

Medina County 4-H Outstanding High School Senior Recognition and Stephen F. Joseph Memorial 4-H Scholarship Criteria

The Stephen F. Joseph Memorial 4-H Scholarship was established in 1995 by friends of Steve Joseph and supporters of the 4-H program in Medina County. In an effort to honor Stephen F. Joseph, who served as a Medina County 4-H agent for 18 years and to recognize outstanding youth in Medina County, a scholarship has been established.

The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize Medina County youth, who have exhibited the exemplary qualities of Steve Joseph including 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.

The criteria and procedures for application and selection for the scholarship are as follows:

DISTRIBUTION:

- The Medina County 4-H Outstanding High School Seniors will be notified by invitation to the Outstanding Senior Breakfast during the Medina County Fair.
- The 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 award criteria.
- The scholarship winner(s) will be recognized during the Outstanding Senior Breakfast. The scholarship will also be acknowledged at the Volunteers & Sponsors Banquet in November.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Applicants will be judged on the following criteria:

4-H Involvement	70%	(May be submitted as a separate sheet)
Leadership	10%	
Community Service	10%	
Academic Achievement	10%	

Medina County 4-H Outstanding High School Senior is selected by a subcommittee of the Medina County 4-H Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Selection will be based on an application by a five-member committee made up of the current president of Medina Kiwanis Club, the Medina Hospital Administrator (or designated appointees), Medina County 4-H Advisory Committee Chair, and two (2) members from the 4-H Endowment Committee (one should be a founding member). A minimum of three (3) committee members must be present for final selection. If needed, applicant may be asked to be available for an interview. A 4-H staff member will serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

RECIPIENT:

- The applicant must be a high school senior. Recipients are eligible to receive this scholarship only once.
- The applicant must have been a Medina County 4-H member for at least five (5) years and be a currently enrolled Medina County 4-H member in good standing before he/she can apply for the scholarship.
- All questions on the application must be answered, and the applicant **may** be asked to participate in the interview process to be considered for the award.
- *If applying for the Stephen F. Joseph Memorial Scholarship - **Three (3)** recommendations must be submitted with the completed application. One (1) recommendation must be from a school official. (A school official might be a guidance counselor, principal, or teacher.) The remaining two (2) should be acquaintances not related to scholarship candidate.
- The completed application is **due in the Extension office by 5:00 pm, April 15**. The three (3) recommendation forms and narratives may be mailed by the authors and must also arrive by **April 15**.

FINAL DECISION POWERS:

The Scholarship Committee does not guarantee that a scholarship will be given if applications received do not meet the standards or criteria established to merit receipt of the scholarship. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.

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Medina County 4-H Application for Outstanding High School Senior Recognition and Stephen F. Joseph Memorial 4-H Scholarship

Office Use Only
Date Submitted

Application ID

All applicants must be in the 12th grade the year the award is presented.

Name _____

Age (on Jan. 1 of current year) _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ OH Zip Code _____

Primary Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Club Name _____ Years in 4-H _____

School Attending _____ Year of Graduation _____

Year in School/College _____ Name of college attending or planning to attend _____

Major field of study _____

Additional scholarships you have applied for _____

List scholarships received and amounts awarded _____

List names and ages of other children in family _____

List family member(s) attending college (please state where and what year in college) _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian _____

Member's Signature _____ Date _____

Advisor's Signature _____ Date _____

Please complete the following steps:

1. Fill out this cover page and the 5 sections included.
2. May use more paper if needed to complete your application.
3. Attach a wallet or 4"x6" picture of yourself to be used for press and exhibits.
4. Submit completed application to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm, April 15.



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Application in consideration for Outstanding 4-H Senior Stephen F. Joseph Scholarship

1. **4-H Involvement** *(May be submitted as a separate sheet)*

Years in 4-H _____ 4-H Club Name(s) _____

Leadership roles and years in all 4-H areas _____

Club Involvement (List 4-H community service activities, etc.) _____

County Activities Involvement (outside of 4-H Club) _____

State/National Involvement (outside of 4-H Club) _____

4-H projects completed, years and awards received _____

2. **Leadership Roles – Other than 4-H**

❖ School _____

❖ Other _____

3. **Community Service Performed – Other than 4-H**

❖ School _____

❖ Other _____

4. **Academic Achievement – List: Honors, Awards, etc.)**

High School GPA _____ Class Rank _____ out of _____

Honors, Awards, etc. _____

5. **Essay:** Tell us about yourself incorporating the following questions in 300 words or less. (Attach a typed page)

- ❖ Why have you chosen to pursue your intended field of study?
- ❖ How did your experiences in 4-H influence your career choices?
- ❖ What effects do you see your leadership and community service experiences having on your career choices?
- ❖ What significant 4-H activities/experiences contributed to your personal growth? Include why they were significant.



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Stephen F. Joseph Memorial 4-H Scholarship Application
Recommendation Form (need 3)

Applicant's Name _____
Last First Middle

Name of Individual Submitting Recommendation _____

Title _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Please complete form on reverse omitting the applicant's name and mail to:

OSU Extension, Medina County
Professional Building
120 West Washington Street, Suite 1L
Medina, OH 44256

Must be received by April 15 of current year



1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

2. Give a specific example of the unique talents that will allow this student to succeed in the future. _____

3. Please indicate the applicant's ability and competence in the following areas with other individuals you have known at similar stages in their life.

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Very Good	Outstanding	Inadequate Opportunity to Observe	Comments
Leadership ability							
Motivation and seriousness of purpose							
Self-assured							
Independent							
Maturity							
Respect of peers							
Ability to set goals and accomplish them							
Ability to communicate effectively (written & oral)							

4. Please use this space to make additional comments related to the applicant's qualifications for a scholarship. You may attach an additional sheet or sheets if necessary.

5. Evaluator's estimate of this applicant's success in higher education:

___ Little success ___ Above average ___ May encounter difficulty ___ Superior ___ Average

6. Evaluator's overall recommendation:

___ No recommendation made ___ Not recommended ___ Recommended with enthusiasm ___ Recommended

