

4-H Scholarships

The Texas Home Demonstration Association was organized in August, 1926 by 399 women attending a Farmer's Shortcourse at A&M University. One of the purposes for organizing was to establish a scholarship for a deserving 4-H girl. This original scholarship of \$200 has grown to 12 in 2002, given annually at \$1000 each (\$500 Fall; \$500 Spring); however, in 1997, only four \$1000 scholarships were given due to lack of funds. Funding of these scholarships began with a 5 cent donation per member in 1926. Scholarships are now funded through the annual TEEA budget and awarded to a 4-H boy or girl, one per District. The twelve \$1500 TEEA State scholarships are open to **any** qualifying 4-H'er in the respective District where the youth lives, regardless of there being a TEEA or no TEEA in the county.

These scholarships are named for the following persons who have made a significant contribution to TEEA work in Texas. Information about them can be found on the following page.

District 1: Alby K. Peters;	District 5: Janice Carter;	District 9: Meatra Harrison;
District 2: Lola Wheeler Smith;	District 6: Jennie C. Kitching;	District 10: Bonnie Cox;
District 3: Florence W. Low;	District 7: Claudia Williams;	District 11: Edna W. Trigg;
District 4: Helen W. Swift;	District 8: Geraldine R. Zummer;	District 12: Maggie W. Barry.

Due Dates

February 15 – Recordbook must be in County Extension office for judging.

March 1 – The winning county TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application packet and Texas 4-H Recordbook are forwarded to the District TEEA Director. Recordbooks judged and winners selected prior to District Spring Conference.

District Spring Conference – Winners announced and Scholarships presented to recipients.

May 1 – District TEEA Directors send a copy of the personal information page **from the Texas 4-H Recordbook** and a copy of the TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application to the TEEA President and TEEA Treasurer.

4-H Scholarship Instructions

Information and forms for the TEEA 4-H Scholarship are included on pages 12-6 through 12-9.

Give these two pages to eligible 4-H'ers in the early Fall:

- TEEA 4-H Scholarship Guidelines for 4-H Applicants (page 12-6) and
- TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application (page 12-7).

These two pages are **for internal TEEA use only** and are not to be shared with 4-H applicants:

- Information Only for TEEA County Chair and TEEA District Director - TEEA 4-H Scholarship Judging (page 12-8) and
- TEEA 4-H Scholarship Score Card (page 12-9). Do not share this score card with 4-H applicants.

4-H State Scholarship Report

A State report form (Club, County, and District Scholarship State Report) is located on page 12-10 for the TEEA President to compile the total number and dollar amount for all Club, County, and District scholarships.

Scholarships for 4-H Members

TEEA 4-H scholarships are named in honor of:

1. **Mrs. Maggie W. Barry:** The first 4-H Scholarship was named for Mrs. Barry at the 1941 convention. As women's tomato clubs began to increase in form and number, in 1918 the Extension Service employed Mrs. Barry as the first organization specialist to work with the club women. By 1924, the first county organizations were formed in Texas.
2. **Miss Helen Hubbard Swift:** Extension Organization Specialist from 1937 to 1949, Miss Swift believed that women should be individuals who could think and speak for themselves with wisdom and judgment, and citizens of the world who could study and take decisive action for its betterment. The second scholarship was named for her in 1949.
3. **Miss Bonnie Cox:** Extension Organization Specialist from 1949 to 1965. In 1957, the third scholarship was named for Miss Cox in recognition of her work with rural organizations and home demonstration work in Texas.
4. **Miss Claudia Williams:** Extension State Agent for whom the TEEA President's scholarship was renamed in 1985, in recognition of her untiring efforts on behalf of home demonstration club work. Miss Williams encouraged expansion of club work to urban and employed homemakers. The TEEA President's scholarship was established originally in 1970 as the fourth 4-H scholarship.
5. **Mrs. Edna W. Trigg:** First home demonstration agent in Texas, began work in Milam County in 1912, two years before the establishment of the Cooperative Extension Service by the Smith-Lever Act. The fifth 4-H scholarship was named for Mrs. Trigg and was first awarded in 1971.
6. **Mrs. Lola Wheeler Smith:** TEEA President, 1959-1960. President of National Extension Homemakers Council (now National Association for Family and Community Education) 1967-1969. She served on the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents 1973-1979. A sixth 4-H scholarship was created in her honor in 1971.
7. **Mrs. Florence W. Low:** Extension Assistant Director for Home Economics from 1960 to 1975. In 1984, the seventh scholarship was created in honor of Mrs. Low's leadership that made significant contributions to the quality of life for thousands of Texas families. Mrs. Low helped initiate national involvement and a broader perspective for women to use their knowledge and skills.
8. **Dr. Jennie C. Kitching:** Began her career with Texas Cooperative Extension in 1964. She served as Assistant Director of Home Economics 1975-1995, Associate Director for Human Sciences, 1995 through retirement in December 1998. An eighth scholarship was named for Dr. Kitching to honor her for a 35-year career with Texas Cooperative Extension. Her visionary approach to Extension Education has inspired creative initiatives across the state and nation.
9. **Geraldine R. Zummer:** TEEA President, 1998-2000, of Texas Association for Family and Community Education. "Gerry," as she was affectionately called, was honored with this scholarship for her outstanding leadership of the organization during her term of office.
10. **Meatra Harrison:** Began as a 4-H agent in Texas and retired as an Assistant Program Director for Texas Cooperative Extension. She served with Dr. Jennie Kitching as advisor to the TEEA Board of Directors.
11. **Alby K. Peters:** Was an active 4-H youth, received a 4-H scholarship, and received her degrees in Home Economics. She was a teacher and then went to work for Texas Cooperative Extension. She retired in 1999 in Potter County, District 1.
12. **Janice Carter:** Was a volunteer and avid 4-H leader. She formed several 4-H sewing classes, gave sewing machines to children in 4-H, and was a big contributor to 4-H scholarships. She was active in the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and providing for children to go to camp.

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 \$1,500 TEEA 4-H Scholarships (\$750 Fall; \$750 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

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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

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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.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- ___ A United States citizen.
- ___ Currently an active senior 4-H member in good standing with county 4-H program for the last four (4) years.
- ___ Demonstrates 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.
- ___ Completed a Texas 4-H Recordbook (updated through previous year's Texas 4-H Recordbook judging deadline).
- ___ Completed TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application form and the following required materials:
 - ___ black and white copy of Texas 4-H Recordbook (updated through previous year's Texas 4-H Recordbook judging deadline of August 31).
 - ___ copy of official high school transcript with ACT and/or SAT scores
 - ___ 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).
- ___ 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
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 scores	10		
Points Awarded	100		

TEEA 4-H Scholarship Score Card

Applicant Name: _____ County: _____ District: _____ Date: _____

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Points Awarded	100		
ABBREVIATIONS. DI or DI: 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: _____