



2025-20266 GREEN LAKE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP AND KEY AWARD APPLICATION



General Information:

1. Timeline -

- a. Application must be received by the Extension Office by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH AT 4:30PM.**
- b. Youth will interview with adults familiar with 4-H and educational experience on the afternoon of Oct. 16th. Contact the Extension Office immediately if you have a conflict with this date!
- c. Youth will be notified if they were awarded the scholarship shortly after.
- d. Participants will be sent an invoice with their cost of the experience.
- e. Attend their 4-H Experience!!
- f. Provide a short report at the Leaders' Association banquet about your experience - November 2026.

2. Scholarship Details -

- a. All scholarships will cover 25% of the cost of the trip. Additional funds may be available to youth after selections have been made depending on the number of applicants and the availability of funds. Additional scholarships are available through Wisconsin 4-H. State scholarships are a part of the registration process through 4-H Online. If you have additional questions about the scholarships, please contact the Extension Office.

3. FAQ -

- a. **Why should I go on a 4-H educational experience?** 4-H provides a unique experience for youth to become Beyond Ready for their life. These experiences allow youth to meet other 4-H'ers, experience new places, and build the life-skills that 4-H provides.
- b. **Does receiving a scholarship guarantee me a spot on the trip?** No, receiving a scholarship does not guarantee you a spot on an educational experience. Experience applications are typically through 4-H Online. It is suggested to apply early to help ensure your spot. If you are not selected for an experience, reach out to the Extension Office or the Leaders' Association.
- c. **What if I am not sure if I can afford to attend?** APPLY! There are many opportunities to support you financially. There are state scholarships available, your club may supply additional funds, or reach out to the Extension Office for other ideas. If you ultimately are not able to attend, you are able to cancel later.
- d. **What if I have more questions?** Reach out to the Extension Office at 920-294-4035 or email Brandon Springer, 4-H Program Educator, at brandon.springer@wisc.edu.

Space Camp – Huntsville, Alabama (May 1-5)

The Space Camp Experience is a wonderful camp opportunity to learn about and experience life as an astronaut, working at NASA, and exploring things that are out of this world! You will experience the pathfinder program including a Simulated Space Mission, other space simulators, building and launching model rockets, learn about space exploration, and even compete in a quiz bowl. Participation is open to all 4-H youth in 6th-8th grades. The cost is approximately \$1,300 with up to three (3) scholarships available. Additional scholarships may be available at the state level.

More information: [Space Camp - Wisconsin 4-H Website](#)

Registration in 4-H Online is open from Nov. 15 - Dec. 14

Summer Academy - UW Madison Campus (June 14-18, 2026)

Join us on the UW-Madison Campus for Summer Academy. This Positive Youth Development program will help you discover future college and career pathways. See what life on campus or on the job looks like within various different tracks. Tracks include several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, civic engagement, arts, skilled trades, transportation, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI. Participants must be in 8th-11th grade to apply. (This trip costs is approximately \$600 with five (5) scholarships available.)

More Information: [Summer Academy - Wisconsin 4-H Website](#)

Registration in 4-H Online is open from March 6-April 26th



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American Spirit Experience – East Coast (June 19-28, 2026 and July 3-12, 2026):

The American Spirit Experience is a wonderful opportunity to develop knowledge of America's heritage, citizenship, and leadership. It is also a great opportunity to meet new people, develop public speaking skills, and travel the east coast. Wisconsin youth will learn about America's heritage and build awareness of the many steps taken to gain U.S. independence and freedom by visiting historical sites in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and more. Participation is open to all 4-H youth in 8th-10th grades. The cost is approximately \$3,000 with up to two (2) total scholarships available.

More information: [American Spirit - Wisconsin 4-H Website](#)

Registration in 4-H Online is open from November 1-November 30th.

Ignite by 4-H – Washington, DC (March 25-29, 2026) :

A four day track-based program full of interactive workshops and learning as part of Wisconsin's Delegation for Animal Science or STEM tracks. Explore your spark while meeting other 4-H'ers from across the nation. Participants must be in 10th-12th grade to apply (must be 15 years old at the time of this experience). The approximate cost is \$2,500 for just Ignite by 4-H.

More Information on Ignite: [Ignite by 4-H - Wisconsin 4-H Website](#)

CWF Track: Citizen Washington Focus (CWF) is now a track on Ignite!! The CWF track brings the learning from CWF like meeting with Senators and Representatives, seeing how government works, and building your citizenship toolbox, while tying in the key elements of Ignite. This experience is during Ignite, but starts a day earlier on March 24th. Approximate cost is \$2,800 due to the extra day.

One scholarship is available for Ignite OR Ignite by CWF.
Registration in 4-H Online is open from Sept. 4th - Sept. 29th.

National 4-H Conference – Washington, D.C. (April 11-16, 2025 - last year's dates)

National 4-H Conference annually brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. Applicants must be in 10th - 12th grade at time of selection. The approximate cost is \$2,000 with 1 scholarship available.

More information: [National 4-H Conference - Wisconsin 4-H Website](#)

Application dates and details are not yet available, please contact the Extension Office with questions about applying.

Wisconsin 4-H Key Award -

The Key Award is the highest honor that can be achieved by a 4-H member in the State of Wisconsin, it is an achievement only a few can be proud to receive. The Key Award is presented to 4-H members that have shown growth and strong involvement throughout their participation in 4-H. They also need to show participation in club, county and community activities. Applicants must be in 10th - 13th grade at time of selection and a member of GLC 4-H for a minimum of three years. There are up to two (2) awards available each year. This award is sponsored by the Green Lake County Farm Bureau. The award is presented at the Leaders' Association banquet in November. New this year! - Selected youth will have the opportunity to apply for the Wisconsin Top 10 Key Award Recipient. For youth in need of additional support, please reach out to the Green Lake County Extension Office.!



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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY, BUT **DO NOT** ADD PAGES. REMEMBER, THE INTERVIEW WILL ALLOW CANDIDATES TO GO MORE INTO DEPTH.

Rank Experiences in Order of Preference (only those you qualify for and are interested in).

Key Award is separate from experiences, so just check the box if you would like to be considered.

Ignite By 4-H Check for CWF option!
American Spirit
National 4-H Conference

Summer Academy
Space Camp
Key Award

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name _____ Age as of January 1 _____ Birthday ____ / ____ / ____
Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____ Club _____
E-Mail Address _____ Grade _____ Years in 4-H _____

4-H OFFICES HELD – List up to five club or other 4-H organizational offices you have held.

<u>Office Title</u>	<u>4-H Club or Organization</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4-H COMMITTEES – List up to five club or other 4-H committees on which you have served and your role.

<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>Club or Other 4-H Organization</u>	<u>Your Role (member, chair, etc.?)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4-H PROJECTS – List up to five 4-H projects you have taken and the number of years in each.

<u>Project Name</u>	<u># of years</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE – List up to five 4-H community service projects in which you took an active role in your club or other 4-H organization.

Community Service Project Title	What did you do? (Examples: I picked up trash 5 times; I donated mittens)	Club, Other 4-H Organization (list name)

What are some of the 4-H accomplishments for which you are most proud?

What have you personally gained from being a member of the Green Lake County 4-H program and how will this lead to your future success?

Reference Name:

Reference Contact:

Member's Signature

Parent's Signature

FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY OCT. 10TH AT 4:30PM! Reminder: A

4-H Leader must complete and submit the Reference Form for your application to be considered.

Mailing Address:

Attn: GLC 4-H Leaders Assoc. - Ed. Experiences Scholarship
Green Lake County Extension
571 County Road A
Green Lake, WI 54941

Email:

Brandon Springer - 4-H Educator
brandon.springer@wisc.edu
Stacy Graff - Fair & Office Coordinator
stacy.graff@wisc.edu

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY 4-H REFERENCE FORM



THE REFERENCE MUST BE A 4-H LEADER WHO IS NOT RELATED TO THE
APPLICANT.

Name of 4-H Member: _____

As part of the process for selecting youth for Green Lake County 4-H Scholarship and Key Award, the selection committee is seeking recommendation and information for each candidate. Please provide us your input regarding the following areas:

Ranking Options:

Unknown

Poor

Fair

Good

Excellent

- Leadership qualities
- Maturity
- Participation in 4-H program
- Responsibility
- Positive attitude

Please provide additional comments in the space below:

Name of Reference: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phone#: _____

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