

John B. Riley 4-H Scholarship

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Augusta County 4-H and Virginia Cooperative Extension

Augusta County 4-H is a program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, which is a part of Virginia Tech. 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization, empowering six million young people throughout the United States (4-h.org). Augusta County 4-H will award a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to one dedicated 4-H member. Scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors intent on pursuing a post-secondary degree or certificate will be considered eligible for the award.

The scholarship will be awarded in memory of John Blair Riley. John B. Riley was born in Staunton, Virginia on August 10, 1947 and was very active in 4-H as a youth. He showed sheep and steers and participated in county fairs. He also received the highest level 4-H award by being named a 4-H All Star. Dr. Riley graduated from Virginia Tech with a bachelor's and master's degree in agricultural and applied economics. He was a professor of agricultural economics at Kansas State University and later served as the dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Tennessee.

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General Information

1. Applicant must be a resident of Augusta County, Virginia.
2. Applicant must be a current active 4-H member.
3. The scholarship will be awarded based on 4-H dedication, participation, and essays.
4. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by May 15th, 2026. Winner will be notified by July 1st.
5. Candidate must be accepted and intending to enroll at an accredited post-secondary educational program including college, university or technical school.
6. The scholarship is to be used by the recipient's 20th birthday. Scholarships not used by the recipient's 20th birthday will revert back into the scholarship fund. Funds may not be transferred to another student.
7. The scholarship cannot be refunded.
8. Earnings will be paid directly to the student's account at the accredited educational institution of his/her choice. After enrolling in school complete the Scholarship Payment Request Form and submit to the school's registrar's office.
9. Augusta County 4-H Agent will annually appoint a selection committee. The Augusta County 4-H Agent, with recommendations from the committee, has final decision-making authority.

Completed scholarship application should be addressed to:

Virginia Cooperative Extension
Emmalee Edwards, 4-H Agent
P.O. Box 590
Verona, VA 24482

Or scanned/mailed to eaedwards@vt.edu.



Postmark, email, or deliver by May 15th to:

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John B. Riley 4-H Scholarship Application

Name:

Permanent Address:

City, State, Zip:

County:

Telephone:

Email:

Parents/Guardians:

Highschool:

Grade:

GPA:

Intended College:

Admissions Contact:

Intended College Major:

Intended College Minor:

Applied? Y or N

Have you
been
accepted?

Y or N

Have you
accepted or
enrolled?

Y or N

ESSAYS

Your essay answers should be typed, Times New Roman 12, and double spaced.

1. Describe why you have been a dedicated member of 4-H (200-300 words):

2. Head, Heart, Hands, and Health are the four Hs in 4-H, and they represent life skills members work on through participation in engaging 4-H programs. (Targeting Life Skills Model, Iowa State Univ. 1996)
 - Head – Managing, Thinking
 - Heart – Relating, Caring
 - Hands – Giving, Working
 - Health – Being, LivingChoose one ‘H’ from the list and thoroughly explain how 4-H has contributed to your development of the H’s life skills as stated in the Model created by Iowa State University (400-500 words).

3. Why should you be selected for this scholarship? Please describe how your achievements, leadership, or other personal characteristics make you deserving of this scholarship (300-600 words).