

Ohio 4-H Youth Development
2012 Outbound Youth Travel Scholarships

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The donors listed above have generously established scholarships to assist Ohio youth in pursuing international education through 1-month overseas homestay experiences. The scholarships are open to all Ohio youth who meet age requirements (which vary by country) and who are selected for participation on any of the Ohio 4-H Outbound Programs. Our rigorous selection process includes an extensive application form, essay, references, and personal interview. No additional paperwork is required for the scholarships beyond the general program application packet.

There is currently no limit to the number of Ohio youth who may receive scholarships. However, Ohio 4-H reserves the right to slightly reduce scholarship amounts in the event that an unexpectedly high number of youth apply and are accepted in any particular year. In this case, applicants will have a chance to withdraw if the slight scholarship reduction would prevent their participation. We are very fortunate here in Ohio to have such generous donors!

Ohio 4-H currently offers one-month overseas homestay programs to **Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan and Norway**. Please check our website for each year's offerings.

Scholarship awards are made *after* the trip has been completed. Scholarship recipients are required to submit various items (such as passport copies, medical forms, etc.) during the months leading up to the trip, and to send thank-you letters/impact reports to each donor both before and after the overseas experience. Scholarship recipients are also required to maintain the highest level of conduct leading up to the trip and while overseas. Scholarships may be withdrawn or reduced for failing to complete or submit required items or due to breaches of the Code of Conduct that each participant signs as part of the application packet.

Scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged to do public presentations about their overseas experience following their return home. This allows the 4-H program to extend its' international education component to the Ohio community at large.

Ohio 4-H 2012 Out-Bound Travel Scholarships – Criteria for Selection:

Applicants are judged in January 2012 by the Ohio 4-H International 4-H Youth Exchange Selections Committee, including the 4-H International Program Director and several experienced middle-management volunteers (ICCs). They then continued to be considered *applicants only* until the end of the entire program in September 2012. Once they complete all necessary program components in September 2012, they are finally considered scholarship awardees. Selections are based on the following criteria:

- Quality of written application form
- Quality of 2 essays
- 3 Reference Letters
- Personal Interview with a team of judges
- Group Interview with a team of judges
- Adherence to deadlines for submission of required materials over at 9-month period, including impact reports before and after the overseas experience.
- Maintaining the highest level of conduct leading up to the trip and while overseas.
- Following the Code of Conduct
- Demonstrating the qualities listed below both before, during and after their travel experience.

Qualities Needed To Be a Successful Out-bound 4-H Delegate

- . *positive verbal & non-verbal communication skills*
- . *reacts well to uncomfortable, new or challenging situations*
- . *likes people & wants to be with people*
- . *is more interested in listening than talking*
- . *is able to handle stress*
- . *adaptable - not overly conscientious or unable to relax*
- . *practical and realistic*
- . *aware of cultural differences, and able to cope with them*
- . *is moderately idealistic and persistent*
- . *is analytical - tries to see why things are the way they are*
- . *sense of humor*
- . *good communication & listening skills*
- . *open-minded*
- . *knowledgeable of current/public affairs*
- . *curious*
- . *foreign language ability (or willingness to learn)*
- . *perceptive*
- . *committed to completing responsibilities of program*
- . *empathic/warm*
- . *sets a good example in everyday life*
- . *tolerant & non-critical*
- . *reports and shares experiences with others*
- . *self-reliant*
- . *maintains effective follow-up contacts*
- . *reliable*
- . *self-confident, but not arrogant*
- . *gives leadership and assistance*
- . *is alert and observing of what's going on*
- . *understands, rather than just accepts*
- . *has a good blend of self-confidence and humility*
- . *feels comfortable enough with own convictions to not feel threatened when others think differently*
- . *flexible, with enough "backbone" to stand up for what they believe in, and not "fall" for everything*
- . *able to do an excellent job in positively representing 4-H, The Ohio State University, Ohio, the USA, and their host county(ies) during and following the program.*

Base Scholarship

Every youth who is approved through our rigorous selection process to participate on an Ohio 4-H International Out-bound Travel Program to any country will receive a Base Scholarship of **\$1,500**.

Additional Scholarships Above the “Base Scholarship”

Also known as: “**Previous-Hosting Scholarships**”

NOTE: Previous-Hosting Scholarships “credits” can be used only once. Once you have received a credit from either Ohio 4-H or from Labo for a *particular exchangee*, that credit cannot be used again for a future scholarship.

Previous-Hosting Scholarship for Travelers to Argentina/Australia/Costa Rica/Finland/Norway

Any approved youth whose family has previously hosted an Ohio 4-H international youth exchangee (from either Japan *or* from one of the above 4 countries since 2006) will receive an additional scholarship from Ohio 4-H of \$100 per month-long exchangee hosted, and \$200 per year-long exchangee hosted.

Previous-Hosting Scholarship for Travelers to Japan

Youth selected for this program will receive both scholarships listed below (Labo and Ohio 4-H), as applicable.

Labo Scholarships:

The Labo Foundation offers the following scholarships for families who have hosted a Labo youth in the past:

\$100 per *Month-Long* Labo Youth hosted, up to \$300 maximum.

\$1,000 per *Year-Long* Labo Youth hosted, up to \$1,000 maximum.

The Month and Year scholarships cannot be combined in a single year. The Maximum scholarship per traveler per year from Labo = \$1,000.

Ohio 4-H Scholarships:

The Ohio 4-H Scholarship picks-up where the Labo Scholarship leaves off. Any approved youth whose family has previously hosted the following exchangees will receive the following Ohio 4-H scholarships:

Has your family hosted only Labo Exchangees?

You'll receive an additional scholarship of \$100 for every month-long exchangee hosted beyond the first 3. You'll also receive an additional scholarship of \$200 for every year-long exchangee hosted beyond the 1st.

Has your family hosted only Month-Long Exchangees since 2006 from Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland or Norway?

You'll receive an additional scholarship of \$100 per exchangee hosted, starting with the 1st (because Labo does not provide scholarships for hosting these youth).

Has your family hosted Month-Long Exchangees since 2006 from Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland or Norway as well as some Labo Exchangees?

Please contact Mary Lynn for an exact break-down of what your scholarship would be, since the permutations are too numerous to list here.

Your scholarship amount can be determined in advance by contacting Mary Lynn Thalheimer of Ohio 4-H (thalheimer.1@osu.edu) with your hosting history. This can be done prior to applying so that you know what amount to expect.

Some Examples:

Julie Rose's family has never hosted before. She has been accepted to travel to Norway:

\$1,500 Base Scholarship from Ohio 4-H

\$1,500 Total Scholarship

Alex Sim's family has hosted (9) Labo Month-Long exchangees. He has been accepted to travel to Japan. His scholarship is:

\$1,500 Base Scholarship from Ohio 4-H

\$300 Labo Hosting Scholarship (\$100 per Month-Long hosted, up to a maximum of 3)

\$600 Ohio 4-H Hosting Scholarship (\$100 per each Month-Long hosted above the 3rd)

\$2,400 Total Scholarship

OR: **Alex** has been accepted to travel to Australia. His scholarship is:

\$1,500	Base Scholarship from Ohio 4-H
\$ 0	(Alex receives no Labo Scholarship because he is not traveling to Japan.)
\$ 900	Ohio 4-H Hosting Scholarship (\$100 per each Month-Long hosted, starting w/ the 1 st)
\$2,400	<i>Total Scholarship</i>

Nick Martin's family has hosted (4) Labo Month-Long, (2) Labo Year-Long & (1) Costa Rican (since 2006). He has been accepted to travel to Japan. His scholarship is:

\$1,500	Base Scholarship from Ohio 4-H
\$1,000	Labo Hosting Scholarship (\$1,000 per Year-Long hosted). Nick does not receive a Labo Scholarship for the 2 nd Year-Long or for the (4) Labo Month-Longs, because Labo only gives a maximum scholarship of \$1,000 per youth per year.
\$400	Ohio 4-H Hosting Scholarship of \$200 for each Year-Long hosted beyond the 1 st (thus, \$200 for his 2 nd Year-Long), and \$100 for each Month-Long hosted beyond the 3 rd (thus, \$200 for his 4 th and 5 th Month-Longs).
\$2,900	<i>Total Scholarship</i>

OR: **Nick** has been accepted to travel to Norway. His scholarship is:

\$1,500	Base Scholarship from Ohio 4-H
\$ 0	(Nick receives no Labo Scholarship because he is not traveling to Japan.)
\$ 900	Ohio 4-H Hosting Scholarship of \$200 for each Year-Long hosted (thus, \$400 for his 2 Year-Longs), and \$100 for each Month-Long hosted (thus, \$500 for his 5 Month-Longs)
\$2,400	<i>Total Scholarship</i>