



# Porter County 4-H Scholarships

*John E. Keller Memorial Scholarship*

*John Swarner Memorial Scholarship*

*Alumni Memorial Scholarship*



**John E. Keller Memorial:** John Keller was the 4-H Youth Extension Agent in Porter County from 1975 until his passing in 1984. He and his wife Mary Anne were the parents of three children. He was very dedicated to his family and the youth of Porter County. John loved working with young people through various organizations and believed 4-H is the best youth organization in the world. He loved sports and often officiated at sporting events. Money from the 4-H Foods Auction is used to support this scholarship in his memory.

**John Swarner Memorial:** Dr. John Swarner was a well-respected physician in Porter County. He and his wife Bonnie became very involved helping with the rabbit and goat projects when their children were members of 4-H. Fair week would find him helping out in the barns in any way he could. Dr. Swarner was also a strong supporter of the Porter County 4-H Livestock Auction.

**Alumni Memorial:** The Alumni Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of all former 4-H members who have passed away.

## *General Terms & Conditions:*

1. Applicants must be graduating from high school this year and must have been accepted to an institution of higher learning (i.e., college, university, trade school)
2. Keller Memorial Scholarship applicants must enroll in a full course load (i.e., 12 credit hours or more per semester).
3. Applicants must complete the scholarship application and supporting materials as detailed on page 2 of this packet.
4. Applicants must participate in an interview with the 4-H Awards Committee.
5. All applicants must be active Porter County 4-H members in good standing.
6. Financial need shall not be used as a criterion in selecting recipient(s).
7. Money may be requested upon completion of one term of study (e.g., one semester). Proof of completion in the form of grade transcript or completion certificate AND proof of re-enrollment for the next semester (a copy of the student's statement of class schedule is the most common form used) must be submitted to the 4-H Council Treasurer. These can be emailed to: [myersjn@purdue.edu](mailto:myersjn@purdue.edu)
8. Money must be claimed by January 31<sup>st</sup> of next year by the award recipient.
9. Selection of the awards shall be made by the Awards Committee of the Porter County 4-H Council, Inc. The family of John E. Keller may assist in the selection of Keller Memorial Scholarship recipients.
10. Applications are due electronically by 4:30 pm on Monday, April 15th, 2024. See page 2 for further details.
11. You will book your interview time slot electronically as detailed on page 2 of this packet.



# Porter County 4-H

## Memorial Scholarships

### Application Format & Required Information



Please present your application as a single electronic document and include the following sections:

- Section 1: The completed scholarship application form.
- Section 2: Please provide a 1-2 page typed essay (double-spaced, 10 or 12 pt. font) describing how you have benefitted from 4-H.
- Section 3: Provide two electronic letters of recommendation, from any of the following: academic teacher, guidance counselor, 4-H Club Leader, 4-H Project Superintendent, 4-H Council Representative, other 4-H volunteer. Instruct recommenders to email their letters directly to 4-H Youth Educator, Jennifer Myers, [myersjn@purdue.edu](mailto:myersjn@purdue.edu) (*Recommendation letters from the applicant's immediate family will not be accepted.*)
- Section 4: Please provide the following information in table or bullet-point format:
- A. List all offices you have held in your 4-H club and/or Junior Leaders (list by year).
  - B. List projects in which you have participated and the number of years in each.
  - C. List all community service projects you have done through 4-H (list by year).
  - D. List all 4-H educational trips you have done (list by year).
  - E. List any other 4-H activities in which you have participated (e.g. Camp, Share-the-Fun, etc.)
- Section 5: Please list other non-4-H activities in which you have participated. Additionally, please list the number of years you have participated in each of these activities and include a listing of any community service activities in which you have participated with each.
- A. High School Activities (Athletics, Academics, Arts, etc.)
  - B. Other extracurricular activities (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, ROTC, FFA, church, etc.)
  - C. Employment. If currently employed, include in the description how many hours per week you work.
- Section 6: Achievements
- A. Include a list of what you consider your most significant 4-H achievements throughout your 4-H career. (i.e., Fair Exhibit Champions, Achievement Medals, Achievement Ambassador, Camp Counselor, Officer Positions, Community Service Work, etc.)
  - B. Please list any achievements or awards that you have received from your non-4-H extracurricular activities.

### *Schedule Your Interview*

Scholarship applicants must participate in an interview with the 4-H Awards Committee. Interview dates have been scheduled for the evenings of Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 between 6:00 - 8:00 both evenings. Interviews will be conducted in person in the upstairs meeting room of Expo East at the fairgrounds (above the Fair Office).

Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4BA5AD2AAB9-48699284-2024> to schedule your interview time.

### *Scholarship Submission*

To submit your scholarship, please go to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/2Ur4adYouE9C75rU9> and upload your scholarship application form and all required sections as a single PDF document. Due: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:30 pm.



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## Memorial Scholarships Application



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### Scholarship Application Form

*Please include a recent pic of yourself:*

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

Male ☐ Female ☐

Year in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of post-secondary institution to which accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

Major course of study: \_\_\_\_\_

What career path do you plan to follow? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Statement of Consent

By typing my name below, I attest that I have personally prepared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my work. In addition, I give my explicit consent for the awards committee and/or award donor to review the application along with all other submitted materials:

Signature of 4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Add additional pages for the required sections as indicated on page 2.)*