



2024 Kathy Blackford Scholarship

Background and Purpose

- “Kathy Blackford Scholarship” was established in 2021 in honor of retired Ashland County 4-H Educator Kathy Blackford. This scholarship will be awarded annually to current active members in the Ashland County 4-H program.

These Scholarships will be awarded to **CURRENT ACTIVE** High School seniors in the Ashland County 4-H Program.

Award and Presentation

The Kathy Blackford Scholarship will be awarding a one-time minimum \$500 scholarship. Depending on number of applicants, numerous awards may be given. A panel of judges will make the selection. Applicate names are not given to the judges, each applicant is assigned a number after submitting their application.

- Scholarships will be awarded at their high school senior awards assembly.
- Name and picture will be displayed in the Jr. Fair building at the Ashland County fair.
- Winners will be honored at the 2024-H Awards Banquet.
 - You and your parents will attend as our guests (3 tickets).

****Note: May 1st 2025** deadline to redeemed, (after this date scholarship will be forfeited)

Selection Procedure and Criteria

1. Current active Ashland County 4-H member being enrolled at least 3 consecutive years 2023, 2022, 2021 (verified by Extension office) and with all projects judged.
2. Current High School Senior
 - a. Student to be enrolled in an accredited college, field of study not limited, or Trade school this fall 2024

To apply for scholarship:

Applicant must complete a Kathy Blackford Scholarship Application form and attach the following items for reference purposes:

1. A current high school transcript with an official seal - (scholarship selection is not based on applicants grades.)
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation. (NO family member may used)
 - a. One (1) from a current 4-H Advisor, or 4-H Committee member
 - b. One (1) from a Teacher, Academic Advisor, Guidance Counselor, Employer, Minister or other community leader
3. Narrative 4-H Story ---- that shares how:
“4-H contributed to Your personal development” Leadership skills, and Career plans
one page double spaced
4. Describe - one page double spaced
“Your Educational plan and field of study and designated occupation”
5. Application must be legible.

Please complete application and attachments, put in sealed envelope and mail or deliver to:
OSU Extension Ashland County 110 Cottage Street, Ashland, Ohio 44805

Application is due April 30, 2024

No Late applications will be considered



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Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____
Street City Zip Code

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

County of Residence _____ Date of Birth _____

Parents or Guardian's Names-
Mother _____
Father _____

Parents or Guardian Address (if different than above) _____

High School attending _____

4-H Club _____ Years Enrolled _____

4-H Advisor _____

What College or Trade school/credited training do you plan to attend. _____

Location _____

Study Major _____

Have you applied? _____ yes _____ no

Have you been accepted? _____ yes _____ no _____ pending

When do you plan to attend college? _____

Applicant Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Advisor Signature _____

****NOTE - Project enrollment and Completion at Fair will be checked!!**

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Deadline – April 30, 2024

Application # _____ (office use only)

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