

# Mat-Su/Copper River 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association



## Scholarship Application

### **Purpose**

The Mat-Su/Copper River 4-H District Volunteer Leaders Association Scholarships are awarded to 4-H members that show a strong involvement not only in their clubs but also in the MatSu/Copper River 4-H District as a whole. The scholarships are to encourage the 4-H member to further their education in a college or trade school. \$1500 has been set aside by the Mat-Su/Copper River 4-H District Volunteer Leaders Association to provide 2 scholarships (\$750 each) for seniors who are actively involved in the district 4-H program at the time of application and plan to enroll in a college or vocational school for the fall of their graduating year. The deadline is April 15 of the current year.

### **Procedures**

- 1) Applicants must have been enrolled in 4-H and have completed a Project for at least two (2) years, both of those years must be completed while in high school.
- 2) Applicants must apply within three (3) years of receiving a high school diploma or equivalent.
- 3) **Attach a document signed by your school official that shows a grade point average of at least 2.0. No mention of your actual grade point average is required.**
- 4) **Attach three letters of recommendation. One letter should address your character, one should address your leadership, and one should address your community service.** Letters should be written by an adult who can speak to one of those traits, and at least one of the letters must be from a 4-H Extension Agent or Leader. Letters are to be in a **sealed** envelope. The author of each letter needs to sign across the back of the sealed portion to show that it has not been opened once it was sealed.
- 5) Complete application attached to this form.
- 6) Scholarship funds will be awarded to the chosen applicants after verification of enrollment to a college or trade school (letter of acceptance and proof of enrollment) are provided to the treasurer of the Mat-Su/Copper River 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association.
- 7) Please include one photograph of yourself.

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.** (This includes transcripts and letters of recommendation)

**Complete applications must be received at the Mat-Su/Copper River 4-H Office no later than April 15th of the current year. Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.**

Hand Deliver: Mat-Su/Copper River Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Office  
Attn: Volunteer Leaders Association: Scholarship  
1509 S Georgeson Dr, Palmer, AK 99645

Mail to: Mat-Su/Copper River Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Office  
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**Scholarship Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H Club Affiliations for the last 3 years (include dates):**

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Applicant's Information**

**Attach your 4-H Story to include the following (not to exceed 6 type-written pages). Please show dates involved in each activity.**

- a) Tell us about yourself and your family
- b) Years as a member
- c) Your involvement in the 4-H program
- d) Leadership: club offices or committees held
- e) Service: general 4-H community service activities (include your role and the amount of time involved). This could include how your 4-H experiences have contributed to your personal growth and improved family living and community betterment.
- f) Other 4-H events such as district and state-level workshops you have presented, camps where you have been a teen leader, national conferences/events in which you have participated, etc.
- g) Describe the single most important thing that you have learned from being an active 4-H member of the Mat-Su/Copper River 4-H District.
- h) Outline your future plans and tell how 4-H has affected those plans.
- i) Describe any lasting effect your 4-H experience might have on your life, now and in the future.

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**Mat-Su/Copper River Volunteer Leaders Association Scholarship Rubric**

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Maximum Possible	Points Given	Comments
		Y/N	
<b>Min 2.0 GPA Verified</b>	5		
<b>Photo included</b>	3		
<b>District Involvement</b> (2 points/event)	10		
<b>Club Involvement</b>	10		
<b>Leadership</b>	10		
<b>Community Service</b> (2 points/event)	10		
<b>Letter of recommendation #1</b>	10		
<b>Letter of recommendation #2</b>	10		
<b>Letter of recommendation #3</b>	10		
<b>Years in 4-H</b> (1 point/year)	10		
<b>Answers to 4-H story prompts</b>			
<b>Question (f)</b>	5		
<b>Question (g)</b>	5		
<b>Question (h)</b>	5		
<b>Question (i)</b>	5		
<b>Total Possible</b>	<b>108</b>		
<b>Additional Directions:</b>			<b>Letters not sealed or missing and/or no transcript: application not accepted.</b>