

**Alabama 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association Scholarship  
Guidelines to Submit Application  
(Check as you complete each of 6 sections, A-F)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Section A: My 4-H Story (separate pages)**

**Written:** If you choose the written, 2000 word format, you will need to use Arial or Times New Roman, 12-point font and one-inch margins.

**Digital Video (DVD) or Microsoft PowerPoint:** If you choose either of these formats to tell your 4-H story, you will need to **submit four copies with your application**. The presentation cannot exceed five minutes. Microsoft PowerPoint presentations must be self-playing.

***HINT:** All four parts (listed below) must be included in “My 4-H Story,”  
no matter what format you choose.*

**Part I - Introduction**

Introduce yourself. Include age, interests, and when and why you joined 4-H.

**Part II – 4-H Project Achievement**

A good 4-H story talks about your triumphs and setbacks, the challenges and opportunities, any obstacles you experienced and how you overcame them. The focus should not be on prizes that you have won, but on how your work has impacted you as a person.

**Part III – Leadership Achievement**

Your 4-H story should give evidence of leadership, growth in the project and in 4-H, degree of involvement, cooperation, honesty, responsibility and good judgment. Describe how 4-H helped you become a leader. Describe how you have helped others become leaders.

**Part IV – Service Achievement**

Your 4-H story should give evidence of you helping others in the community.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Section B: Alabama 4-H Volunteer Association Scholarship Certifying Form  
(Must be typed)**

Be sure that you have all needed information including signatures.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Section C: Project Accomplishments, Activities and Awards (Must be typed)**

Begin with your most recent year and submit at least three years of work, both in 4-H and non-4-H areas. Mark the level of participation in all sections with the appropriate designations: **L** (local club); **C** (county); **R** (region); **S** (state); **M** (multi-state); **N** (national); **I** (international). Show the number of people reached or involved where appropriate. (Example: 2008 (S-350) Presented demonstration of dog grooming at State 4-H Congress. 2009 (L-25) coordinated service project for “Helping Hands Senior Center”. 2009 (R-125) presented power point on “4-H My World” to Advisory Board).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Section D: How 4-H Made a Difference in My Life (Must be typed)**

This page cannot be expanded. Use the space in each of the four areas, Mastery, Belonging, Independence and Generosity to show how you have grown as a 4-H member and have helped others.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Section E: Creative Documentation (Attached materials)**

Each applicant may provide additional creative documentation. Again, three options are available:

1. Two pages with a one-inch, left hand margin. This is two pages, not the front and back on two pieces of paper. These pages may include photos, captions, news articles, collages, etc. Photos should have short captions explaining what is being shown. Action photos are best. Select those which show you doing things with others, working on your project, working on community service projects, or telling others about 4-H. The best pictures illustrate involvement, leadership, and citizenship within the awards area. The same is true with news articles, letters, or other documentation.
2. A 30-second video recording, DVD format only
3. A 30-second, self-playing Microsoft PowerPoint presentation

If you choose either video recording or Microsoft PowerPoint, you must provide four copies. **Note:** If video or Microsoft PowerPoint formats are used, include it on the same disk, as your 4-H Story if you used that same format.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Section F: Three Letters of Reference (submit with the application)**

A good letter of reference is one that supports your achievements, skills and service within 4-H and is signed by the writer (not emailed). It cannot be from family members. One of the letters must be from the 4-H REA, CEC, CEA, or 4-H Agent Assistant who signed your application.

**Deadline is February 10, 2010. Only graduating high school seniors are eligible to receive scholarships. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the financial status of the Alabama 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association and will be announced at their annual meeting.**

Four copies of the Application, 4-H Story, and Creative Documentation must be mailed to: Alabama 4-H Volunteer Leader Association, Sharon Hardy, Treasurer, 550 New Center Rd., Hartselle, AL 35640. Contact information: (256)508-2535 or (256)773-2171, sharon.b.hardy@us.army.mil

**Alabama 4-H Volunteer Leader Association Scholarship  
Certifying Form**

**Scholarship applications are open to 2010 graduating senior high school students.**

The application must be typed in Arial or Times New Roman 12-point font.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H (including this year): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

County in which you are a 4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification and Assurance**

In the spirit of fair and honorable competition, I certify that I have personally prepared this portfolio and certify that it accurately and honestly reflects my work.

4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A signature is required on each line below. The 4-H Club Leader may be the parent of the 4-H Member.

I certify that this 4-H member is active in the county 4-H program and is of good standing in the program.

4-H Club Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Either:  
4-H REA, CEC, CEA,  
or Agent Assistant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Using the U.S.P.S. Certified Mail with a Return Signature Card (or similar shipment tracking) will insure that the application has been properly handled. The deadline is the received date (not mailed by).

**Accomplishments and Activities**– Limit of two pages.

Identify your major accomplishments. Include at least three years beginning with the most recent year. Include your leadership and service activities within 4-H first, then your accomplishments and activities outside of 4-H. Adjust the amount of space in each section as needed within the two pages.

Year	L, C, R, S, M, I (numbers)	List Accomplishments and Activities. Begin with the most recent year.
<p><u>4-H Project Accomplishments and Activities</u></p>		

4-H Leadership and Service Activities

Non 4-H Leadership and Service Accomplishments and Activities

**Alabama 4-H Awards Documentation Section:** Include the awards you have received beginning with the most recent. This should include project work as well as leadership and service awards. Do not attach more pages.

Year	L, C, R, S, M, N, I	List awards that are specifically related to 4-H projects, leadership and service. Begin with the most recent year and use only the space provided

**Other Significant Recognition not related to this 4-H project area:**

Year	L, C, R, S, M, N, I	List other recognition that is major in scope. A limited number will be accepted.

**How 4-H Has Made a Difference in My Life:** Applicant should answer the four questions below in the allocated space. Do not attach more pages for this section.

**Mastery:** What positive impact has 4-H had on your knowledge and skills?

**Belonging:** Describe the most valuable relationship you have developed in 4-H.

**Independence:** How has 4-H helped you learn to make decisions for yourself?

**Generosity:** What has 4-H taught you about the importance of serving others?

**Future Plans:** Explain your future plans, i.e. where will you be attending college or vocational education; what will you study, how will this scholarship help you achieve your goals.