

Shiawassee County 4-H

National 4-H Congress Scholarship Application

Shiawassee County 4-H is generously offering financial support to **ONE** Shiawassee County 4-H member interested in attending National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA from November 28 - December 2, 2025. National 4-H Congress is open to youth ages 14-19. Total cost is approximately \$1300-\$1500 but could be adjusted once airline tickets are purchased. **\$100 non-refundable deposit is due September 1, 2025.**

- National 4-H Congress brings together youth from all across the United States in Atlanta, Georgia. Through interactions with 4-Hers from all regions of our country, including Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Alaska, participants learn how to improve their local 4-H program. Through understanding of the differences and similarities they can better understand themselves.
- Youth see nationally renowned speakers, which in the past have included a wide range of individuals, including Holocaust survivors, social entrepreneurs, Miss America, and civil rights leaders. The speakers have inspired participants to be a source for positive change in their club, community, country, and world.
- Participants attend breakout sessions on a wide range of topics, including communications, leadership, and STEM. National Congress delegates attend educational tours, including the Georgia History Center, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park, Georgia Aquarium, and Coca-Cola Headquarters.
- Youth carry out community service projects throughout the Atlanta area. In the past this included programs in parks, community schools, and other community organizations.

Use the following guidelines to apply for the scholarships.

Procedures

- The application must be completed by the 4-H member who is requesting the scholarship. Applications must be fully completed (2-sides) for consideration.
- Scholarship applications are **due to the Shiawassee County MSU Extension Office by August 27th at 4:30pm**. Applications can either be dropped off in the office or drop box outside the office or emailed to wheel297@msu.edu. Applications will be reviewed by the 4-H Program Coordinator.
- **Only one Shiawassee County 4-H member will be selected to receive this scholarship.** Scholarship winner will be notified by the 4-H Program Coordinator no later than August 28th at 5pm. Applications will be considered based on completion,
- The 4-H member is required to pay the deposit for their event when they register. 4-H scholarships will be applied to the balance only after the deposit is made.
- In the event that a 4-H member does not attend the workshop, all scholarships will be revoked, and the member will be responsible for full payment of the registration and/or cancellation fee; up to an including repayment to the 4-H office for any pre-paid fees. If you must cancel your registration for an event, please be sure to contact the Shiawassee County MSU Extension office at the earliest date possible to ensure the least cost incurred.
- The scholarship recipient should write a thank you note to the Shiawassee County 4-H office sharing what was learned through the experience.

Scholarships Available

Check the box you are requesting

- ☐ National 4-H Congress (depending on the final cost of the trip, up to \$1400 may be reward after deposit and all other scholarships)

Date(s) of your event: _____ Location of your event: _____

Total Registration Fee for your Workshop \$ _____

Deposit amount paid at registration \$ _____

Other scholarship(s) received \$ _____ (Source: _____)

Scholarship amount requested from Shiawassee County 4-H \$ _____

MSU Extension Office Date Stamp

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Scholarship awarded: YES NO

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Check number: _____ Date paid: _____

Initials of 4-H Program Coordinator approving: _____

Name _____ 4-H Age (Jan. 1st) _____ Grade _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

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

Please answer the following questions. Feel free to attach to your application; up to 1 additional page.

Why would you like to attend this event? What do you hope to gain from the experience? How do you anticipate you will use what you have learned to better yourself, the 4-H program and your community?

Please list any 4-H events beyond the county level you have attended in the past where you represented Shiawassee County 4-H (i.e. 4-H Exploration Days, shows or contests, etc.)

What leadership roles do you currently hold in your 4-H club or at the county or state level? Are there any leadership positions that you wish to hold in the future within your club or at the county or state level?

Have you received Shiawassee County 4-H Scholarship(s) in the past 2 years? If yes, how much and for what events?

Upon return from your event, how will you share your experience with other 4-H members, volunteers, council or the community? Please indicate how and when.

4-H member and parent/guardian:

By signing below, you indicate that this application was completed by the 4-H member and accurately reflects their experiences. You understand the procedures outlined in this application. You agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct and respectfully represent Shiawassee County 4-H during this event.

Signature of 4-H Member _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____