

Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) 4-H Scholarship Guidelines for 4-H Applicants

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a United States citizen.
- Be currently an active senior 4-H member in good standing with county 4-H program for the last four (4) years.
- Demonstrate leadership and personal development through 4-H.
- Will attend an accredited institution of higher learning: university, community college, trade or technical school in fall following judging.
- Have not passed 19th birthday before January 1 of current year.
- Have not previously received a State TEEA scholarship.
- Complete a Texas 4-H Recordbook (updated through previous year's Texas 4-H Recordbook judging deadline).
- Complete TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application and provide other required materials.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS:

1. Postmarked on or before February 15, submit to the county AgriLife Extension office in a manila envelope:
 - ❖ Envelope labeled with the applicant's name and county.
 - ❖ Only a black and white **copy** of Texas 4-H Recordbook from the previous year's Texas 4-H Recordbook judging deadline of August 31 accepted.
 - ❖ Official high school transcript with ACT and/or SAT scores included.
 - ❖ Completed TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application.
 - ❖ Two letters of recommendation: one from a county Extension agent or 4-H club manager and one from a teacher, employer, or community leader (not a relative).
2. If the applicant wants these materials returned, include a postage-paid, self-addressed envelope and letter of request.

IF SELECTED AS A TEEA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

1. State winners are recognized at each TEEA District's Spring Conference and announced at the TEEA Spring Board Meeting.
2. If selected as a winner, applicants will send the following to the TEEA Treasurer, postmarked by July 15:
 - ❖ Completed TEEA Scholarship Personal Information form received from the TEEA President.
 - ❖ Official proof of enrollment and official class schedule postmarked by July 15th. If you have not registered before July 15, please send your schedule as soon as registered. Do not wait for your schedule before sending the other documents. Just note in your packet that your schedule will come at a later date.
 - ❖ Thank-you notes to TEEA District Director and TEEA President. The names and addresses of the TEEA District Director and TEEA President can be obtained from your local county AgriLife Extension office.
3. Checks for the 12 State \$1,000 TEEA 4-H Scholarships (\$500 Fall; \$500 Spring) will only be sent to the institutions of higher learning named on the winner's TEEA Scholarship Personal Information form. If the scholarship is not needed the first fall semester after judging, a request from the student must be made in writing to the TEEA President by July 15. The TEEA 4-H Scholarship must be used within a two-year time period.
4. After judging, the winning TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application **form** will be kept on file at both district and state levels. All submitted copies of Texas 4-H Recordbooks, transcripts, and personal information will be shredded to protect the winner's identity, unless the winner includes a postage-paid, self-addressed envelope with a letter of request to have these materials returned.

Judging Criteria and Available Points to Award for the TEEA 4-H Scholarship

	Available Points to Award:
4-H Experience & Projects	35
4-H Leadership, Citizenship, & Community Service	30
4-H Honors	15
Non 4-H Leadership, Honors, Work Experience, Volunteer/Community Service	10
High school transcript with ACT and/or SAT	10
Total Available Points to Award	100

Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) 4-H Scholarship Application

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____
City State Zip

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

4-H County: _____ **District:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** _____

Name of High School Graduating from: _____

College/University/School Attending: _____

Major/Course of Study Chosen: _____

Your Preferred Career Choice: _____

Name of Primary 4-H Club You Are a Member of: _____

Number of Years in 4-H: _____

Total Number of 4-H Members in Your 4-H Club: _____

I certify that the information contained herein is correct and truthfully reflects my personal, 4-H, and academic background and records and that I am a U.S. Citizen. I agree that if any information contained herein is found to be falsified in any way, my application will automatically become null and void.

I hereby authorize any person, firm, or entity to release to the Texas Extension Education Association, or their authorized representatives, information concerning the subject matter of the statements I have made in this application, including, but not limited to, information concerning my academic record, activities, honors and awards, citizenship or residency, and financial situation. A copy of this authorization is agreed by the undersigned to have the same effect and force as an original. Any person, firm, or entity releasing matters pursuant to this authorization is hereby absolved from any liability.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of County Extension Agent

Date

Information Only for TEEA County Chair and TEEA District Director TEEA 4-H Scholarship Judging

SUGGESTED JUDGING PROCESS:

1. The AgriLife Extension office receives copy of the completed application, transcript, recommendation letters, and Texas 4-H Recordbook by February 15th. Applications from qualifying 4-H'ers in every county in the District are eligible, regardless of there being a TEEA or not in the county.
2. The Extension agent works with the County TEEA Chair to establish an impartial selection committee familiar with 4-H work and Texas 4-H Recordbook judging to select a county winner.
3. If multiple Recordbooks are submitted in a county with no TEEA clubs, the Extension agent works within that county or neighboring county to establish an impartial selection committee familiar with 4-H work and Texas 4-H Recordbook judging to select a county winner.
4. The winning county TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application packet and Texas 4-H Recordbook are forwarded to the District TEEA Director by March 1st.
5. The TEEA District Director will appoint an impartial selection committee familiar with 4-H work and Texas 4-H Recordbook judging comprised of TEEA members and/or county AgriLife Extension agents. This committee will review applications based on judging criteria to select the district scholarship recipients. The judging may be done by another district.
6. District TEEA Directors send a copy of the winner's personal information page **from the Texas 4-H Recordbook** and a copy of the TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application to the State TEEA President and State TEEA Treasurer.
7. State winners are announced at each district's TEEA Spring Conference.
8. The applicant's Texas 4-H Recordbook will be judged as a Texas 4-H Recordbook as if for competition.

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- Complete application packet to the county Extension office on or before February 15.

Example of TEEA 4-H Scholarship Score Card

Judging Criteria	Possible Points	Points Awarded	Notes/Comments
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ABBREVIATIONS. **DI** or **D1**: District 1, etc.; **L**: Local and/or Club Level; **C**: County Level; **D**: District Level; **N**: National Level; **R**: Regional Level; **S**: State Level; **I**: International Level; **Y**: Self-initiated; **M**: Group-initiated; **P**: Primary leader of group activity; **SALE**: San Antonio Livestock Exposition (or Show); **HLSR**: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; **Ft. Worth**: Fort Worth Livestock Exposition; **Extension**: Texas AgriLife Extension Service; **GS**: Gold Star Award awarded to senior 4-H member

Do Not Return to 4-H Scholarship Applicant.

Judge's Initials: _____