

# *Michigan 4-H Foundation*

## *4-H Participant Scholarship Grant Request for Proposals*



### 2017 4-H PARTICIPANT SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATION PACKET

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#### ***Grant Timeline:***

**April 1, 2017**

Grant applications available

**June 1, 2017**

Grant applications due

**August 1, 2017**

Grant recipients announced

**November 1, 2017**

4-H Participation Fee Payment and Use Report due to State 4-H Office

The Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees has approved the distribution of competitive grant funds to encourage 4-H participation opportunities in local communities. These grants are designed to support the cost of 4-H participation for youth populations in need. We are pleased to be able to offer **4-H Participant Scholarship grant opportunities** for the **2016-17** 4-H program year, which is due for payment on November 1, 2017. **The total funding available for the current 4-H program year is \$2,500.** Applicants can apply for grants of between \$100 minimum (10 youth) and \$500 maximum (50 youth) to cover the \$10 4-H youth participation fee for county 4-H members.

#### ***Application Guidelines:***

The 4-H Participant Scholarship Program is a non-renewable grant opportunity designed to provide 4-H participant scholarship support to individuals and families where the 4-H participant fee can be a barrier to 4-H participation. Current 4-H populations with new and/or emergent need as well as new youth members/families are eligible for the scholarship grant.

It is expected that the training and engagement of 4-H volunteers and youth and parent 4-H orientation include strong encouragement for their participation in local fundraising opportunities or other means to support the annual \$10 4-H youth participant fee if individual family payment is not possible. **In order to be sustainable, all counties are expected to explore local opportunities for supporting their ongoing youth 4-H participation fees prior to applying for a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation.**

#### ***Restrictions and Reminders***

##### **Civil Rights Compliance Statement for Grant Recipients**

The Michigan 4-H Foundation, a public 501(c)(3) corporation, is organized to support Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development programs, and as such, requires that all foundation grantees submit a signed statement of non-discrimination before receiving Michigan 4-H Foundation grant funds and/or using the services and/or collaborating with the foundation to deliver 4-H supported programs.

##### **Grant Application Deadline is June 1**

All counties wishing to apply for 4-H Participation Fee Scholarship grants must submit a completed application to the Michigan 4-H Foundation no later than **June 1, 2017. This application will be for scholarships to cover participation fees for youth who were enrolled in the county 4-H program during the 2016-17 4-H program year.**

*Financial support for the distribution of county innovative grants has been made available through the generous support of donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. We appreciate their support and commitment to strengthening opportunities for Michigan youth.*

## ***Michigan 4-H Foundation Participant Scholarship Grant FAQs:***

### **Who can apply for a Michigan 4-H Foundation participation fee grant?**

Michigan State University Extension educators and program coordinators who work with county 4-H youth development programming.

### **What can the money be used for?**

The 4-H Participant Scholarship Grant funds may only be used to support individual youth 4-H participation fees. Once awarded, grant checks will be cut by the Michigan 4-H Foundation and distributed to the State 4-H Office for deposit into county 4-H participation fee accounts for use in payment of their county's annual youth participation fees.

### **How can we apply for a Michigan 4-H Foundation Grant?**

Complete the application and return it to the Michigan 4-H Foundation by **June 1, 2017**. Please note that to be eligible for review, all applications must be signed by the county 4-H program coordinator and the MSU Extension supervising educator.

### **How are county innovative grant applications reviewed?**

County grants are reviewed by a team that includes state and county 4-H staff members and members of the Michigan 4-H Foundation board of trustees program committee. Applications for content specific grants include review by MSU Extension faculty and staff with expertise in the specific program or project area. Reviewers rate grants based on a standardized criteria review sheet and awards are made to the applications with the highest total points.

### **When will we be notified that we will receive a grant?**

If you are chosen to receive this grant, you will be notified by **August 1, 2017**. At that time, you will also receive a grant report form to complete regarding how youth in your community benefited from this scholarship support. Some grantees may be asked to present the results of their program to the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees.

### **How will we obtain the money if we are chosen to receive a grant?**

Once your proposal has been approved, grant payment will be paid to the State 4-H Office for support of your county 4-H program enrollments. The goal is to have these funds disbursed prior to the State 4-H Office deadline for state 4-H youth enrollment reporting or November 1.

### **For more information, contact:**

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East Lansing, MI 48824

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# Michigan 4-H Foundation 4-H Participation Scholarship Grant Application Form

Please complete the application (including the MSUE 4-H Program Coordinator and Supervisor signature).

*NOTE: Before applying for a 4-H Participation Fee Scholarship, it is expected that efforts have been made locally to raise funds at the club and county level to cover 4-H participation fees for individuals and families. You will be asked to document the efforts that have been made and the level of success that was achieved.*

**Send completed applications by June 1, 2017 to:**

Michigan 4-H Foundation  
535 Chestnut Road, Room 240  
East Lansing, MI 48824

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Fax: (517) 432-3310  
E-mail: [info@mi4hfdtn.org](mailto:info@mi4hfdtn.org)  
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**1. Amount of Scholarship Grant Needed?**

*Applicants can apply for amounts from \$100 (minimum 10 individual youth) to \$500 (maximum 50 individual youth). Scholarships can be for individuals or families with four or more children enrolled in the program.*

We request a scholarships for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_. (\$10 per individual or \$30 per family with four or more children in the program)

This represents support for \_\_\_\_\_ individual youth and \_\_\_\_\_ families who have four or more children enrolled in the county 4-H program during the 2016-17 program year. The total number of youth who will be impacted by this scholarship is \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Describe your efforts at the club and county level to generate funds for the individuals/families you are requesting scholarship funds for:**

**Description of club level efforts** to raise participation fee monies for members/families who could not pay the fee personally:

**Description of county level efforts** to raise participation fee monies for members/families who could not pay the fee personally:

3. Describe the type of 4-H opportunities youth receiving participation fee scholarship will be involved in? (e.g. list 4-H club or group name, content focus of youths' participation, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
MSUE 4-H Program Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
MSUE Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Note: All Participation Fee Scholarship grant applications are due by June 1, 2017.**