

THE GONZALES COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

The Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders wish to provide **an opportunity** for any Gonzales County 4-H high school student to apply for a scholarship during his/her senior year. Scholarship(s) will be given at the discretion of the scholarship committee. The Gonzales 4-H Adult Leaders request that the scholarship be established and administered as follows:

1. **Name:** Gonzales County 4-H Scholarship

2. **Type:** Annual scholarship to be continued as long as the Adult Leaders consider it justified and financially feasible. The scholarship is not renewable and is a one time scholarship per recipient.

3. **Effective:** To become effective with the **2016-2017** academic year.

4. **Availability:** Availability of the scholarship will be publicized by written notification to all qualified applicants by means of the Texas AgriLIFE Extension newsletter or by other means deemed appropriate by the Scholarship Committee.

5. **Recipient:** Regularly enrolled freshman student, pursuing a baccalaureate degree or related degree, to include a degree program in an accredited trade or vocational school.

6. **Eligibility:**

A. **Record book:** Student must have completed record books three out of four years in high school. If the recordbook does not meet the Texas 4-H Record book Guidelines then student becomes ineligible. A record book committee will be established to provide assistance prior to deadline.

B. **Involvement:** Student must show active involvement in Gonzales County 4-H and attend a minimum of five meetings per year throughout high school. Involvement beyond club level is highly encouraged. Students will be given an attendance record to be signed by the club adult leader, County Extension Agent - AG or Country Extension Agent – Family and Consumer Science. Attendance records can be turned in after five signatures. In the event a student misses a meeting, an excuse must be submitted to the Extension Office within 7 days. Excuses will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, documented and filed in student's folder.

C. **Fundraiser Assistance:** Student must assist in scholarship fundraising per year throughout high school. Scholarship fundraiser committee will inform students of type of assistance within a timely manner.

D. **Application:** During the student's senior year, an application must be completed by the deadline as set forth by the scholarship committee. Late applications will not be accepted.

E. **Transfer Students:** Students must show proof of involvement and record book completion in the form of a letter from the County Extension Office or Club Manager from their previous county. Also, students must show completion of scholarship criteria throughout the remaining years of high school while being a member of Gonzales

County 4-H. Transfer students will be reviewed on an individual basis as needed. Scholarship committee reserves the right to prorate scholarship funds if deemed necessary.

F. Scholarship Funds: Full scholarships will be awarded to those members who have completed all criteria for all four years of high school. Prorated scholarships will be considered. Funds allotted will be determined by the scholarship committee pertaining to the level of 4-H participation (club and/or county).

7. Stipulated Terms of Scholarship:

A. Student must be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student. Special circumstance must be addressed to the scholarship committee prior to disbursements of funds. Funds are to be used for educational purposes.

B. Payments to be made following proof of enrollment in the military, college, trade or vocational school no later than September 30, 2016 for the fall semester and no later than January 30, 2017 for the spring semester. Proof of enrollment should be sent to the Scholarship chairperson or Treasurer at the Extension Office.

C. Failure of a student to maintain at least a 2.0 overall average at time of mid-semester grade reporting would be grounds for termination. Grades need to be turned in no later than January 30, 2017.

D. Scholarship committee reserves to right to make changes as needed prior to a school year.

8. Selection of Scholarship Recipient(s)

Scholarship(s) will be given at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

RECEIPT OF THE GONZALES COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

Year: _____

I have read and understand the scholarship agreement as set forth by the Gonzales County 4-H Scholarship Committee.

Student Signature

Date: _____

Parent Signature

Date: _____

*Please mail or drop off receipt of scholarship agreement no later than October 13, 2016.
Keep pages above for your records.*

GRADUATING SENIORS: Applications are available at the Texas AgriLife Extension office.
Deadline to return application is June 15, 2017.