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Indiana 4-H Mission

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

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4-H Enrollment for 2024-2025 is OPEN!

Complete your enrollment so you don't miss out on club meetings, workshops and other activities.

Youth

3rd-12th grade

The program fee is \$15 per child up to three children, fourth child is free.

Mini 4-H

Kindergarten-2nd grade

Mini 4-H is \$5 per child and is payable by check to the Benton County 4-H Council.

All youth can enroll using 4-H Online:

[Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com)

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What: Scholarship Help Session

When: Monday January 6, 2025
12:00 pm-4:00 pm

Where: Benton County Extension Office
@ Benton County Annex
410 S. Adeway, Suite A

Please come by the office at your convenience for assistance completing any of the 4-H Scholarship applications or if you just have questions. The 2025 4-H Scholarship list is on the following page. Application deadline January 25, 2025!





2025 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

\$176,880 AWARDED IN 2024



FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

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Next Chapter

WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

WHEN DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

WHERE DO I FIND SCHOLARSHIPS?

INDIANA 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

HOW DO I APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

WRITING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

AND MORE TIPS AND TRICKS!

DECEMBER 12, 2024
6:00 PM
ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT TO REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

REGISTER FOR THIS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP HERE:
[HTTPS://4HSCHOLARSHIPHELP.4HONLINE.COM](https://4hscholarshiphelp.4honline.com)

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.



Stay home and stay warm to attend this workshop to help you and your family navigate financial aid and scholarship opportunities.





BENTON COUNTY COLLEGE SAVINGS INCENTIVE PROGRAM



The 4-H Council is continuing the program to provide financial incentives for project completion and 4-H program involvement.

Grade	Requirements	Incentive
3-6	Bronze <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H member must attend 3 club meetings through 4-H program year • Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th 	\$20
	Silver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H member must attend 3 club meetings through 4-H program • Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th • Volunteer 2 hours in the 4-H Food Stand 	\$30
	Gold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H member must attend 3 club meetings through 4-H program year • Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th • Volunteer 2 hours in the 4-H Food Stand • Attend a county, area, or state level camp or workshop 	\$45
7-12	Bronze <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H member must attend 3 club meetings through 4-H program • Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th 	\$25
	Silver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H member must attend 3 club meetings through 4-H program year • Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th • Volunteer 4 hours in the 4-H Food Stand 	\$45
	Gold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H member must attend 3 club meetings through 4-H program year • Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th • Volunteer 4 hours in the 4-H Food Stand • Attend a county, area, or state level camp or workshop 	\$55

If you have not submitted your Ugift code in the past, you can enroll for the College Savings Incentive program by submitting your CollegeChoice 529 Ugift code through this QR code:



If you enrolled in the program last year and have submitted your Ugift code to the 4-H Council through the survey, you do not need to submit the information again.

We will be notifying those 4-H members who qualified for a completion incentive for the 2024 4-H program year very soon.

If you have questions please contact the Extension office at 765-884-0140.



Incentive Program Recipients



GOLD

Isabelle Adams
Josephine Adams
Sarah Barr
Ezekiel Bennett
Hannah Bice
Eli Brock
Jacob Brock
Noah Brock
Caleb Buck
Aiden Budreau
Jude Burke
Ryan Cochran
Tyler Cox
Zachary Crumbaugh
Alexis Dalton
Eli Dalton
Kiersten Dalton
Kennedy Dowell
Joseph Fisher
Leslianne Fisher
Richard Fisher
Blayne Fox
Carter Fox
Dailey Fox

Rayne Gallagher
Kobe Ishmiel
Sydney Ishmiel
Cailey Jones
Harper Kawlewski
Wyatt Kelp
Aaron Kerkhoff
Maci King
Cole Klemme
Cooper Krug
Easton Lucy
Peyton Lucy
Tate Lucy
Ava Lukaszka
Kadyn McGinnis
Baylen Metzinger
Kaison Muller
Cole Nally
Dublin Nally
Jace Nally
Jackson Quear
Mollie Quear
Brooklyn Ratts
Hudson Ratts

Logan Ratts
Eyan Rinkenberg
Lexi Robinson
Isabel Sayre
Madison Schelllenberger
Maylee Schellenberger
Brennan Snodgrass
William Snodgrass
Ella Stacy
Leah Strasburger
Samantha Strasburger
Jonathan Wallpe
Nathanael Wallpe
Lillian Weigle
Wesley Weigle
Wyatt Weigle
Hudson Whitwer
Riley Wilkinson
Addison Winger

SILVER

Mariah Anstett
Zed Bennett
Gavin Bice
Ashlyn Brigham-Kawlewski
Carolyne Burke
Abagayle Carrigan
Kylin Case
Lawson Case
Morgan Chapman
Rozlynn Clute
Molly Cox
Brooklyn Crumbaugh
Ellie Dalton

Reagan Dowell
Ryne Drake
Thomas Dwenger
Kyle Fisher
Allie Gross
Gunnar Gross
Isabella Gross
Tripp Johnson
Eli Jones
Alyza Kelp
Taryn Klemme
Payton Krug
Brennan Lukaszka

Sawyer Maxson
Ian Metzinger
Bradley Pitstick
Elizabeth Pitstick
Jacob Pitstick
Lynlie Robinson
Piper Stephens
Preslie Stephens
Aiden Wetli

BRONZE

Cora Atkinson
Ian Atkinson
Logan Bice
Mariah Black
Ella Center
Maxwell Center

Ethan Dowell
Rowan Drake
Hudson Glover
Wyatt Glover
Audrey Munson
Adler Payne

Dietrich Payne
Logan Pyke
Mason Pyke
Hannah Wetli
Hunter Wirtz
Kale Zink

*If you have any questions regarding incentives, please contact our office.

ASSURED ADMISSION

PURDUE FAST START

PROGRAM



At Purdue University, we are empowering students to direct their own futures through the free

PURDUE FAST START PROGRAM,

which makes higher education more affordable for all.

WHAT

Many promising students will now have the opportunity to take their first steps toward a Purdue degree with the new Purdue Fast Start program. Through Purdue's partnership with ModernStates.org, a website featuring more than 30 free, high-quality courses, you can gain assured admission into Purdue by earning free college credit. This partnership will create new opportunities for Indiana students to take giant leaps in their education with a new pathway to Purdue University.

THROUGH THE PURDUE FAST START PROGRAM, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN GIANT LEAPS A REALITY BY EARNING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AT PURDUE.

HOW

To earn acceptance into Purdue, Indiana students can take the Modern States online courses for free. Those who pass a minimum of five corresponding College Board CLEP exams are assured admission to Purdue and will be designated as Klinsky Scholars. Students also will have access to mentors during the program.

Make a Purdue University education even more affordable:

- Free online courses and corresponding CLEP exams through Modern States, covering the entire cost of the Fast Start program
- Complete 5 courses + pass the CLEP exams (paid for by ModernStates.org) = 15 credits, a full semester's worth of credit at Purdue, **WHICH CAN SAVE A STUDENT \$11,000**
- Complete 10 courses + pass the CLEP exams (paid for by ModernStates.org) = 30 credits, freshman year for free at Purdue, **WHICH CAN SAVE A STUDENT OVER \$21,000**

LEARN MORE

For more information, go to the Fast Start website at purdue.university/faststart, or call **765-494-1776** or (for hearing impaired) **800-743-3333**.

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