

# **NAE4-HA FIRST-TIME CONFERENCE ATTENDEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

## **PURPOSE**

Active and innovative leadership of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4HA) has been a strong asset to the association and its members for many years. They have continually focused energy and efforts into making sure opportunities were available to enhance the ongoing success of the NAE4-HA national meetings and its participants. This scholarship is a tribute to those with energy and enthusiasm for youth development. The purpose of this scholarship is to foster new and continued professional growth of those who work with 4-H youth from across the nation.

## **OBJECTIVE**

- To encourage new/existing NAE4-HA members to attend National Conferences.
- To promote national involvement by Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth educators from across the nation.
- To promote 4-H Youth Development programs through the development of Cooperative Extension Educators.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship is supported by an endowment that is invested with the National 4-H Activities Foundation. The principle investment in the endowment is from previous national conference surpluses and will be used to generate annual revenue that can be expended for the scholarship, but the principle will remain invested at the discretion of the NAE4-HA Board of Directors.

Scholarship awards will be considered annually with applications due March 1<sup>st</sup> to State Awards chairs. The state awards chair will pre-screen multiple applications and may submit one application/state to their respective NAE4-HA Regional Director by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Results of the application will be announced before Early Bird Registration for that year's conference.

Depending on funds available, one or more awards to be used towards conference registration may be made annually at the discretion of the national committee and board. The amount may be changed over time as needed to keep up with the cost of the NAE4-HA Annual Conference, as long as funds are available from previous conference surplus. Scholarship awards will be paid out to the designated recipient(s) once conference registration has been confirmed. If a scholarship recipient is unable to attend the National meeting you should contact your Regional Director as soon as possible.

## **Criteria**

Applications for the scholarship funds will be judged on the following points:

- Quality of the proposal, clarity, completeness, professionalism
- Potential for the funds to result in improved skills for the educator
- Potential for new skills to be shared with other educators

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Region:

State:

Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number:

Email:

**Please use no more than two (2) pages to answer the following points:**

1. Using the following format, provide dates of work experience in Cooperative Extension, listing major youth development job responsibilities:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Extension Job Title</u>	<u>List Major Job Responsibilities</u>
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2. Explain how this learning experience (attending the NAE4-HA Conference) will benefit or promote your Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development program.

3. Explain how attending the NAE4-HA Conference fits into your overall career plans.

4. Explain how you will share what you learned at the NAE4-HA Conference with other Extension colleagues in your State Association.

**This nomination should be submitted electronically. Applicant should submit completed application VIA EMAIL to your State Awards Chairperson by March 1<sup>st</sup>. State Awards Chairpersons are required to send one scholarship nominee VIA EMAIL to respective NAE4-HA Regional Director by March 15<sup>th</sup>.**