Youth and Leader Educational Scholarship Program

Purpose

The purpose of the Youth and Leader Educational Scholarship Program is to provide funds for Youth and Leaders to help them attend events that will further their leadership skills and project knowledge. It is not intended to replace other funding sources or to be a full scholarship for the event.

There are expectations from the Scholarship Recipients after the event has been attended. They are as follows:

1) An overview report to the Leaders Council (approximately 5 minutes in length) is to be given.
2) A class using a skill or knowledge gained from this trip, targeting the general 4-H membership (youth) at a District wide event such as Spring Fling or any district livestock, horse or other event to be completed within the 4-H year that the scholarship was given. For those being awarded a scholarship in the last period of the year, the time period for this presentation will be extended for six months. (30-45 minutes)

A motion was made and passed during the November 8th, 2011 meeting which stated:

“All youth 4-H scholarships will be awarded only for 4-H sponsored events unless there is not an equivalent 4-H event for the training needed.” If not a 4-H event, documentation should be included with the application with an explanation.

At a follow-up meeting the motion was made and past to include “All youth and leader awarded……”

Scholarship Committee

A scholarship committee will be appointed by the President. It shall consist of three (3) to five (5) 4-H Leaders. The Vice President will be Chair of the Committee.

The committee chair will receive the scholarship applications and determine if they meet the minimum eligibility qualifications. If so the committee will be provided with copies of the applications. They will then score each application based on the criteria discussed below. A minimum of 3 committee members must score the applicant. A final score will be determined along with a corresponding scholarship award amount.

The committee chair will then recommend to the Leaders Council the appropriate scholarship be awarded as determined by the scoring matrix and monetary guidelines. A vote by the Tanana District 4-H Leaders council will then be required for the scholarship to be awarded.

Eligibility Qualifications

In order to apply for an educational scholarship from the Tanana District 4-H Leaders Council 4-H Youth and Leaders must meet the following minimum qualifications:

4-H Members-(minimum for applying)
   1) Have been a member for at least a year
2) Be enrolled and have paid current year’s enrollment fee. It is the applicant’s responsibility to verify through the Extension office that they are a member in good standing.
3) Within the last two years have been involved in a district wide fundraiser
4) Within the last two years have been a volunteer at a district wide event
5) Has participated in community service event within the past year

Leaders-(minimum for applying)
1) Have been a leader for at least a year
2) Be enrolled and have paid current year’s enrollment fee. It is the applicant’s responsibility to verify through the Extension office that they are a member in good standing.
3) Within the last two years have been involved in a district wide fundraiser
4) Within the last two years have been a volunteer on a district wide event
5) Over the last two years have attended at least 5 leaders council meetings
6) Have been involved in community service activity.
7) Have not received an educational scholarship in the previous year.

Disqualifications

1) The applicant will be disqualified and their application not considered if they do not meet any of the minimum eligibility qualifications listed above.
2) If the applicant does not fulfill the expectations of the report to the leaders council and leading a district class as described above then they will be disqualified from receiving future Tanana District scholarships (including senior scholarships, earned scholarships and educational scholarships) as follows:

Youth-ineligible for the next year
Leaders-ineligible for the next three years

Team Application

The team application is only to be used for a group of 4-H members that are going to a 4-H event to compete as a team and the group wishes that each member be awarded the same amount. An example of this would be competition in a horse bowl. This application can also include the adult leader that will be traveling with them. One application is to be completed however each member needs to submit an individual resume. There is always the option of each team member submitting their own individual application instead.

Criteria

Unless specifically stated in the following criteria the committee will include the Youth’s or Leader’s entire time in 4-H. Therefore it is very important that the resume submitted be a complete history for the applicant.

4-H Members

1) Attendance at the event
   a. More weight is given to first time attendees (10 points for the first time attending.)
   b. 5 points for the second time attending
   c. 1 point for all others
2) Fundraising (District) This is involvement in fundraisers that benefit the Tanana District 4-H program. Club fundraising will not be included in awarding points. Two points will be awarded per event that the applicant has participated.
3) Club Involvement Information to score this section will be taken from the leaders letter of recommendation and from the applicants resume.
4) Plan for Sharing Gained Knowledge More weight is given to individual that has a clear plan for coming back and sharing their knowledge. The more specific the better.
5) **Community Service** This is involvement at club or district wide level. The resume will be the source of information for this item. 2 points per event will be awarded.

6) **Leaders letter of recommendation**

7) **Years in 4-H** One point per year enrolled in 4-H.

8) **Parent Involvement** This is where the leaders letter can be helpful. The leader should also include a paragraph on how the parent is involved at both a club and district level to the extent they are knowledgeable about.

Leaders

1) **Attendance at the event**
   a. More weight given to first time attendees (10 points for the first time, attending)
   b. 5 points for the second time attending
   c. 1 point for all others

2) **Leader Council Involvement**
   a. More weight is given to leader that is more involved in Tanana District 4-H Leaders Council. 1 point is given for meeting the minimum qualifications,
   b. 5 points for regularly attending at least 5 meetings of the Tanana District 4-H Leaders Council meetings over the past year.
   c. A point a year (maximum 10 points) for holding office in the Tanana District 4-H Leaders Council, state Leaders Council or in Horse or Livestock committees/council.

3) **Knowledge shared**
   a. Points (1 point per event) given to individual that has attended a function and then brought back and shared knowledge at district event.

4) **Fundraising (District Level)** More weight is given to an individual that has been involved in fundraisers that benefit the Tanana District. Club fundraising will not be included in awarding points. Two points will be awarded per event that the applicant has participated in a fundraiser and 3 points for someone that has chaired an event for a maximum of 9 points.

5) **District Events Volunteer** More weight given to individual that has been involved in district events. 1 point per event with bonus of 5 for chairing with a maximum of 15 points.

6) **Plan for Sharing Gained Knowledge** More weight given to individual that has a clear plan for coming back and sharing their knowledge. The more specific the better.

7) **Community service** involvement at club or district level. 1 point per event.

8) **Years as 4-H Leader** One (1) point per year up to a maximum of 10 points

**Scoring Matrix**

Once it has been determined that the 4-H member, team or leader have meet the minimum eligibility requirements listed above then the Scholarship Committee will use the scoring matrix which was developed to determine the amount to be awarded. Using the information from the application and the 4-H resume the committee members will score the applicant on the criteria listed above. Separate scoring matrixes are used for Leaders and Youth.

There will be a minimum of three committee members and up to a maximum of 5 committee members that will be doing the scoring.

The scores from all the committee members for an individual will be totaled and then added together. An average score will be determined by dividing the total by the number of committee members.

Example: 5 committee members score an individual independently and arrive at scores of 62, 71, 65, 55, and 59. This is totaled and equals 312. 312 is divided by 5 (the number of committee members scoring the applicant) which equals 62.4 (round up or down to the nearest whole number). For a final score of 62.
62+71+65+55+59=312/5=62.4 (round to the nearest whole number) = 62, the applicants final score.

Team application scoring-Each team member is scored by each committee member individually and their individual final score is determined as outlined above. Then the final individual scores are added together and divided by the number of team applicants to determine the teams’ final score.

Team Example: There are 4 youth and 1 leader on the team. They score 43, 62, 55, 69 and 72. These are added together (301). The total is then divided by 5 team members to equal a final score of 60.2 (round to nearest whole number). Final team applicant score equals 60.

43+62+55+69+72=301/5 (number on team) = 60.2 Rounded-60 final score for team.

**Scholarship Award Amount**

1) Scholarship periods are divided into three time periods as outlined on the scholarship application. It has been determined that no more than 50% of the budgeted amount is to be awarded in the first period, 50% of the remaining balance in the second period and the third period the balance of the money available can be awarded.

2) Any amount that is not awarded during the 4-H year is to be carried over to the following year and added to the new amount budgeted for that year.

3) Eight ($8.00) dollars per point will be awarded up to $500 maximum per youth or leader scholarship.

   Example: An applicant that has a final score of 45 above would receive the following:

   At $8.00 per point would be awarded $360.00-round up to nearest $25 increment or $375.

   Team with the 45 points final score would be awarded $8 per point=$360, rounded up to $375 rounded up to nearest $25. Each member of the team would be awarded $375.

4) If there is not enough allocated for that period to cover all the applicants then the committee has the discretion to recommend awarding lesser amounts to the applicants by dividing the total amount of money available by the total number of final points to equal the new $ (dollar) per point value ($PV) or awarding the top applicants the full amount and others lesser amounts.