Mat-Su/Copper River District Grant Application

Mat-Su District 4-H grants are available to all eligible 4-H members and leaders for educational opportunities throughout the 4-H year.

**Youth Application Requirements 8 to 14 Years of Age**

Who is eligible? All currently enrolled Mat-Su/Copper River District 4-H members, **8 to 14 years of age**. Applicants must have accumulated at least 2 completed years of 4-H affiliation. Previous District 4-H grant recipients (in past, labeled as scholarships) are not eligible to apply more than once in three years.

- **District 4-H Youth Grant application** available from the District CES Office.
- **One-page Cover Letter** addressing the items outlined in the Personal Information listed below.
- Previous year’s completed **4-H record book**.
- Two **Letters of Recommendation**, one from a 4-H Leader, and the other from an adult personal friend who can list your accomplishments in 4-H. (Parent, mentor, or 4-H participating adult).
- **VLA Interview** (if requested)

**Youth Application Requirements 14-18 Years of Age**

Who is eligible? All currently enrolled Mat-Su/Copper River District 4-H members, **14 years to 18 years of age**. Applicants must have accumulated at least 2 completed years of 4-H affiliation. Previous District 4-H grant recipients (in past, labeled as scholarships) are not eligible to apply more than once in two years.

- **District 4-H Youth Grant application** available from the District CES Office.
- **One-page Cover Letter** addressing the items outlined in the Personal Information from the District 4-H Supplemental Application information section.
- Two-page **Resume** (age appropriate) as directed in the 4-H Project/Activity Experience and the Citizenship/Leadership Experience sections of the District 4-H Supplemental Application Information.
- Prior two years’ **MY 4-H Story** from 4-H Record Book and previous year’s completed 4-H record book.
- Two **Letters of Recommendation**, one from a 4-H Leader, and the other from an adult personal friend who can list your accomplishments in 4-H. (Parent, mentor, or 4-H participating adult).
- **VLA Interview**

**Adult Application Requirements 19+ Years of Age**

Who is eligible? All currently enrolled Mat-Su/Copper River District 4-H leaders, **19+ years of age**. Applicants must have accumulated at least 2 completed years of 4-H affiliation. Have completed leader training. Previous District 4-H grant recipients (in past, labeled as scholarships) are not eligible to apply more than once in two years. District representatives will take precedence over other applicants yearly, not every two years.

- **District 4-H Leader Grant application** available from the District CES Office.
- **One-page Cover Letter** addressing the items outlined in the Personal Information from the District 4-H Supplemental Application information section.
- **VLA Interview**
- **Present application at VLA meeting**

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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- Do not add additional pages to the application or packet.
- Please **DO NOT STAPLE** application forms and additional documents.
- **APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED**
  - September 15th for Fall and Winter Applications
  - April 15th for Spring and Summer Applications

Mail or hand deliver to:
Palmer Cooperative Extension Service Office
809 S Chugach Street, Suite 2
Palmer, Alaska 99645
Grant Application Agreement

1. Behavior in a manner that positively reflects the integrity of your club, country, state, country, and global community.
2. Read, respect, and abide by the “Code of Conduct” and policies outlined by the event program.
3. Understand that violation of the “Code of Conduct” and/or policies will be grounds for forfeiture of privilege and associated award(s).
4. Understand that if forfeiture occurs, additional transportation and/or administrative costs shall be borne by and be the responsibility of the participant and his/her parent or guardian.
5. Understand that he participant or his/her parent or guardian shall be liable for damage to the property or facilities resulting from the acts of the participant, either solely or in concert with others.
6. Assume all risks normally associated with the event activities. Neither UAF, Cooperative Extension 4-H, nor its representatives shall be liable for any damage or injuries to the participant in the absence of gross negligence.
7. I understand as a grant recipient, I am obligated to return the full amount of the grant should I fail to attend the function for which the grant was awarded. Reimbursement is expected within 30 days of the event for which the grant was awarded.

As a recipient of this District 4-H grant, I agree to actively:

1. Promote 4-H partnerships within my community, district, and state.
2. Participate in fundraising efforts that support the grant program, the same program that has awarded this grant.
3. Promote the value and benefits of the 4-H program and this 40H event at local, district and/or state level(s) within one year of my involvement in this 4-H grant.
4. Listed below are some options:
   - Design and exhibit promotional materials; and/or
   - Provide two oral reports, or one 2-page written report that promotes the educational benefits of my experience; and/or
   - Present or help with workshops that promote the educational benefits of my experience.
   - Other: Please specify:

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STATE EVENTS

_____ State 4-H Teen Conference
_____ State 4-H Forum
_____ State 4-H Fair
_____ Other (specify)

Grant Budget

Total estimated cost of the activity: $______________

Cost Breakdown:
Travel (airfare) $______________
Hotel $______________
Registration $______________
Food $______________
Miscellaneous expenses $______________
(taxis, parking fees, bus passes)

I have applied for other grants or financial aid to help with the costs of this activity? Yes No (circle one)

If yes, the amount requested is: $______________

Total requested from this grant: $______________
Mat-Su Copper River 4-H District
GRANT APPLICATION

PERSONAL DATA
Name: __________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Date of Birth: __________________________ Gender: F M (circle one) Current Grade: ____________
Parents/Guardian Name(s): __________________________________________
Home phone: __________________________ Work: __________________________
Cell: __________________________ Fax: __________________________
Email(s): __________________________________________

4-H Affiliation
District: __________________________ Years involved in 4-H as: ____________
Alum: ____________ Volunteer: ____________ Partner: ____________ Staff: ____________
Events I am applying for:
______ National Congress ______ Western Regional Teen Leadership Conference
______ National Dairy Conference ______ District Camp
______ National Forestry Invitational ______ Interstate Exchanges
______ National 4-H Conference ______ Local Clinic/Workshop
______ National Computer Tech Conference ______ Other (specify) __________________________

4-H Applicant Statement
I have prepared the Mat-Su District Application and read the Agreement, believe it to be accurate, and will comply with the terms to the best of my ability.
_____________________________ Date _________________________________
Signature Date

4-H Application Endorsement
I have reviewed the Mat-Su District Application and read the Agreement, believe it to be accurate, and will support the terms to the best of my ability.
_____________________________ Date _________________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian

_____________________________ Date _________________________________
Signature of Sponsor/Leader

_____________________________ Date _________________________________
Signature of Agent

VLA Decision: ______________________________________ Date: ____________
Amount Awarded: __________________________________________ Date: ____________
VLA Expectations of Grant Recipient: __________________________________________
________________________________________________________
(Signature of VLA President) Date (Signature of VLA Treasurer) Date
Supplemental Application Information

Cover Letter:
The one-page cover letter should address:
- Your interest in the event
- Your goals regarding this event
- Your plan to attain your goals, contribute to your community and the future of 4-H

Resume—Page 1:
**4-H Project/Activity Experience**
Identify significant 4-H projects, activities, or experiences (ex: District 4-H awards won, participation in demonstrations, talks, exhibits, workshops, judging events, media presentations, newspaper articles written, field trips, tours, and camps attended.)
1. Title this section: “4-H Project/Activity Experience”
2. For each project or activity, include the following:
   - Amount of time you were involved
   - Size, scope, and diversity of project(s)
   - Extent and diversity of knowledge/skills
   - Reflection of competency
   - Extent and level of responsibilities
   - How involvement in the project or activity contributed to your personal growth
   - How you extended your knowledge/skills into your community.

Resume—Page 2:
**Citizenship/Leadership Experience**
Two Sections:
1. Title the first section “4-H Citizenship/Leadership Experience.” Provide information about your involvement in 4-H related activities.
2. Title the second section “Extended Citizenship/Leadership Experience.” Provide information about other significant citizenship/leadership experiences you have had beyond your 4-H involvement. (i.e., conferences, employment, school, sports, youth, community/civic organizations).
   For each activity mentioned in both the 4-H and Extended Citizenship/Leadership Experience sections provide information about:
   - The duration and extent of your involvement
   - Your role(s) and responsibilities
   - The size and scope of your effort; amount of time spent, community impact, and other resources committed
   - What you accomplished individually or as a part of a team or group.