



**4-H Foundation of Alberta
4-H Alberta Scholarships - Online Application
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Is the GPA based on a point or percentage system?

*The GPA is based on a point system, i.e. 2.5 or 2.75, etc. However, if you are a high school student, you will receive your GPA in a percentage score, i.e. 87% or 92%. In this case, please refer to the following table and enter the points that apply to you. **The GPA entry must be entered as a point number.***

Letter grade	Percentage	GPA
A+	97–100%	4.33/4.00 or 4.00/4.00
A	93–96%	4.00/4.00
A–	90–92%	3.67/4.00
B+	87–89%	3.33/4.00
B	83–86%	3.00/4.00
B–	80–82%	2.67/4.00
C+	77–79%	2.33/4.00
C	73–76%	2.00/4.00
C–	70–72%	1.67/4.00
D+	67–69%	1.33/4.00
D	63–66%	1.00/4.00
D–	60–62%	0.67/4.00
F	< 60%	0.00/4.00

2. If you complete two years and finish a diploma, and then take a year off before you start another program - can you still apply?

Yes, you may reapply, as long as you can provide proof of enrolled in your post-secondary institution.

Please note that you will need to include this completed post-secondary attendance in your application. In this case, you would have completed 2 years, and would be entering your 3rd year of post-secondary education, although you are technically entering only the 1st year in this new program.

3. I plan on taking a year off. Should I wait until the following Spring to apply?

You are welcome to apply for the 4-H Alberta scholarships as long as you plan on attending a post-secondary institution in September 2020 or January 2021.

4. If you are a high school student and have taken grade 12 courses in grade 11, do you include those marks for your GPA? If you completed dual credit courses through a post-secondary do you need to list these marks here as well?

No, please only include all the courses you have taken in grade 12, calculate the overall average, and convert the average as per table outlined above.

Post-secondary credit courses do not have to be noted as they are not full-time program studies.



5. I'm a former 4-H Alberta member/ 4-H Alberta Alumni, am I still eligible for scholarships?

Yes, you are still eligible to apply as long as you have participated in the 4-H Alberta program for a minimum of three (3) years and still have records of your 4-H Alberta achievements and activities.

6. Can all 4-H members apply for 4-H Alberta scholarships or only high school seniors?

While the scholarship program is open to all 4-H members, we recommend that only high school seniors apply for the scholarship program as the majority of scholarships only applies to applicants presently enrolled in a post-secondary institution. We also recommend you review the eligibility criteria to determine if you are eligible.

7. Do I need to provide proof of post-secondary enrollment?

Yes, all scholarships require you to submit proof of post-secondary enrollment.

8. When it says most recent year, do you mean completed years or just participation?

If you are in the process of completing your diary points, we ask you to use the diary points from the most recent completed and signed off club year (2018/ 2019 Club Year).

In all other instances, we ask you to enter the most recent year you participated in. I.e. this could be the 2019/ 2020 Club Year.

9. Can activities from 2019/ 2020 be included in this application?

Yes, you may include completed activities from the 2019/2020 club year.

10. On the projects page, where do we qualify projects like photography, shooting, bee keeping, etc.?

Photography and shooting are captured in the Life Skills. For a detailed breakdown of the projects, please visit: <http://www.4h.ab.ca/Projects/index.html>

11. If members have applied in prior years, do their details carry forward into this new application form? Or do they need to start with a blank application each year?

If you are a returning applicant, your data will carry forward from year to year. If you have previously completed a scholarship application and you are missing parts of your profile (aside from the written requirements), such as contact or club information, please contact Bianca von Nagy at scholarship@4HAB.com.

12. Offices held: what if the position held is not in the drop-down menu?

If you do not find a position you have held with your club in the drop down menu, you can enter it as 'other' or you are welcome to contact Bianca von Nagy at scholarship@4HAB.com for further clarification.

13. Diary tab: what if you are involved in more than one club and are there for many years, is there a maximum?

*The 4-H diaries are completed as follows: **one per member per year**, even if enrolled in more than one club. Please contact your club leader, key leader, or regional specialist if you require further information. 4-H Diaries are only completed by members between the ages of 9 and 20 as of December 31 of the club year. Please note that diaries are not completed by Cleaver Kids.*

14. The reference cannot be a staff or director - is a leader considered a staff?

Paid staff from the 4-H Council, 4-H Foundation or 4-H Section may not be a reference for an individual 4-H member. A 4-H Foundation Director may not be a reference. A leader is not considered staff; he/ she would be considered your 4-H reference but please ensure you receive permission from this leader before you name him/ her as a reference.



15. Are homeschoolers eligible to apply?

Yes, homeschoolers are eligible to apply, they simply must provide marks/ transcript like other applicants.

16. Is the login specific to the 4-H Alberta online scholarship application?

Yes, the login is specific to the scholarship online application system. Returning applicants can log-in with the same email address they have used in years past and can expect previous information to have carried over from previous years.

17. If the deadline is May 15th, are we just sending the most current marks for High school students or should they be submitted after final marks for the year are calculated?

High school students are asked to request their final transcript by May 15, 2020. We understand that high school transcripts will not be circulated until mid to late-July, however, in order to complete the online application, the request has to be submitted by May 15, 2020.

Please review the transcript request form and indicate accordingly, requesting the transcript to be provided following the end of the school year.

Post-secondary students are asked to request their most recent transcript, which will be for the current spring term.

18. How are the successful applicants selected?

The online application translates the applicants' 4-H involvement and participation into a score system, all based on participation within 4-H at their club, district, region, provincial levels, and within their community.

In September, the provincial scholarship review committee meets to review the application data which at this point does not show the candidates' names or contact information. They are only identified by an ID number to keep it a fair and anonymous process. Each scholarship is reviewed individually and awarded based on their respective criteria.

Once a recipient has been selected, he/ she will be removed from the pool of applicants. Applicants are, however, still eligible to receive an 'additional scholarship', i.e. a district or regional scholarship.

19. If you attend a 4-year program in a post-secondary institution, can you apply for a scholarship during all 4 years?

Yes, you may apply throughout your post-secondary career, as long as you continue to be enrolled in a program, following the scholarship selection in September. Once you complete your post-secondary education, you are no longer eligible to apply for a scholarship.

20. Once it is submitted, is there a confirmation sent to the applicant so that they know it was received?

Yes, you will receive a confirmation email once you submit your application.

22. What about entering trades? Sometimes they do not start their classes in the fall but in January - can they still apply?

Yes, you are encouraged to apply for the scholarships, no matter if you are entering a trades program, certificate, diploma, or degree program.

If you do receive a scholarship and your trade's classes do not start until January, please contact Bianca von Nagy at scholarship@4HAB.com immediately to discuss next steps.



23. If you continue in the education into a master's degree can you continue to apply?

Yes, you can reapply, as long as you can provide proof of enrolled in your post-secondary institution.

24. For activities, would highway clean up be a provincial or club activity? Does camp counselling count as an activity?

Highway cleanup is considered a club activity, determined by each individual club whether or not to participate. Camp counselling at a 4-H camp is considered an activity. Please include the name of the camp where you counselled.

25. Does emcee count for public speaking competitions? If a member has completed their communication activity at a club level and has also emceed, how is that counted?

If it was determined by the club that your communication activity would be acting as the event emcee, this is recorded as club public speaking. If you emceed at a different event, indicate what event or events. Do not repeat listing 'emcee' in multiple examples, but group them such as 'emcee at 2018 district communications, regional beef show, club awards banquet' to enable you to list your participation in other events.

**26. Diary Points: Are they needed for all 4-H Scholarships?
Do less diary points give you a lower chance of getting a scholarship?
Do diary points need to be marked by a Regional Specialist?**

Diary points are not a requirement when completing a 4-H Alberta scholarship application, but diaries do help to complete the application, as it may be easier to locate examples for the Leadership, Club/ District, Regional/ National and Volunteer pages, rather than to search through multiple record books.

Diary points are only one small part of the applicant's overall application.

Diaries are submitted and marked annually by the club leader. Diaries are only marked by a regional specialist if a member is attending Selections or applying for the Platinum Award of Excellence.

27. Does the completion of this form result in being shown all scholarships that you are eligible for?

Completed scholarship applications translate into a scored system and are grouped into all of the individual provincial and additional scholarships that the application fits the criteria for. Applicants are not advised of each individual scholarship that they may be considered for but may review the lists of provincial and additional scholarships that are available by reviewing ([Additional 4-H Scholarships](#)).