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Tipton County 4-H Members Grade 10 and Above:

As you all plan for your college educations, we know that funds are always an issue. This is why we want all of you to be aware of the many scholarships that are made available through the Purdue Extension- Tipton County Office, the Tipton County Foundation, local donors, and the Indiana 4-H Foundation. **Some of these scholarships are awarded to young people as early as the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.**

Enclosed with this letter is information showing the various scholarships available, complete with who is eligible to apply. Applications for each of these scholarships are available online. Applications and submission instructions for those labeled "State Scholarship" are also available online at [bit.ly/4hscholarship](https://bit.ly/4hscholarship). I highly encourage seniors to begin working on a **4-H Foundation Senior Scholarship** ASAP- we have had a good record of winners from Tipton County in the past, but they require some time to be done well!



I also highly encourage everyone receiving this letter to consider applying for the **4-H Accomplishment Scholarship**. This scholarship requires the applicants to create a resume and cover letter based on the life skills they have learned through a specific 4-H project or category (what awards you have previously won in the project has no bearing on the judging of the application). The 4-Hers who submit the best resumes for a particular project area then prepare a short introductory video and go through a professional interview over zoom. This is good practice for when you have to create a resume and cover letter in college and when you apply and interview for a career position in the future! Tipton County has had several excellent applications submitted; in the last several years we have had six interviews and four winners, including the top Accomplishment Scholarship winner in 2022! **I have some very good resources to simplify the process for you, please ask for them before January 15, or check your e-mail.** These applications are not hard to complete, but they do require some time. I would be happy to go over your applications and offer suggestions for revision. Please submit your drafts by **Wednesday, January 15** to your 4-H Online profile, which will allow enough time for review and revisions before the January 25 deadline. More info is available at the scholarship website mentioned in the previous paragraph. **You may begin applying for Accomplishment Scholarships in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, up to three categories a year, and continue applying through your first year in college!**

There is an excellent "Online 4-H Scholarship Workshop" video available on [bit.ly/4hscholarship](https://bit.ly/4hscholarship). In addition to the resources mentioned above, these items will be extremely helpful to make sense of the applications and equip you to prepare a quality application.

The majority of the **local scholarships** will be part of a combined Tipton County Foundation application form that will be available after January 1. Please ask your guidance office for application information, obtain one at the Tipton County Foundation, or find the form under the "Scholarships" tab across the top of [www.tiptoncf.org](https://www.tiptoncf.org). The Richard Nash Swine Scholarship must be requested separately from the Purdue Extension- Tipton County office; it will be sent to all swine exhibitors in 12<sup>th</sup> grade this winter and spring.

Let me know if you have any other questions. Good luck as you plan for your future!!!!

Sincerely,

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