



County Endowment Funds

Endowment funds can ensure long-term support for either a specific 4-H project area or a county's 4-H programs and activities. Endowments can be funded with one gift or with a pledge of at least \$30,000 payable within five years. The following Michigan 4-H Foundation endowment funds support county 4-H programs.

THE WAYNE & FAYE ADAM ENDOWMENT FUND FOR SANILAC COUNTY

Established in 2008 by Dawn and T.R. Reid in honor of Dawn's parents, Wayne and Faye Adam, this fund supports 4-H livestock educational training in Sanilac County.

WENDALL BARNES MEMORIAL FUND

This fund, established in the 1960s, supports 4-H volunteer training in Wexford County.

BARRY COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This endowment, created in 2001, provides postsecondary scholarships to Barry County 4-H members. The fund was created with resources provided in memory of Paul and Rosellen Siegel and from the estate of Ernestine Logan.

BARRY COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

This fund was established in 1998 by the Barry County 4-H Council. Annual earnings support Barry County 4-H programs. Additional donations are welcome.

CLARE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND*

Clare County 4-H Properties, Inc., established this fund in 2007 to support the annual needs of Clare County 4-H programs.

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND*

The Grand Traverse County 4-H Leaders Association started this fund in 2001 to provide perpetual support for 4-H programming in the county. Additional donations are welcome.

WAYLAND HART MEMORIAL FUND

Since the 1980s, this fund has provided college scholarships to Adrian-area young people interested in dairy careers.

ADA MAY & WEBB HARWOOD 4-H MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Family members created this fund in 1998 to honor the Harwoods, parents of former 4-H members, to provide college scholarships for Washtenaw County 4-H members.

CARROLL J. AND ELAINE HASS ENDOWMENT FOR ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

Carroll and Elaine Hass established this fund in 2016 to support St. Joseph County 4-H program development, 4-H participation fee scholarships, 4-H out-of-county experiences and/or any general support that serves youth engagement within the county.

BURRELL E. HENRY MEMORIAL FUND

At the request of the local scholarship committee, the foundation assumed management of this fund several years after Burrell Henry's death. It provides college scholarships to Calhoun County 4-H youth.

HOUGHTON-KEWEENAW 4-H SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

This fund was created in 2024 by Carol and Donald Kreher to provide annual senior post-secondary scholarships for Houghton-Keweenaw County 4-H members.

HOUGHTON-KEWEENAW 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND*

This fund was created by the Houghton-Keweenaw 4-H Council in 2008 to support local 4-H program needs. Additional donations are welcome.

IOSCO COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

This fund, created in 1993, supports Iosco County 4-H needs annually. Additional donations are welcome.

ISABELLA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Isabella County 4-H Council and friends provided the initial resources for this fund in 1994. Additional donations are welcome.

KALKASKA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND*

Proceeds from the sale of a real estate donation created this fund in the mid-1980s to support 4-H activities in Kalkaska County. In 2014, the fund was increased by Shirley Hill with gifts in memory of her husband, Duke, and from the Kalkaska County 4-H Leaders Association.

*Indicates preexisting funds which also participated in the County Endowment Match Campaign.

KENT COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ENDOWMENT FUND*

Merry and Jerry Malfroid and Maggie and Dick Bethel launched a campaign to build a fund to provide long-term support for 4-H in Kent County. This fund, endowed in 2011, serves as an ongoing tribute to the contributions of all Kent County 4-H youth and volunteers. Additional donations are welcome.

THE RALPH E. & BETTY J. KIRCH ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was established in 2013 with gifts made by Ralph and Betty Kirch and added to with gifts made in memory of Ralph. The fund supports the Ralph and Betty Kirch Teen Leadership Development Award, providing scholarships for Kalamazoo and Cass County 4-H youth to attend Kettunen Center 4-H workshops or other state and national 4-H teen leadership learning experiences.

FRANK MOLINARE MEMORIAL FUND

Dickinson County 4-H programs, especially a 4-H residential camp named in Molinare's honor, benefit from this fund.

OGEMAW COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

Since the 1980s, this fund, established by the Ogemaw County 4-H program, has supported a variety of youth programs in Ogemaw County.

ANDREW L. OLSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

4-H members in Grand Traverse County are awarded college scholarships from this perpetual fund. Olson was important in the development of 4-H programs in Grand Traverse County.

ELMER & ROSE PETERSON MEMORIAL 4-H ENDOWMENT

David and Susan Peterson established this endowment in honor of David's parents in 2014. The fund supports scholarships for 4-H'ers to pursue postsecondary learning at an educational institution in Michigan and conservation program opportunities for Mason County 4-H'ers.

RICHARD J. POLLARD DICKINSON COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT

This fund was established by Richard J. Pollard in December 2020 to support Dickinson County 4-H, in honor of his local 4-H program for encouraging him to reach his full potential.

THE RORABAUGH FAMILY 4-H ENDOWMENT

This fund was established by Thomas Rorabaugh and Joyce Hartom in 2025 to support 4-H programs in Iron, Menominee and Mecosta counties, the counties where MSU Extension retiree Tom Rorabaugh served during his Extension career.

LEE G. AND K. JOANNA SCHWENK FUND FOR KALAMAZOO COUNTY 4-H

This fund, created with the Schwenk's estate gift in 2025, supports Kalamazoo County 4-H general 4-H activities and post-secondary scholarships for youth.

ROLAN & BERNICE SLEIGHT 4-H MEMORIAL FUND

Established in 1998 by the Sleights' three children, this fund supports postsecondary education scholarships for Clinton County 4-H members. The Sleight family was active in Clinton County 4-H programs.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

Initiated in the 1990s with local 4-H money, this fund actively seeks additional resources through charitable gifts and bequests from estates to support St. Clair County 4-H programs.

EARL W. AND SUZANNE THREADGOULD ENDOWMENT FOR INGHAM COUNTY

Established by Suzanne Threadgould in 2016, this fund honors her husband, Earl, and his 25-year career as a 4-H youth agent in Ingham County 4-H. The fund provides annual support for Ingham County 4-H including continuation of the Threadgould Award which honors youth leadership and recognition.

ERIN VAN SICKLE MEMORIAL FUND

This fund, created by Erin Van Sickle's estate gift, supports Livingston County 4-H recognition activities for youth, training for volunteers and other needs.



County Endowment Match Funds

In 2013, the Michigan 4-H Foundation launched the Make the Match County 4-H Endowment Campaign to build endowment support for local 4-H programs. These county endowment funds provide annual support for current program delivery, development of new programs and learning materials, or any future areas of great need to advance the county program. County endowments established through this effort are listed below. Additional gifts are welcome to grow these funds.

COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT MATCH POOL LEADERSHIP DONORS

- The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation
- The Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation
- Gary and Eiko Seevers and the Seevers Family Foundation
- Lana Dart
- Noel and Sandra Stuckman
- Arlon and Shirley Elser
- Donald and Rebecca Jost
- Dale and Sally Stuby
- Wayne and Faye Adam
- Larry and Julie Chapin
- Thomas and Rhonda Coon
- Lowell and Marilyn Rothert

ALLEGAN COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2015 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by a campaign committee of 4-H retirees, volunteers and friends.

ARENAC COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2017 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by the Arenac County 4-H Foundation.

BRANCH COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2016 with lead gifts from Branch County 4-H alumna Shirley Elser and her husband, Arlon.

CALHOUN COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was created in 2015 with an estate gift from long-time 4-H volunteer Harold E. Thomas. The Calhoun County 4-H Council also led a county 4-H endowment match campaign to grow the fund.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2015 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by a committee of Chippewa County 4-H volunteers and friends.

CLINTON COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2015 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by a committee of Clinton County 4-H volunteers and friends.

EATON COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2015 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by the Eaton County 4-H Advisory Council and a committee of Eaton County 4-H volunteers and friends.

GRATIOT COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was created in 2014 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by a committee of Gratiot County 4-H volunteers and friends.

HILLSDALE COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2016 with lead gifts from Hillsdale County 4-H alumnus Arlon Elser and his wife, Shirley.

INGHAM COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2015 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by a committee of 4-H retirees, volunteers and friends.

IONIA COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2015 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by the Ionia County 4-H Advisory Council and a committee of Ionia County 4-H volunteers and friends.

LAPEER COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2015 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by the Lapeer County 4-H Council.

LENAWEE COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was established in 2014 with an anonymous estate gift. The Lenawee County 4-H Council also led a county 4-H endowment campaign to grow the fund.

MACOMB COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2015 with a lead gift from the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council. The youth council also led a county 4-H endowment campaign to grow the fund.

MASON COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2014 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by the Mason County 4-H Advisory Council and a committee of Mason County 4-H volunteers and friends.

MIDLAND COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2015 with a lead gift from the Midland County Federated 4-H Leaders Association and 4-H volunteers.

MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

Lois Beal established this fund in 2013 in memory of her husband, Victor C. Beal, former Montcalm County Extension director and district agricultural agent for Montcalm, Ionia and Kent counties. The Montcalm County 4-H Council also led a county 4-H endowment campaign to grow the fund.

MUSKEGON COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2016 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by the Muskegon County 4-H Leaders Council.

OAKLAND COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2017 with combined funds from a local 4-H endowment match campaign and the Oakland County 4-H Advancement Fund, a previously established county fund.

OSCEOLA COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was established in 2013 with a gift from the Adrian R. Senegelaub Revocable Trust. Senegelaub was a longtime 4-H leader.

OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2015 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by the Ottawa County 4-H Council.

SANILAC COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

Wayne and Faye Adam established this fund in 2013 to support the annual needs of Sanilac County 4-H programs.

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

Glenn and Cleo Williams honored the role of 4-H in their lives by making a significant gift of grain in 2013 to the Michigan 4-H Foundation that, when sold, established this fund.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2014 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by a committee of St. Joseph County 4-H volunteers and friends.

WASHTENAW COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was created in 2014 with a lead gift from the Jane L. Schairer Revocable Living Trust. The Washtenaw County 4-H Council also led a county 4-H endowment match campaign to grow the fund.

WAYNE COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in 2016 as part of a county 4-H endowment match campaign led by a committee of Wayne County 4-H volunteers and friends.