

Connie Collier 4-H Scholarship Award

This scholarship is made possible through contributions given in memory of Constance “Connie” Collier (1946-2010). Connie spent countless hours over her lifetime to improve and promote the equine industry in Virginia, but her biggest passion was supporting youth involved in the 4-H Horse Program. Among her good works, Connie served as a 4-H Horse Club leader in Henrico County, Treasurer of the Virginia State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show and also played a key role in the drill team division’s growth and improvement. Connie was also a Virginia 4-H alumnus and was an exhibitor in the early years of the Virginia State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show. Through this scholarship, we hope that Connie’s lifetime commitment to the 4-H Horse Program will live on and inspire current and past exhibitors to give back to the Virginia 4-H Horse Program.

The Connie Collier 4-H Scholarship Award will provide monies to Virginia 4-H Horse Program participants who have met the 4-H horse program requirements and pursue post-secondary education before the age of twenty-five. Applicants must be enrolled in 4-H at the Senior Level (14 – 19) and must be enrolled in their second year of the 4-H Horse Program. Recipients shall be chosen by the Virginia 4-H Horse Program Scholarship Fund Committee through a competitive process based on the information requested in the application guidelines. Top candidates may be invited to interview as deemed necessary by the awards committee.

To apply, the following information must be submitted by **August 3rd of each year**. Information should be submitted by email to: leonar@vt.edu Hard copies may be mailed with a postmark date no later than **August 3rd** to:

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Application should be typed (12 point font) and include the following:

- Personal information
 - Name
 - Street Address
 - City, State, Zip Code
 - Phone Number
 - Email
 - County & District
 - Age & Date of Birth

- School Information
 - High School / secondary institution attending or attended or Home Schooled
 - Copy of grade transcripts, ACT or SAT Scores (if taken)
 - Awards and recognition received through participation in school activities

- Post-Secondary education
 - Name of University, College, or Trade School you plan to attend. Please indicate if you have or have not been accepted. You can also include the letter of acceptance
 - Prospective major or focus
- Extracurricular activities
 - School Activities (sports, band, yearbook, student government, etc)
 - Community involvement and/or service/volunteerism (church, civic organizations, other youth organizations besides 4-H)
- 4-H Information
 - Number of years in 4-H
 - Club Name(s) if applicable
 - Projects completed (List project name/title, year(s) completed)
 - Offices or leadership positions held (indicate club, county, district, state, or national level)
 - 4-H Awards and recognition
 - Additional 4-H involvement and activities (indicate club, county, district, state, or national level)
- Essay (no more than 3 pages - 12 pt font; double spaced) describing
 - How 4-H and the 4-H Horse Program has influenced your life
 - Your goals/aspirations for the future (related to horses AND education, career, community service, 4-H, etc).
- Three letters of reference with addresses, email, and phone numbers must be submitted with your application. **Please use the electronic reference form to send to references.**

Questions? Please contact Leona Ransdell at leonar@vt.edu or 540-231-6345