



SCHOLARSHIPS TO 4-H YOUTH TO SUPPORT PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR

The Dutchess Land Conservancy will award scholarships of up to \$250, based on merit and the number of applications, to support 4-H'ers to participate in the 2026 Dutchess County Fair.

Please read the following conditions – no exceptions.

Dates

July 6	Scholarship opens for applications to be submitted
August 3	Deadline to submit completed applications – see below for full details
August 21	Awards announced by email
August 29	Awards will be presented at the 4-H Barn Bash on the fairgrounds in the livestock pavilion (recipients must be there or be represented to receive awards)

Eligibility

- Applicants must be 4-H members aged 8 or older (sorry no Cloverbuds) and in good standing
- Applicants must be in their 2nd year of 4-H or longer to apply
- Applications must be completed by the applicant (accommodations can be arranged if needed)

What funds may be used for

- Attendance at pre-fair clinics/workshops to prepare for fair
- Purchase of equipment/materials needed to exhibit at the fair, e.g., grooming products, halters, craft supplies
- Payment of vet bills related to the fair, e.g., vaccinations and health certificates
- Purchase of show clothes/clothing specific to Fair activities
- Purchase of breakfast in the 4-H café
- Purchase of non-fair food/drink (carry in) to provide healthy nutrition/hydration

What may not be purchased from funds

- Food from fair vendors such as food trucks
- Rides on the midway
- Concert tickets
- Any activities/purchases not related to fair or fair preparation

Application

- Submissions must be handwritten by the applicant on the template provided (accommodations made if needed); neatness and grammar/spelling will be considered.
- Please write an essay on one of the themes listed below. Essays must be written in your own words, without the assistance of AI (Artificial Intelligence).
- Attach 1 quality photo of the applicant in a natural setting.
- Complete the budget table to tell us what you expect to spend the award on.
- Applicants must allow their essay/photo to be used in DLC communications, such as social media, newsletter, website, etc.

DLC 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026

Name:	Age:
4-H Project(s) e.g., hogs, entomology ...	
Club(s):	Years in 4-H:

Essay:

Please print this template and hand-write your essay (ok to add extra sheets) on one of these themes:

- How does 4-H connect to America's 250-year heritage of protecting land?
- This year is the 180th Dutchess County Fair! Compare the farming practices you use today to the practices used in the mid-1800s. What has changed? What has stayed the same?
- Tell us a story about ways you have cared for the land. What inspired you? What did you learn from the experience?

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Youth Applying for an Award must complete this table as part of your application

If you were lucky enough to receive funding detail what you expect to spend this award on, up to \$250. See above for guidance on what is acceptable.

Description of Expense	Estimated Cost
TOTAL	\$

I agree that the information I have provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge at this time.

Youth signature: _____ Date: _____

MEDIA/PHOTO RELEASE

By signing this form, I consent and give permission to allow the Dutchess Land Conservancy and Cornell Cooperative Extension the unlimited right to use photographs, written materials, and direct quotes, that they have through submission of this application. I agree to give up my rights with regards to this material. Further, by signing this consent and release form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to the above request and conditions. I sign this form freely and without inducement.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Email address for correspondence: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town, State, Zip code: _____

HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS

1. Please drop off completed application at:

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Farm and Home Center
2715 Route 44
Millbrook, NY 12545

(leave in the green mailbox if the building is locked)

or email a scan of the application to
ccedc4-H@cornell.edu

Remember to include a photo:

2. If you do not have a hard copy of a photo, you may email Doug Ohlandt at dougo@dutchessland.org and attach a good quality photo of the applicant, taken in a natural setting and in jpeg or Png format.

You will receive an email from Dutchess Land Conservancy, confirming receipt of your application.

