



**Wilson County 4-H**  
**Kathy and Ellis Williford Wilson County**  
**4-H Scholarship Application**



The Kathy and Ellis Williford Wilson County 4-H Scholarship Endowment will be offering a \$500 scholarship to a Wilson County Senior-age 4-H'er who is planning education beyond high school at a NC institute of higher education. This ENDOWMENT shall be used to provide scholarships for Wilson County 4-Hers enrolled in an agriculture, business, or health sciences undergraduate or two-year curriculum. **The scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H'er who has demonstrated a strong work ethic and leadership through participation in various 4-H leadership opportunities.**

***Applicant Criteria:***

1. This scholarship is available to current 4-H members who are Senior-age 4-H'ers (14-18 years old as of Jan. 1). Preference will be given to high school seniors.
2. Forms must be submitted prior to **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2019**, to be considered.
3. Applications are available from the Wilson County Cooperative Extension office, 1806 SW Goldsboro St., Wilson, NC 27834.
4. Applicant must be a current member, in good standing, of Wilson County 4-H.
5. Applications must be complete and include the following:
  - Completed front page of personal information
  - Maximum of FOUR (4) typed pages, single-sided, that provide answers to questions included in the application.
  - THREE written recommendation letters, enclosed in sealed envelopes with the applicant's name on the front of the envelope and signature of the persons providing the recommendations across the seal on the back of the envelope. One recommendation must be from a 4-H volunteer. Recommendation letters should NOT be from individuals related to the applicant. **Recommendation letters should focus on leadership demonstrated and community involvement of the applicant.** Note: There will be no recommendations given by Extension staff for in-county scholarships.
  - Complete contact information on individuals who write recommendation letters, including verification of 4-H enrollment
  - A transcript from your high school
6. The scholarship will be judged on the following criteria: 4-H Accomplishments, 4-H Leadership, Community Service/Employment Record, Work Ethic, Educational Plans & Career Goals, Recommendation Letters, Need Base and others.

**Kathy and Ellis Williford 4-H Leadership Scholarship  
APPLICATION FORM**

*Please type or print legibly.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone:  
\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Years of 4-H Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

University/College(s) applied to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please \* the one you plan to attend)

## Recommendation Contacts

Complete the information below on the three individuals who will be writing your recommendation letters for this scholarship. **NOTE:** The contact listed for the 4-H Volunteer ***MUST verify the years you were a 4-H member*** in his/her letter. Years of 4-H membership do not need to be consecutive nor in the same county or state.

**Recommendation Letters should be sealed in envelopes with the signature of the author across the seal and attached to this scholarship application.** Recommendation letters should focus on leadership demonstrated and community involvement of the applicant.

### Recommendation #1 – 4-H Volunteer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommendation #2 – Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommendation #3 – Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholarship Questions

Applicants must answer the following questions in order to be considered for this scholarship. Answers to your questions must be typed using a format of your choice; however you are limited to four (4) single-sided pages. Type should be no smaller than 10 point Times New Roman. Margins must be a minimum of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " on all four edges. Questions and pages should be numbered.

1. Summarize your most important 4-H accomplishments.
2. List your major 4-H leadership roles. This could include, but is not limited to, committees and offices held. Please provide the level of participation behind each role (L=Local club; C=County; M=Multi-county; R=Regional; S=State; N=National; I=International)
3. What life skills have you developed/strengthened through your 4-H participation?
4. Provide information on the breadth and scope of your 4-H projects.
5. In what way do you see yourself giving back to 4-H in the future?
6. Describe why higher education is important to you.
7. Describe your work ethic, citing specific personal examples.
8. List on-going community service projects or paid employment over the past five (5) years. Include number of hours you served/worked and total duration of your service/employment.
9. Highlight your school, church and/or community activities.
10. What else should we know about you when considering your scholarship application?

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Applications should be sent to:  
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Wilson, NC 27893