

Fred's Kids Scholarship

Fred Matuszak grew up on a farm raising beef and growing grains. Never did it cross his mind that he would fall in love with a goat project.

In 1999 his son joined the goat project and Fred's life changed. Soon he found himself helping on the committee to do anything he could to make the experience the best for the 4-H members and their families.

As the superintendent for the last 20+ years, he and the committee have worked hard to move the project forward. It went from a Wednesday night show that ended many years at 1:00 in the morning to a Sunday show that covered 8:30am to 4:00pm. That move was needed because of the growth in the number of goat members and the huge volume of animals. What benefitted the goat kids was always what was important. With 2025 being his last fair as superintendent, Fred wondered what he could still do for the 4-Hers. His dream was to develop a scholarship for graduating senior goat members. With his passing, that dream was unfulfilled.

Many people that have crossed paths with Fred felt his dream was worthy of their support and as a result, Fred's Kids Scholarship became a reality.

This \$500 Scholarship will be annually awarded to a graduating senior goat member starting in 2026.

Those wishing to apply must complete everything listed below.

1. Applicants must currently be enrolled in LaPorte County 4-H goat project and must have four (4) additional years in LaPorte county goats for a total of five (5) years.
2. Individual must be pursuing a degree at a college, university or trade school.
3. Applicant must be maintaining at least a C grade point average at the time of application. Please provide a transcript of your grades with this application.
4. Entire application must be thoroughly completed before being submitted. Incomplete applications submitted will not be considered.
5. All applications should be typed; no hand written responses will be eligible for consideration.
6. Completed applications must be in the Extension Office no later than 3:59pm on Friday, May 29th. LaPorte County Ext. Office: 2857 W St. Rd. 2 Suite A, LaPorte, IN 46350.

This award will be paid directly to the recipient upon proof of enrollment and proof of completion of your first semester in college or trade school.

Please see next page for additional instructions.

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Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Parent or Guardian _____

High School _____

City _____ GPA _____

On separate sheet, answer the following:

1. List your 4-H, FFA, School, Civic and/or any other leadership involvement.
2. What career choice have you made and why?
3. What advice would you tell kids that are thinking of joining the goat project.
4. What did you learn by doing the goat project that you will take with you into your future?