

GALLATIN COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION



Greetings, 2026 4-H Seniors!

The Gallatin County 4-H Foundation is excited to congratulate you on your academic achievements! The Foundation would like to invite you to apply for the 2026 Gallatin County Higher Education Scholarships. We have expanded our scholarship offerings and are excited to have multiple scholarships available for various continuing education tracks. Additional scholarships may be awarded based on the merit of the application.

Enclosed in this packet is information and criteria for each scholarship, along with the application packet. If you meet the criteria of more than one traditional 4-year degree scholarship, you may check multiple boxes on page 1 and submit only 1 scholarship packet. For the other post-secondary scholarships, be sure to read and apply for the appropriate scholarship.

Pay attention to specific scholarship deadlines noted at the top of each scholarship description. Applications are to be submitted to the Extension Office no later than 5:00 pm on the appropriate deadline. Applications will be reviewed by the committee in late April, and scholarship recipients will be announced in early May.

The Gallatin County 4-H Foundation appreciates your dedication not only to 4-H but also to your education!

Sincerely,
Gallatin County 4-H Foundation Board of Directors



Doney Scholarship

Due April 1, 2026

Purpose:

The Frank and Vera Doney Scholarship was established in December 2005. This scholarship is made possible through a generous donation by Ellis and Bette Doney, Robert and Kathy Doney, and Arleene Doney Weppler in memory of Frank and Vera Doney. This scholarship is open to all Gallatin County 4-H youth graduating high school and attending a **traditional 4-year college/university studying an agricultural related major**.

Scholarship Award:

At least one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$2000.

Scholarship Criteria:

- 1- Number of years of 4-H enrollment will be taken into consideration
- 2- 4-H club membership is encouraged/preferred
- 3- Plan to study an agricultural related major in higher education within the College of Ag (including equine science and veterinary medicine).
- 4- Must complete Gallatin 4-H Foundation Scholarship application paperwork

Evaluation Criteria:

Scholarship applications will be scored by rubric and reviewed by a committee appointed by the Gallatin County 4-H Foundation.

Announcement and Distribution of Funds:

The successful applicant(s) will receive funds for their 1st semester of higher education. Funds will be mailed to the school directly once applicant provides registration of 1st semester. Recipient will be notified by mail and/or email.

Market Livestock Scholarship

Due April 1, 2026

Purpose:

The Gallatin Market Livestock Scholarship was established in 2020. This scholarship is made possible through donations and commission from the Gallatin 4-H Market Livestock Sale. The scholarship is open to Gallatin County 4-H market livestock exhibitors graduating high school and attending a **traditional 4-year college/university in any degree field**.

Scholarship Award:

Up to two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each based on the merit of the application.

Scholarship Criteria:

- 1- Number of years of 4-H enrollment will be taken into consideration
- 2- 4-H club membership is encouraged/preferred
- 3- Actively participated/sold in a 4-H market livestock project through high school (4 years)
- 4- Must complete Gallatin 4-H Foundation Scholarship application paperwork

Evaluation Criteria:

Scholarship applications will be scored by rubric and reviewed by a committee appointed by the Gallatin County 4-H Foundation.

Announcement and Distribution of Funds:

The successful applicant(s) will receive funds for their 1st semester of higher education. Funds will be mailed to the school directly once applicant provides registration of 1st semester. Recipient will be notified by mail and/or email.

Gallatin County 4-H Foundation Scholarship – Traditional Track

Due April 1, 2026

Purpose:

This scholarship was established in 2016 by the Gallatin County 4-H Foundation Board of Directors to honor and support graduating seniors who have been active in 4-H during high school. The scholarship is open to all Gallatin County 4-H youth graduating high school and attending a **traditional 4-year college/university in any field of study**.

Scholarship Award:

Up to three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each.

Scholarship Criteria:

- 1- Number of years of 4-H enrollment will be taken into consideration
- 2- 4-H club membership is encouraged/preferred
- 3- Must complete Gallatin 4-H Foundation Scholarship application paperwork

Evaluation Criteria:

Scholarship applications will be scored by rubric and reviewed by a committee appointed by the Gallatin County 4-H Foundation.

Announcement and Distribution of Funds:

The successful applicants(s) will receive funds for their 2nd semester of higher education. Funds will be mailed to the school directly once applicant provides registration for 2nd semester. Recipient will be notified by mail and/or email.

Gallatin County 4-H Foundation Scholarship – Non-traditional Track

Due April 1, 2026

Purpose:

This scholarship was established in 2024 by the Gallatin County 4-H Foundation Board of Directors to support the diverse needs and interests of our graduating seniors. The scholarship is open to all Gallatin County 4-H youth graduating high school and pursuing a **non-traditional post-secondary program**. Examples include but are not limited to 2-year degrees, certifications, and professional licenses (welding certification, cosmetology school, EMT/Paramedic training, culinary school, dental/medical assistant).

Scholarship Award:

Up to three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each.

Scholarship Criteria:

- 1- Number of years of 4-H enrollment will be taken into consideration
- 2- 4-H club membership is encouraged/preferred
- 3- Must complete Gallatin 4-H Foundation Scholarship application paperwork

Evaluation Criteria:

Scholarship applications will be scored by rubric and reviewed by a committee appointed by the Gallatin County 4-H Foundation.

Announcement and Distribution of Funds:

The successful applicants(s) will receive funds upon proof of registration/enrollment in their program. Funds will be mailed to the school directly. Recipient will be notified by mail and/or email.

4-H Beyond Ready On-the-Job Training Scholarship

Due August 1, 2026

Purpose:

This scholarship was established in 2024 by the Gallatin County 4-H Foundation Board of Directors to support the diverse needs and interests of our graduating seniors. The scholarship is open to all Gallatin County 4-H youth graduating high school who are **pursuing employment through a vocational apprenticeship program**. Examples include but are not limited to on-the-job training in construction, mechanics, electrical/journeymen, plumbing, or any other trade.

Scholarship Award:

At least (1) scholarship in the amount of \$1000

Scholarship Criteria:

- 1- Number of years of 4-H enrollment will be taken into consideration
- 2- 4-H club membership is encouraged/preferred
- 3- Must complete Gallatin 4-H Foundation Scholarship application paperwork
- 4- ***Please note:** This scholarship requires one (1) character letter of recommendation and one (1) letter of recommendation and confirmation of training program from direct employer.

Evaluation Criteria:

Scholarship applications will be scored by rubric and reviewed by a committee appointed by the Gallatin County 4-H Foundation.

Announcement and Distribution of Funds:

The successful applicant(s) will receive funds upon proof of employment and a training program. The applicant must specify where funds will need to be dispersed. Recipient will be notified by mail and/or email.

Gallatin County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application

Deadlines: Specified on each scholarship description

Applicant Information:

Personal Information:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Parent(s) or guardian(s) _____

D.O.B. ____/____/____

High School Information:

Name & address of High School _____

High School Cumulative GPA _____

4-H Information:

Number of Years in 4-H (including this year) _____ Club Name _____

List the three most significant 4-H projects during your 4-H career

Project: _____ # of Year(s) Involved: _____

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Course of Study and requested Scholarship:

Name and address of college, school, or program you plan to attend:

Anticipated course of study _____

What career do you plan to follow? _____

Scholarship Selection: I am eligible and want to apply for the following scholarship(s): If applying for multiple, you only need to submit 1 packet.

___ *Doney Scholarship (Traditional 4 year in an Agriculture related field)*

___ *Gallatin Market Livestock Scholarship (Traditional 4 year)*

___ *Gallatin County 4-H Foundation Scholarship (Traditional 4 year)*

___ *Gallatin County 4-H Foundation Scholarship (Non-traditional track)*

___ *4-H Beyond Ready On-the-Job Training Scholarship (Apprenticeships)*

The information included in this application is an accurate representation of my activities and involvement.

Applicant Signature

Date

Gallatin County 4-H Agent Signature

Date



SELECTION WILL BE MADE BY THE GALLATIN COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE.

The MSU Extension Service is an ADA/EO/AA/Veteran's preference employer and educational outreach provider.

Short Essay:

On a separate sheet of paper, write at least one paragraph covering each of the sections below.

Section 1: Leadership

Write a narrative of your Leadership Life Skills. It is important to relate these skills to the 4-H leadership roles you have held during the past four years, such as holding an office, serving on a committee, and/or 4-H project work. Discuss what you learned from your leadership experiences.

Section 2: Citizenship

Write a narrative of your citizenship experiences (include 4-H experiences). Citizenship is an important part of the 4-H program. It can be described as who or what we are, as what we believe, or as what we do. Identify ways you have participated in citizenship experiences and describe what you learned about your community, school, or country, and about yourself in the process.

Section 3: Community Service

Write a narrative of your community service experiences (include 4-H experiences). Community service is what you do as an individual or group to help your community. Identify community service projects and activities in which you have participated and describe what you learned through the experience.

Section 4: 4-H Story

Share information about you as a person. Emphasize your personal growth and development. This is your opportunity to share how 4-H has contributed to who you are! You could include your most significant 4-H projects, activities, and experiences. If you identify projects and activities, discuss the skills you learned and how these experiences are important to you now and in the future. Share what you learned from these experiences and how they will assist you in the future.

Section 5: Career Goals

What is your major field of study? What are your reasons for choosing this course of study? How will your post-secondary education assist you in attaining your career goals?

Additional Information:

- ❖ Submit an official copy of your high school or college transcript.
- ❖ ***New: TYPED** Resume (no longer than one page double sided)
- ❖ **2 Letter(s) of Recommendation:** Please have letters of recommendation from your 4-H leader and a teacher/counselor/employer/community member sent to:

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Bozeman, MT 59715