

STEPHEN F. JOSEPH MEMORIAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP
Criteria for Medina County High School Senior Recognition

The Stephen F. Joseph Memorial 4-H Scholarship was established in 1995 by the Medina County 4-H Endowment with the assistance of friends of Steve Joseph and supporters of the Medina County 4-H program. The scholarship was established to honor Stephen F. Joseph's memory for his service as a Medina County 4-H agent for 18 years and to recognize the outstanding 4-H youth in Medina County.

The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize Medina County 4-H youth, who have exhibited the exemplary qualities of Steve Joseph in leadership, community service and academic achievement and offer financial assistance to those pursuing an education at an accredited university or trade school in an undergraduate course of study in any field. This scholarship may be awarded to an individual only once.

SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS:

- ◆ The Endowment Scholarship Committee will award up to \$1,000 annually or more for as long as funds are available to the student(s) who best meet the selection criteria.
- ◆ Scholarship selection will be made by three members of the Endowment Board with one being a current officer. In addition, a 4-H staff member serving as an ex-officio member.
- ◆ Recipients will be notified by invitation for the award presentation at the Outstanding Senior breakfast during the Medina County Fair.
- ◆ Recipients will be invited to attend the Volunteers & Sponsors Banquet in November to be acknowledged also.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- ◆ Applicants will be judged on the following criteria:

4-H Involvement	70%
Leadership	15%
Community Service	15%

The applicant must be a high school senior in Medina County or a freshman in college.
- ◆ The applicant must be currently enrolled as a Medina County 4-H member in good standing and have been a member for a minimum of three (3) years.
- ◆ All questions on the application must be answered, typed and numbered to correspond to the application on additional pages.
- ◆ The applicant may be asked to participate in an interview process to be considered for the award.
- ◆ Three (3) recommendations must be received electronically by the May 15th due date:
 - One (1) from a school official such as a guidance counselor, principal or teacher
 - One (1) from an acquaintance not related to the applicant
 - One (1) from a 4-H volunteer not related to the applicant
 - References are to be completed online at: <https://go.osu.edu/sfj-reference>
- ◆ **Application and references are due by 5:00 p.m. on May 15th to the extension office**

Decision of the Endowment Scholarship Committee is final. The scholarship is not guaranteed if the applications received do not meet the above criteria and/or are incomplete.