The payment plan can be kept private.

Award Travel Experience Requirements:

After accepting a travel experience opportunity, travel experience delegates are required to complete all requirements by November 1 of the year of travel. If a member cannot complete a requirement, s/he must establish an alternative with the 4-H Youth Development Agent prior to its required due date. Travel experience recipients who do not complete these requirements will be ineligible for future travel experiences or awards and will be held responsible for reimbursement of funds contributed by the 4-H Leaders' Association towards their travel experience. The travel experience delegate is responsible for completing the Travel experience Requirement Form online via Google Form by November 1. The Travel experience Requirements include:

1. Complete and submit a 4-H Record by Record Reviews in September
2. Work an assigned shift in the 4-H Leaders Food Stand at the County Fair.
3. Participate in at least one pre-approved county 4-H fundraising event.
4. Present about your travel experience at a 4-H Club meeting or county event.
5. Share a reflection piece with the 4-H Youth Development Educator shortly after you return from travel.
6. Participate in at least one Buffalo County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting and at least one 4-H leadership event.
 - *4-H leadership events include serving as an Assistant Fair Superintendent, teaching a countywide 4-H Project meeting, teaching at Clover College or STEAM Discovery Days, serving as a 4-H Camp Counselor, serving in director roles on the Fair Association or the Friends of Buffalo County 4-H Board, or another leadership opportunity approved by the 4-H Youth Development Educator in advance. Ag Olympics is not a qualifying 4-H leadership event.*
7. Complete the Travel experience Requirement Form online and submit by November 1.

4-H Scholarship Policy

Buffalo County 4-H Scholarship Policy

1. Eligible youth are 12th grade high school graduating seniors who are members of Buffalo County 4-H at time of application.
2. There are three types of 4-H Scholarships available in Buffalo County. Each type of scholarship could be awarded at both a \$500 award and a \$250 award. Those scholarships are:
 - a. **Youth Leadership** (1-\$500 and 1-\$250) – A scholarship that recognizes 4-H members who have contributed to youth development through leadership defined by the competencies of planning, promoting, teaching, mentoring, advocating and advising others.
 - b. **4-H Project Work** (1-\$500 and 1-\$250) – A scholarship that recognizes 4-H members who demonstrate mastery in at least one 4-H project and share their skills and knowledge in a way that builds capacity for self and others.
 - c. **Serving-Learning** (1-\$500 and 1-\$250) – A scholarship that recognizes 4-H members whose generosity has deeply impacted themselves and others in the community.
3. The required submission materials for each application include:
 - a. 1000 – 1500 word essay on the essay topic listed below
 - b. Cover letter and resume according to current Buffalo County 4-H guidelines. An adult recommendation is not required.
4. 4-H Scholarship Essay topics:
 - a. **Youth Leadership** – *What is your leadership philosophy and how did your 4-H experiences shape your understanding of what it means to lead your peers or work in partnership with adults?*
 - b. **4-H Project Work** – *What is your most significant 4-H project story to date? Write about one 4-H project experience and how you have grown as a result. Tell how you have influenced others through that one 4-H project.*
 - c. **Serving-Learning** – *How is service-learning different from community service? Write about a service-learning experience you contributed to and how it impacted you and others in the community.*
5. Applicants must participate in an interview usually conducted the second Sunday in November.
6. Scholarship materials are due November 1 annually. Documents may be emailed or sent by U.S. mail to the 4-H Youth Development Educator.
7. Any applicant may apply for more than one scholarship during their graduating year. Each scholarship entry requires a separate 1000 word essay. Only one cover letter and resume needs to be submitted. Only one interview will take place. Graduating high school seniors are only eligible only receive one scholarship, no matter the number of essays submitted.
8. Scholarship awards will be provided in cash at time of 4-H member's student graduation award ceremonies. The dollar amount will be accompanied by a plaque.

4-H Record Policy

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF 4-H RECORDS IS TO HELP YOUTH LEARN:

- a) To establish good habits of organizing and planning.
- b) Evaluation of economic worth.
- c) Evaluation & motivation by self and others.
- d) To improve written communication skills.
- e) To establish positive direction and identification of goals.

4-H RECORDS CRITERIA:

All 4-H Records in Buffalo County 4-H will include the following in an appropriate format for type of record completed:

1. 4-H Member Resume
2. Evidence of Goal Setting
3. Financial Records
4. Reflections
5. Written & Visual Component
6. Evidence of Effort
7. Self-Evaluation

4-H RECORDS EVALUATION:

- All 4-H Records in Buffalo County 4-H will be evaluated on the club or county level based on the criteria listed above.
- The 4-H Record Review Evaluation Sheet is available for 4-H members to review at: <http://buffalo.uwex.edu/4-hrecordguidelines/>
- 4-H Records will be eligible to receive Outstanding, Achievement, or Completion awards based on the club or county level evaluation.

4-H RECORDS FORMAT OPTIONS:

1. **Traditional 4-H Record Book** – A traditional 4-H Record Book using latest requirements and forms available.
2. **Contemporary 4-H Record Book** – A traditional 4-H Record Book using latest requirements and forms available but done completely electronically.
3. **4-H Portfolio** – An extended 4-H Resume additional pieces of evidence to illustrate member's learning and reflection throughout the 4-H club year.
4. **PowerPoint, Prezi or Similar Presentation** – A visual software or web application presentation of 4-H records and member's learning and reflection.
5. **Mind Map Display** – A mind map is a visual display of your thinking and reflection.
6. **Webpage or Website** – A visual software or web application presentation of 4-H records and member's learning and reflection.
7. **Blog** – A blog (web+log) is online, public journal. 4-H member will use a blog to document their 4-H experiences throughout the year in a journal format.
8. **V-cast or Podcast** – A video or audio presentation with a typed script that discusses member's learning and reflection.
9. **Other format with Approval** of 4-H Agent by no later than September 1

Active Member 4-H Program Scholarships

4-H members who are active members on the 4-H county level are eligible to receive one (1) Active Member 4-H Program Scholarship per 4-H club year. Active members are defined as those who attend at least half of their 4-H club meetings and complete a 4-H Record. A program scholarship is to help defray some costs of a

4-H program or activity in which active Buffalo County 4-H members instruct or participate. Examples of the types of programs or activities for which one might apply include: Arts Leadership Lab, 4-H Camp, YELL, 4-H Project Day Camp, Service-Learning Day Camp, State Art Camp, State Fair Clothing Revue, etc.

Active members who submit a 4-H Record that receives an outstanding award are eligible for one (1) \$50.00 program scholarship in the following 4-H club year. Active members who submit a 4-H Record that receives an achievement award are eligible for one (1) \$25.00 program scholarship in the following 4-H club year. Active members who submit a 4-H Record that receives a completion award are eligible for one (1) \$10.00 program scholarship in the following 4-H club year. Cloverbuds and Explorers who submit a 4-H Record Book are eligible for one (1) \$5.00 program scholarship in the following 4-H club year. Scholarship dollar amounts are subject to change annually based on funds available.

Program Scholarships will be awarded in three ways. For programs that are conducted by the Buffalo County 4-H Leaders Association (i.e., 4-H camps) members can indicate the use of their program scholarship on their registration form and deduct the scholarship amount from the amount owed. For programs that are conducted by the State or another organization (i.e. Arts Camp, State Fair, etc.), members must be reimbursed after participating in the event by submitting proof of attendance. Graduating 4-H members who are enrolled in a post-high school education program only can receive their scholarship in the form of check to be used towards tuition or other or post-secondary expenses after submitting proof of satisfactory first semester grades.

Members who receive Program Scholarships must abide by all expectations of the program they are participating in. Recipients will be encouraged to help in 4-H publicity of certain events (i.e. submit photos of participation), but are not expected to complete any additional requirements for receiving the scholarship.

Grant Policy & Procedure

Purpose of Grant Application

To help defray some costs of 4-H programs or activities in which active Buffalo County 4-H members and certified volunteer leaders instruct or participate. In addition, to reimburse grant recipients for unbudgeted expenses incurred for approved 4-H opportunities not granted through the 4-H Resume process. State Fair exhibitors and 4-H Campers also do not qualify. Examples of the types of programs or activities for which you might apply include: Arts Leadership Lab, Area Animal Science Days, 4-H project meetings and events, youth and/or adult leadership trainings, and exceptional 4-H service-learning events at the club or county level. This procedure is adopted to establish in advance a fair and uniform method of making such reimbursement.

Grant Procedures and Policies

The amount the Leaders' Association is able to contribute in a given year depends on the number of applicants, the success of fundraising efforts, and the financial needs in other areas of the budget. An applicant may only apply once per 4-H year.

Grant applicants seeking reimbursement must complete and return a Buffalo County 4-H Leaders' Association Grant Application to the 4-H Youth Development Educator by 1st of month prior to next regularly scheduled 4-H Leaders' Association meeting. Applications will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled 4-H Leaders' Association meeting. Grant applicants will be notified of the results of the request after the Leaders' Association meeting in which it was reviewed.

Grant recipients must provide an oral summary to the Leaders' Association at the next meeting following the program or activity and also Grant recipients may also be called upon to do presentations (oral or displays) at another county or club level event.

In order for reimbursement to be made, an itemized list of expenses with actual receipts attached shall be submitted to the 4-H Youth Development Educator within thirty (30) days after the end of the month in which such expenses were incurred. The Leaders' Association is authorized to allow reasonable claims for reimbursement of expenses and any exceptions or variations from this procedure.

The Buffalo County 4-H Leaders' Association is an all volunteer organization supporting the 4-H youth program in Buffalo County. The Leaders' Association does not compensate its members and/or leaders for time or services rendered. Volunteers can only be reimbursed for out-of-pocket, non-budgeted expenses incurred while conducting or participating in a program or activity that is approved through the Leaders' Association Grant Application process.

4-H Project Meetings & Events

Grant recipients will receive partial or full reimbursement for material expenses incurred for a successful educational meeting or event. A lesson outline or action plan must be submitted to the 4-H Youth Development Educator prior to the meeting or event. Following, the grant recipient must submit photographs and/or sample work for 4-H publicity and complete a 4-H Youth Group Enrollment Form that is obtained at the UW-Extension Office for state reporting.

Mailings and publicity should be discussed with the 4-H Youth Development Educator in advance. The 4-H Youth Development Educator will make a decision if the UW-Extension Office or the Leaders' Association is capable of supporting mailing costs and publicity needs.

Exceptional 4-H Service-Learning Events

Grant recipients will receive partial or full reimbursement for material expenses incurred for a successful service-learning event at the club or county level. An action plan must be submitted to the 4-H Youth Development Educator prior to the service-learning event. Following, the grant recipient must submit photographs for 4-H publicity and complete a 4-H Youth Group Enrollment Form that is obtained at the UW-Extension Office for state reporting.

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4-H Trainings, 4-H Programs, & 4-H Activities

Program Registration & Material Fees

Grant recipients shall be reimbursed in partial or full for the cost of registration and material fees.

Auto Travel

Grant recipients shall be reimbursed for automobile travel at the rate established by the Leaders' Association. If more than one eligible person is traveling to the same destination, such persons should share a car to reduce travel expenses. In such cases, mileage shall be paid to the eligible person actually providing the automobile transportation. In the event a number of persons claim mileage in violation of this car-sharing rule, the Leaders' Association may pro-rate reasonable mileage allowance or it may disallow all such claims.

Grant recipients attending a conference, workshop, program/activity or leader training shall be reimbursed for mileage to and from their home to the meeting site.

Lodging

Grant recipients shall be reimbursed for hotel or motel expense at the rate established by the 4-H Leaders' Association unless already included with the cost of the registration fee.

Lodging for the night prior to a conference shall only be allowed for distances over 120 miles from the volunteer's home when the conference or training begins earlier than 8:00 a.m. Lodging expenses shall be approved by the Leader's Association if the grant recipient is participating in a night meeting prior to the beginning of the conference or is on the committee presenting the conference or training and has obtained prior approval by the Leaders' Association.

Meals

The Leaders' Association will not cover the cost of meals unless already included with the cost of the registration fee.