

# SANDERS COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

**Purpose:** To award an annual scholarship(s) to an active qualified Sanders County 4-H member(s) seeking an advanced education at the university level or specialized vocational technical training.

## **Applicant**

**Criteria:** MUST be an active member of a Sanders County 4-H Club

MUST be a graduating senior from Sanders County

MUST be a 4-H member in good standing throughout High School Career

## **Credential**

### **Requirements:**

Submit an up to date 4-H Journal (Record Book) for all years enrolled in 4-H, including the current year.

Applicants must participate in Communication Days and the Sanders County meat raffle fundraiser.

Show proof of acceptance at university or vocational school of choice.

Submit high school transcript.

Include three (1 page) recommendations - one from school, the second from a community member not related to the applicant, the third from your 4-H club organizational leader.

Submit a one-to-two-page typed essay stating future educational plans and how present 4-H, school and community service activities will help in accomplishing those plans.

Complete and submit a *typed* official Sanders County 4-H Scholarship Application (attached).

Applicants must be present for a personal interview to be conducted on a date set by the scholarship selection committee.

Applicants must dress as if they are presenting for an Interview.

**Award:** The scholarship will be awarded based on the best candidate(s) at the recipient's high school graduation. Funds will be released the December following record book completion.

## **SANDERS COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT PROGRAM**

- Mission:** To provide an annual scholarship opportunity to a county 4-H member(s) wishing to pursue advanced education (university level or specialized vocational technical training).
- Funding:** Initial 5-year funding, beginning with the class of 1996, will be provided by the Sanders County 4-H Council together with matching funds donated by county 4-H clubs and private individuals.
- Long Term Funding:** To be provided by businesses and individuals seeking to help establish an endowment fund that will be allowed to earn interest over the next 6 years so that the interest can sustain an annual minimum award of \$1000.00. At no time will this fund be utilized until the initial 5 year period has expired. No funds from the endowment will be used to finance anything other than scholarship awards.
- Philosophy:** To offer financial assistance to 4-H youth who plan to continue their education and who have willingly exhibited outstanding community leadership, citizenship and the true 4-H spirit of head, heart, health and hands to better serve their communities, the nation and our world.
- Award:** The annual award(s) will be made in the name of the Endowment Program including all financial supporters. Applicants will be interviewed and selected on the basis of their scholarship, future plans, and activities in 4-H, school, and community by a selection committee. The selection committee will be comprised of representatives from business and industry, community leaders, a county agent, 4-H leaders, a representative of the Sanders County 4-H Council and the Friends of 4-H.
- Administration:** The Sanders County 4-H Council will be directly responsible for the release of any and all Endowment funds and will direct and finance any administrative costs related to the program.
- Fund Raising:** A membership drive to build the 1996 - 2001 Endowment fund will be an ongoing project. Local and county funded raisers will be hosted by 4-H members and their clubs. Donations will go directly to the long-term endowment fund to be used for scholarships given after the initial 5 year period. It is our hope that businesses and interested individuals will help our 4-H youth by budgeting and donating to this fund on an annual basis.