

CATEGORY: (SCHOLARSHIP)
SUBMIT: VANCE FAMILY 4-H COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
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Background and Purpose

This scholarship fund was established in 1989 by OSU alumni and long-time Pickaway County 4-H club leaders, W. Chaney and Jane S. Vance. The intent of these renewable scholarships is to recognize outstanding current and/or former 4-H members who have excelled in and because of 4-H, who have steadily gained leadership skills and who demonstrate 4-H and citizenship spirit. Winners may perhaps not have had top grades or have won top project awards. Winners will be planning to attend or currently attending The Ohio State University (main campus, regional campuses or ATI) in the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences or the College of Human Ecology. Once awarded, winners may re-apply for additional Vance scholarship monies for a maximum of 4 years, provided that they maintain a 2.5 minimum G.P.A. and are enrolled in one of the specified colleges. Three Vance Family 4-H Collegiate Scholarship winners will be selected to receive \$1,500 each.

Selection Procedures and Criteria

Applicants must be a current Ohio 4-H member and current senior in high school; or a current or former Ohio 4-H member and a freshman, sophomore, or junior at The Ohio State University main campus (in Columbus, Ohio) or any regional OSU campus during the time of application.

To apply for this award, applicants need to complete a "Vance Family 4-H Collegiate Scholarship application form and submit it directly to the State 4-H Office by **February 1, 2010**. Applications should include: 1) a letter of reference by a 4-H club leader or Extension educator attesting to your character and your 4-H and other leadership skills (if applicant is in high school) or a letter of reference by a 4-H club leader or county agent attesting to your character and your 4-H and other leadership skills AND a letter of reference from an OSU faculty member attesting to your progress at OSU and your character (if applicant is in college); 2) and a recent transcript of grades, signed by appropriate official.

Criteria for selection: 30% on leadership experience in 4-H, community, and school; 10% on 4-H honors received at county, district, state, and/or national levels; 20% on 4-H project achievements and growth of 4-H activity and experience; 40% on one or two page statement as to why a Vance Family 4-H Collegiate Scholarship Award would be important to you being able to achieve an OSU education and how 4-H has contributed to your personal development, leadership and other skills and to your likely success in life.

Three Vance Family 4-H Scholarship Award winners will be selected at the state level by a State Awards Selection Committee.

The Award and Its Presentation

A State 4-H Award announcement letter will be sent to County Extension Offices the first week of March so that agents can notify winners and/or their families personally. The State 4-H Office will then follow up with a letter that will be sent directly to the recipient(s) after **March 21**.

The Vance Family 4-H Scholarship Award winners will be publicly recognized at the Ohio 4-H Youth Recognition Banquet. Each winner will receive an award plaque honoring their achievements. In addition, three award winners will receive \$1,300 in tuition credit sometime after fall quarter of **2010**.