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**TO:** Scioto County 4-H Teens

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**RE:** Older Youth Opportunities

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Greetings! As we end 2020 (and are we ever glad to be ending this year!), we thought we would get a note out to each of our 4-Hers who will be between the ages of 14 and 18 next year to let you know what types of opportunities are available.

Older youth in Scioto County are eligible to participate in Teen Leaders, Junior Fair Board, camp counseling, camps, CARTEENS, scholarships, trips, and state awards. Applications for all these opportunities are available at <https://scioto.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-teen-opportunities> The required application for each opportunity is listed in the descriptions below.

**The Teen Leaders Club** is for those 4-Hers ages 14 through 18. The club will be doing some leadership activities and (hopefully) fun trips in 2021. It is a great way to meet other teen 4-Hers from around the county. We also try to plan at least one fun outing every year for Teen Leaders and Junior Fair Board. Please use the *Ohio Achievement Record* form, complete as best you can, and return by January 25.

**Junior Fair Board** is for 4-H youth (and other junior fair organization youth) ages 15-18. Junior Fair Board members are responsible for helping plan, organize and run most Junior Fair activities, including, pre-fair judging, Style Review, Cloverbud interviews and all Junior Fair shows. The Junior Fair Board members work closely with the county Extension staff, Senior Fair Board and all 4-H committees to ensure the success of the Scioto County Junior Fair activities. **Junior Fair Board applications are due January 25,** and applicants will be required to go through a Zoom interview, so applications must be turned in on time, in order to have your interview scheduled. The application is available at [scioto.osu.edu/](https://scioto.osu.edu/), click on the 4-H Youth Development link and then go to the 4-H Teen Opportunities and complete the *Junior Fair Board Application* form.

**Camp Counselors**, serve at one or more of Scioto County's four 4-H camps. All camp counselors must complete 24 hours of training according to American Camp Association. Counselors are responsible for helping plan and develop the camp program, in addition to serving as a counselor at the three-night resident camps held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp. The application is available at [scioto.osu.edu/](https://scioto.osu.edu/), click on the 4-H Youth Development link, then go to 4-H Teen Opportunities and click on *Camp Counselor Application*. Application is due January 25. While we do not know what our camps will look like in 2021, we are still planning to offer training to get everyone prepared and ready to tackle Summer Camp 2021.

**Statewide camps** are available for older youth to attend. Youth may choose to apply for State Leadership Camp, Conservation Camp, Sea Camp, etc. Youth must submit an *Ohio Achievement Record* by Jan 25. We are hopeful many of these will still happen in 2021, although there may be some adaptations.

**Trips**, such as Citizenship Washington Focus and Leadership Washington Focus cancelled for 2021.

**State Achievement Awards** are an opportunity for older 4-Hers to be recognized for their accomplishments at the state and national level. One 4-Her from the state of Ohio is selected in each of the categories and receives a free trip to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta. These require an *Ohio Achievement Record* form to be submitted by January 25. Refer to form for award categories.

**County 4-H Scholarships** are available to any graduating seniors who have been a 4-H member for at least 4 years. Those interested in applying locally for the *George Wood 4-H Scholarship* or the *Scioto County 4-H Scholarship* will need to complete a **SCIOTO COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP FORM** and submit it to the Extension Office by the January 25 deadline. The \$1,000 Wood Scholarship is open to students who are graduating seniors planning to seek a degree in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at Ohio State University or one of its branches. The Scioto County 4-H Scholarships are \$100-\$500 and are open to graduating seniors attending any college or university.

**State Level 4-H Scholarships** are available for those 4-Hers who are graduating from high school in 2021. Scholarships are available at the local and state level and range in amount from \$500 to \$2,000+. Please follow the link to the *Ohio 4-H Scholarship form* – it is an online application – on our Web site to submit a state level 4-H Scholarship. The Ohio 4-H online scholarship has a later deadline listed on it.

There are also several state online 4-H scholarships for students who are currently enrolled at Ohio State. Additionally, there are scholarships to Shawnee State University available through the Scioto Foundation for Scioto County 4-H'ers. The Roy Rogers Scholarship at SSU is specific to those attending SSU and who have been 4-H members. Please be sure to look for information about this scholarship from your guidance counselor or the Scioto Area Foundation.

*If you are interested in any of the above-mentioned activities, awards, or trips, please contact the Extension Office for the proper applications or download them from our Web site, [scioto.osu.edu](http://scioto.osu.edu). The links are located on the 4-H Youth Development page under 4-H Teen Opportunities.*

We will host an Achievement Award Zoom workshop for all interested teens and their parents from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday, December 28. Please contact Jo, [williams.2213@osu.edu](mailto:williams.2213@osu.edu) if you are interested in attending.

All applications are due in the Extension Office **Monday, January 25, 2021**. This includes camp counselor and Junior Fair Board applications. Many of the trips and camps have a fee, but Scioto County 4-H'ers can fill out an application to receive scholarships. Some camps are covered by a sponsor.

The **Ohio Achievement Record** is also available to download on the Ohio 4-H Web site, [www.ohio4h.org](http://www.ohio4h.org), or go to the Scioto County Web page and click on the link. If you cannot access the forms from there, please contact the office. Please remember **ALL applications are due by 4:30 p.m., January 25, 2021.**

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