



Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes



February 2, 2018

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To submit an article or information contact Arvilla by noon on Thursdays. (920) 834-6846; 4h@co.oconto.wi.us



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Spring Fling

Saturday, April 7th, 9:00am-3:30pm
Washington Middle School, Oconto Falls
Registration will be opening soon!

This May Be Your Last Issue of Friday Notes!!

If you have not re-enrolled in 4-H at www.4honline.com this will be your last issue of Friday Notes. As of next week, Friday Notes will only be delivered to you if you are an **ACTIVE** member in 4-H Online. You will also miss out on important notices for county-wide project events, travel experiences, fair information and anything else related to the 4-H program.

You may not be eligible to participate in many 4-H activities if you are not an active member in 4-H Online (like the ice skating event on page 2). You are also not covered by our awesome 4-H insurance if something were to happen during a club outing or other 4-H event.

Not sure if you are an active member? Just login to www.4honline.com and click on the Continue to Family button. Scroll down until you see your name under Member/Volunteer. If the Enrollment Status heading does not say Active, you need to click on the Edit button to the right and re-enroll.

If you need help with re-enrolling, contact the UW-Extension office at (920) 834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us

DON'T MISS OUT! RE-ENROLL in 4-H NOW!

Board of Director's Meeting, February 4th

The next meeting of the Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association Board of Directors will be held on Sunday, February 11th, 2:00pm at St. Clare Hospital, Oconto Falls. Agenda items include:

- ❖ Election of new officers

This meeting is open to everyone.

TrEx Committee Meeting, February 7th

The next meeting of the Oconto County 4-H TrEx Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 7th, 7:00pm at St. Clare Hospital Oconto Falls. Agenda items include:

- ❖ Setting up the Calendar year
- ❖ Art Beat Promotion
- ❖ 4-H & Youth Conference Promotion
- ❖ Spring Fling Lunch

This meeting is open to everyone.

Club Articles

Club articles must be submitted by Thursday noon to appear in that week's Friday Notes. All articles should be edited for proper grammar and spelling, cover the, who, what, where, when, how and why of the event, include the reporter's name and the club involved. If a headshot of the reporter is submitted, that will be placed alongside the article but is not a requirement.



Morgan Badgers 4-H Club Swimming in Winter! What!?

Submitted By Lydia Klopotic, Reporter

For the Morgan Badgers 4-H monthly club meeting on Sunday, January 21, members and their families went swimming at the Kroc Center. They had fun swimming, splashing around and going down a fun waterslide. Then, after all of the swimming, members got to eat some delicious pizza and talk about what they were going to do for the next few meetings. Morgan Badgers 4-H meets the second Sunday of every month at 5pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Morgan. Please feel free to attend a meeting to see what 4-H is all about.



Morgan Badgers members enjoying some summer fun in winter.



Pasture Pirates 4-H Club to Host Free County-Wide Ice Skating Event, February 24th

Pasture Pirates 4-H Club would like to invite all Oconto County 4-H members to an ice skating event on Saturday, February 24th from 4-5:30pm at the Marinette Civic Center, 2000 Alice Ln., Marinette. This event is free to all Oconto County 4-H members and their families due to the generosity of the Pasture Pirates 4-H Club. The event includes **FREE** admission and snacks!

If you are interested in attending this **FREE** event and meeting other 4-H members in our program, please RSVP to:

heatherjoyrennie@gmail.com or (920) 373-8234 (texts welcome)



Heart of the Farm Event, March 7th

UW-Extension of Oconto and Marinette Counties will be holding their annual Heart of the Farm event on Wednesday, March 7th at the Little Suamico Town Hall (address on lower right). The focus of this year's gathering will be on understanding finances.

To lighten up the day and have some fun, you will have the opportunity to create a cow portrait to take home following local artist, Barbara Anderson's expert step-by-step directions. It will be a great time to gather for education and fun!

This event is open to everyone. See flyer on page 7 for more information.





This section is devoted to the volunteer opportunities available in our 4-H program. Consider giving back by becoming involved in 4-H at a deeper level and offer to help out in any of these areas.

Board of Directors

The Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association is seeking adults and older youth (8th grade and up) to serve on their Board of Directors. They are looking for individuals that are passionate about 4-H, willing to commit 2 hours once a month to making Oconto County 4-H a growing program and interested in having lively, creative discussions about our 4-H program.

Oconto County 4-H relies heavily on the voice of the board, so be a part of that voice. The Board is currently in need of two adults and four youth. Please consider volunteering for these positions that are so vital to the continuation of our 4-H program. If you are interested in serving as a member of this dynamic panel, please contact Cheryl Meyer at gmeyer@outlook.com or (920) 569-9364. We would LOVE to have you on "board"!!

Volunteer in Preparation (previously known as Volunteer Orientation) Training Dates

In order to become an adult volunteer in 4-H you must attend a Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) training. The training introduces you to the 4-H program and your role and responsibilities when working with youth in our 4-H program. The next training in Oconto County will be in April during the Spring Fling project event.

Saturday, April 7th, 10:00am-12:00pm, Washington Middle School, 102 S. Washington St., Oconto Falls.
Registration is required for this session. Registration instructions coming soon. Watch Friday Notes.

If you have any questions regarding VIP training or on how to become an Oconto County 4-H volunteer, contact Arvilla Rusnak at (920) 834-6846 or arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us.

National 4-H Day of Service, April 28th

Let's put Oconto County 4-H clubs on the National 4-H Map by participating in a community service project during April and signing up at www.4-H.org/true-leaders-in-service.

The goal of True Leaders in Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a big impact on our country. True Leaders in Service, a month-long community service activation, officially kick-offs the first day of April, and culminates with the National 4-H Day of Service on the last Saturday of April each year.

Thousands of 4-H'ers venture out into their communities throughout the month of April to do what 4-H'ers do best: lead in service to tackle community challenges and help meet the needs of others. Projects can be done as individuals, as an entire county 4-H program, or anything in between. You can work independently, as a group, or side-by-side with adults to serve your community. You can recruit non-4-H members to join in or partner with another youth group. Your service can be any project that makes a difference in your community and/or county. It can be as simple as cleaning up a yard for someone who is elderly or disabled, cleaning a house or doing simple painting or repairs, picking up trash in a local park, or collecting food for your local food bank.

If you or your club is interested in participating, check out: [True Leaders Tool Kit](#).

Oconto County 4-H'ers are TRUE LEADERS!





This section of Friday Notes that is dedicated specifically to Travel Experience opportunities in 4-H. The promotion of these TrEx opportunities are the result of the hard work of the TrEx Committee and funded from the profits of the food stand sales at the Oconto County Youth Fair.

Art Beat Registration Now Open!

Can you hear the BEAT? What BEAT? ArtBEAT! What BEAT? ArtBEAT! It is time to start thinking about and planning to participate in our 2018 WI 4-H ArtBEAT!

3rd-5th grades

4-H ArtBEAT! was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders and is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! ArtBEAT! will be held March 16 and 17, 2018, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more!

Upham Woods
Wisconsin Dells

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions,

which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp. Both youth and adult participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins! Parents are not required to attend the camp. All

adults attending the camp will be considered adult advisors (chaperones) and will be responsible for providing leadership and support for ALL campers not just their own child. As such, all adults who want to attend the camp must complete the requirements to become an active 4-H volunteer before camp.

Interested adults who are not already active 4-H volunteers should contact their **county**

UW-Extension 4-H office as soon as possible for assistance in completing the process to become a volunteer. The process involves training and a background check.

Funding Available
From TrEx Committee

The \$50.00 per person fee (youth and adults) will include all materials and supplies (including a very cool ArtBEAT! backpack), overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. The TrEx committee has \$250.00 set aside for this cool, fun camp. Register by calling the UW-Extension office, (920) 834-6846 or email 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.

Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your club for some genuine 4-H FUN?

Transportation to the camp is NOT provided by the State 4-H Office but carpooling is a possibility.

Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to some of our youngest (and often most enthusiastic!) 4-H members!

REGISTER EARLY! This camp fills up fast and registration is first come, first serve!

Registration Deadline: February 2nd



Goat Production Clinic



Saturday, February 17, 2018
10 am to 3 pm

Gillett Library Community Center
(formerly BMO Harris Bank)
200 East Main Street, Gillett

Goat Production Clinic, February 17th**

Get the most up-to-date information on nutrition, parasite control and reproduction at the UW-Extension goat production clinic to be held on Saturday, February 17th.

This clinic is open to everyone and FREE to all 4-H members and families showing goats or sheep in local fairs and includes all materials and lunch.

The day's events include:

- Nutrition Basics for the Dairy Goat Herd
- FAMACHA Training for Sheep and Goat Producers
- Improving Breeding and Kidding
- Grazing Strategies and Pasture Management

Registration is required by everyone. Registration deadline is February 14th. (See page 8 for event flyer for registration details and more information.)

**This clinic will count as an education point for Oconto County 4-H members participating in the Oconto County Youth Fair Sale of Champions.

Strong Families Workshop, Feb26-March 5

A strengthening families workshop will be held on Mondays, February 26th & March 5th at Washington Middle School in Oconto Falls.



The workshop targets parenting during the tween years and is for parents tackling the challenges of raising 10-14 year olds.

There is no charge for the workshop. Childcare is available and includes a family dinner.

Learn new parenting skills, strengthen family bonds, learn effective communication and solve problems together.

See flyer on page 9 for registration information.

Announcing YQCA (formerly known as MAQA)

Two YQCA in-person trainings will be held for participants 8-11years old **ONLY**. Everyone else must sign up for online classes. (see pages 8-9 for more information)

Thursday, April 19—Pound Town Hall, Coleman
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 12—Gillett Community Center,
200 E Main Street, Gillett 9:30- 10:30 am

Wisconsin has replaced the MAQA program with the new and improved YQCA (Youth for the Quality and Care of Animals). This new program has several great advantages:

- ✓ It is available online
- ✓ The content is age related
- ✓ The content is progressive for each age group
- ✓ Younger participants (8-11) will still have in person training

We are excited about this new program and hope our 4-H members will embrace it also. See attached pages 10-11 for a letter from UW-Extension Ag Educator, Sarah Mills-Lloyd or contact her at or (920) 834-6845.

Door County 4-H

Small Animal Swap, April 21st

Door County 4-H will be holding a Small Animal Sale & Swap event on Saturday, April 21st at the Door County Cooperative Country Store in Sturgeon Bay.

Pullorum testing will be available on site. Health papers for all species are required to meet state and federal regulations.

For more information see page 12 for event flyer.

JoAnn Fabrics Supports 4-H

JOANN Fabrics has partnered with the National 4-H Council to bring more hands-on 4-H programs to youth. Current members, parents and volunteers can sign-up for the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card and receive 15% off total in-store and online purchases. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to support 4-H programs. Find the details at <http://www.joann.com/4-h/>.

Right now JoAnn stores are running a 4-H Paper Clover Campaign. Visit your local store February 1-28 and donate \$1 or \$4 at purchase and you'll receive a clover featuring a special Valentine's Day craft from FamilyFun. With each \$4 donation, you'll get \$4 off your next purchase at JOANN.

State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarship, March 23rd

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships to be used during the second semester of the 2018-19 school year.

Third and fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities are eligible to apply. Additional scholarships will be available to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science.

Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>. Application deadline is Friday, March 23.

For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Now Accepting Scholarship Applications, March 15th

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2018. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation **via email by March 15, 2018, 5:00 pm**.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2018-2019 academic school year.

For all the application requirements see pages 13-14

Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship Program, May 31st

The Wisconsin Town's Association, Rural Mutual Insurance Company and Scott Construction, Inc. will be awarding \$7000.00 in scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2018 from either a public or private high school in Wisconsin that plan to enroll in a Wisconsin public or private college or a university in 2018. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest.

The essay should address the topic: "Why is town road investment important to economic development in Wisconsin?"**

Essay Requirements

- The essay must be typed and between 500 and 1000 words, double spaced.
- Essays must include a bibliographic listing of sources if appropriate
- Essays must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2018 and mailed along with Background Information Form (see page)to:

Wisconsin Towns Association
W7686 County Road MMM
Shawano, WI 54166-6086

****Applicants do not need to be residents of towns. See pages 15-16 for more information.**

Heart of the Farm



Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Little Suamico Town Hall
5964-A County Road S
Sobieski, WI 54171

For more information:

Sarah Mills-Lloyd

UW-Extension Oconto County
 (920) 834-6845
sarah.millslloyd@uwex.edu

Scott Reuss

UW-Extension Marinette County
 (715) 732-7510
scott.reuss@uwex.edu

9:30 am Registration

**10:00 am Converting Financial Data Into Information
 and Knowledge**
Gary Frank, Professor Emeritus, UW-Madison

12:00 pm Lunch

12:30 pm Paint a Mooving Cow Portrait
Barbara Anderson, Local Artist



\$30 per person
Includes Lunch
and Materials

2:30 pm Computer Software Programs for Your Firm Financial Data
Sarah Mills-Lloyd, UW-Extension, Agriculture Agent

3:00 pm Adjourn

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Heart of the Farm Registration Form

Registration due by March 1, 2018

Registration Cost \$30/person for Lunch and Materials

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____ **County:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Please indicate dietary and/or accessibility needs: _____

Send completed registration and check to:

Oconto County UW-Extension
 c/o Heart of the Farm
 301 Washington St
 Oconto, WI 54153

Please make checks payable to:
UW-Extension

Goat Production Clinic



Saturday, February 17, 2018

10 am to 3 pm

Gillett Library Community Center
(formerly BMO Harris Bank)
200 East Main Street, Gillett

Morning Session - 10 am to 12 pm

Nutrition Basics for the Dairy Goat Herd

~Dwayne Splan – Owner, Splan Nutrition Consulting, LLC

Look into My Eyes – FAMACHA Training for Sheep and Goat Producers

~ Gene Schriefer – Agriculture Extension Educator, Iowa Co UWEX

Concurrent Afternoon Sessions - 1 pm to 3 pm – Choose ONE

Improving Breeding and Kidding

~ Dr. Vicky Lauer – Professional Services Veterinarian, Animart, LLC

Grazing Strategies and Pasture Management

~ Scott Reuss – Agriculture Extension Educator, Marinette Co UWEX

\$30 registration fee includes lunch and handouts

****Registration waived for 4-H and FFA members showing goats or sheep in local fairs****

Contact Oconto UWEX at (920) 834-6845 to preregister by February 14th

ALL attendees should preregister with Oconto County UWEX (920) 843-6845 by February 14th

Make checks payable to: UW-Extension

Return to: Oconto County UWEX, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153-1699

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of attendees _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

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All Parents & 10-14 Yr. Olds

The Tween Years can be challenging...we help parents and youth tackle these challenges!



Don't miss this opportunity to connect with your youth...

Fun filled activities!

Mondays-Feb. 26 & March 5, 2018

5:30-8:00pm

Washington Middle School, Oconto Falls

Parents Learn to:

- Handle stress -- Find solutions & avoid arguments
- Communicate with youth

Youth learn:

- Listening skills -- Connections with friends and family
- About Making Good Friends & responding to conflicts

Families:

- Build a strong, loving family that works and has fun together



Parenting Resource Center
UW-Extension Oconto County

Free!

**Childcare
Provided for
Siblings!**

Family Dinner!



Parenting Skills!

**Strengthen Family
Bonds!**

**Learn Effective
Communication!**

**Solve Problems
Together!**

To Register or for more information

Please call **920-834-7006**, or email: barb.truttman@ces.uwex.edu



Oconto County

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December 22, 2017

Livestock Animal Exhibitors,

Wisconsin has replaced the MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) program with the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program. This new and interactive program provides youth options for annual quality assurance certification. Exhibitors of the following species in Oconto County must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program: **beef, dairy, dairy goat(s), meat goat(s), poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine and poultry** in order to be eligible to sell in the 2018 Oconto County Youth Fair Sale of Champions. In addition, it will count as one of your educational points for the Oconto County Fair, and be required for those who intend to show beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, poultry and rabbits at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair.

The YQCA training will provide a common framework for food animal quality assurance programs which will strengthen the youth educational experience, improve the care of food animals, and promote a higher level of consumer food safety. In addition, youth will learn about other species of animals; not just the species they show. Each year, youth will complete one new module in each the following categories: Animal Welfare (basic needs, proper animal handling, biosecurity, etc.), Food Safety (medications, medicated feeds, withdrawal times, avoiding residue, etc.), and Character Education (ethics, goal setting, career exploration, etc.).

The YQCA program was peer-reviewed for content and age appropriateness. It is supported by Wisconsin 4-H and FFA leaders. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training content and modules will demonstrate a progression of topic knowledge in designated age categories (age as of January 1):

- Junior (8-11 years old) • Intermediate (12-14 years old) • Senior (15-18 years old) • Young Adult (19-21 years old).

The new YQCA training is an effort to provide flexibility to accommodate busy seasonal schedules while providing relevant age-specific food animal quality assurance training. Youth exhibitors will complete three interactive online modules and quizzes which can be accessed according to your schedule. In Wisconsin, face-to-face trainings may be offered in specific counties for juniors (8-11 year olds) only. On average, it will take 60 minutes per year to complete all the required online training modules or in-person training—depending on age.

Maintaining current information, developing creative modules on an online learning platform costs a significant amount of money, and youth exhibitors will pay depending on the training option. Youth completing the online modules will pay \$12/person/year, and face-to-face trainings offered for juniors (youth age 8-11) only will pay \$3/person/year.

To complete the YQCA online training or register for face-to-face training, log into <http://yqca.org>. Follow the step-by-step instructions to create a user identity and password. All payments for either online or in-person training will be made using the YQCA website. Additional material fees (beyond the \$3.00 payment to YQCA) for in-person training may apply, and if so will be collected at the time of the face-to-face training.

Two in-person trainings will be offered for juniors (8-11 year olds). The dates and locations of the trainings are listed below. Space will be limited, and registration will be taken only through the YQCA website (<http://yqca.org>).

In-Person Trainings for Juniors (8-11 year olds) ONLY:**Thursday, April 19—Pound Town Hall, Coleman 6:00 - 7:00 pm****Saturday, May 12—Gillett Community Center, 200 E Main Street, Gillett 9:30- 10:30 am**

It is recommended to print the completion certificate at the end of the online session as the ten-digit certificate number will be required on your paperwork for training verification. The certificate and ten-digit certificate number can only be accessed through your account at <http://yqca.org>.

If you are not YQCA certified, you will not be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions at the 2018 Oconto County Fair. Training must be renewed every year for YQCA. Exhibitors must complete all online modules, or attend the entire in-person training to be certified. Please choose the option that works best for you!

If you have any questions about YQCA, please contact Sarah at (920) 834-6845. If you know of any new 4-H, FFA, or Scouts members which might be showing livestock this year, please pass this information along to them.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Mills-Lloyd".

Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM
UW-Extension
Agriculture Agent Oconto County

16th Annual Door County 4-H Small Animal Sale & Swap

**April 21, 2018
7 a.m.**

**Door County Cooperative
Country Store**

317 Green Bay Road, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

**OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC**

**Everyone
Welcome**

RAIN OR SHINE!

- **Inside Space available in case of inclement weather**
- **Electricity available at no charge**

**Contact Mike: 920-825-7693/ 920-737-1741
or the Country Store: 920-743-3422**



**Pullorum Testing available on site.
Health papers for ALL species are required to
meet state and federal regulations!**

Hot Beverages available



Sponsored by:
Door County 4-H Small Animal Committee

The Small Animal Committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application

Applications must be emailed to **scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org**. Applications will consist of:

Résumé

Applicant's name and contact information (including county where the applicant is/was a 4-Her) at the top of the page

Not to exceed one page

No less than 3/4-inch margins and using type no smaller than 10 points

Suggested résumé headings include: Career Goals, School Experience, Work Experience, 4-H Experience, Leadership Experience, Activities Outside of 4-H

Include probable school choice and major on your résumé

Résumés must be submitted as a PDF (preferred) or Word Document, and must be named Applicant Last Name Résumé (example: Smith Résumé) and attached to the email.

Cover Letter

Applicant's name and contact information (including county where the applicant is/was a 4-Her) at the top of the page

Not to exceed one page

No less than 3/4-inch margins and using type no smaller than 10 points

Cover letters should include information relevant to the application, including how 4-H made an impact and how skills learned in 4-H will be used in the future. The strongest cover letters expand on information on the résumé; they don't repeat the same information.

Cover letters must be submitted as a PDF (preferred) or Word Document, and must be named Applicant Last Name Cover Letter (example: Smith Cover Letter) and attached to the email.

List of 4-H projects in which the applicant participated

Applicant's name and contact information (including county where the applicant is/was a 4-Her) at the top of the page

Not to exceed one page

No less than 3/4-inch margins and using type no smaller than 10 points

The project list should be in order of importance to the 4-Her, with the most important projects at the top of the list. This does not need to be a complete list of every project ever taken by the 4-Her.

Project list must be submitted as a PDF (preferred) or Word Document, and must be named Applicant Last Name Project List (example: Smith Project List) and attached to the email.

One recent photo of the applicant preferably at a 4-H event or working on a 4-H project

Photo must be 5" x 7" or less and may be snapshots or professional photos

Photo should be clear and, while other people may be in the photo, the applicant must be prominent

Photo must be submitted electronically and titled Applicant Last Name Photo (example: Smith Photo) and attached to the email.

Photo may be used for promotional purposes

Résumés and cover letters with extreme quantities of text will be disqualified – documents with the most words will not receive preference!

Résumés, cover letters, project lists (a total of three pages) and one photo must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via a single email on or before March 15, 2018, 5:00 pm. Applications received after this time (as time stamped in the email), and any USPS mailed applications will not be considered. **Apply early to avoid any confusion.**

Selection Process

A panel of experienced youth advisors will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be screened by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The finalist applications will be ranked. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria (example: scholarships are available for specific geographical areas and project areas).

Notification

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter in May. This letter will include information about how to access the scholarship. Scholarship awardees are required to send a thank-you note to the scholarship sponsor. Scholarship recipients and portions of their application materials (including their photo) may be featured in Wisconsin 4-H Foundation materials.

Questions?

Call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

608.262.1597 or info@Wis4HFoundation.org

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

1

Entrants must prepare an essay addressing the 2018 WTA Scholarship program topic.

“Why is town road investment important to economic development in Wisconsin?”

2

The typed (not handwritten) essay should be between 500 and 1,000 words and double spaced.

3

Essays must include a bibliographic listing of sources used.

4

The completed essay should be postmarked no later than May 31, 2018 and mailed to:

Wisconsin Towns Association
W7686 County Road MMM
Shawano, WI 54166-6086

Your thoughts — combined with your writing skill and creativity — can put you in line to receive one of seven scholarships.



Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Scott Construction, Inc. are again offering the following scholarships to winners of an essay contest. Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis:

- Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, one each to the highest ranking boy and highest ranking girl from a town or village insured by Rural Mutual Insurance Company as of May 1, 2018.
- Five (5) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top five additional students.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

All applicants must graduate from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2018 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or University in 2018.

- Essays will be judged independently on originality and subject matter in relationship to the topic. The essays must also contain correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Judging will be completed by August 14, 2018.
- Recipients will be announced by August 31, 2018. Successful recipients are strongly encouraged to attend the Wisconsin Towns Association Banquet on the evening of October 15, 2018 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point, WI. Proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin public or private college is required to receive a scholarship.

**2018 Wisconsin Towns Association
Scholarship Program
Background Information**

Name:	
Telephone:	
Mail Address:	
City/State/ Zip:	
Email:	
Residence Town/Village/City of:	
Residence County of:	
Parents' Names:	Father: Mother:
Is either parent a town or village officer?	Yes: _____ No: _____ If "yes" specify office held:
Name of High School from which you are graduating in 2018?	
School or institution of higher education you plan to attend after Graduation?	
Date of intended enrollment?	
Career you plan to pursue?	
Hobbies or activities in high school of interest to you?	
Your signature:	
Date:	

Mail this completed form and your essay to the following address by May 31, 2018

Wisconsin Towns Association
W7686 County Road MMM
Shawano, WI 54166-6086