

The Virginia 4-H Foundation

Nancy H. Ascue 4-H Scholarship

The late Nancy Ascue, was a Smyth County 4-H member who won many honors including the grand champion market steer for three years at the Bristol Jr. Steer Show and Sale. A graduate from VPI &SU (Virginia Tech), she spent a career in Extension, as a 4-H Agent (Tazewell and Russell Counties), County Director. She was awarded the NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award in 1972 and was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame in 2007. She was a strong advocate of 4-H volunteer club leaders and realized early that a positive, long-term relationship with a caring adult was important in a young person's development. She strengthened 4-H everywhere and enriched so many lives along the way. Many credit their success as adults to their involvement in 4-H and Nancy for inspiring them to realize and achieve their dreams. This scholarship is given in memory of Nancy Ascue by Fred and Carla Adkins for 4-H'ers in Southwest Virginia to have the opportunity to pursue similar transformational experiences, as Nancy encouraged 4-H'ers to do.

Deadline:

Completed applications will be accepted by mail beginning March 1, 2025 and must be post-marked by April 1, 2025 to be considered.

Award:

3 (Three) \$1000 scholarships will be awarded for 2025.

Instructions:

To be considered for the Nancy H. Ascue 4-H Scholarship, you must:

- 1) Be a participant of Virginia 4-H.
- 2) Be from Southwest Virginia, with first preference given to candidates residing in Russell County, VA.
- 3) Be pursuing secondary education from Virginia Tech, or to be enrolled at Virginia Tech.
- 4) Attach a type written essay up to 500 words: How has your involvement in 4-H contributed to your personal growth and influenced your choice to attend Virginia Tech and/or your chosen field of study?
- 5) Include a letter from a 4-H agent or volunteer leader describing member's contribution to the local community and the 4-H program.
- 6) Demonstrate financial need (with a statement on the application).
- 7) Complete the scholarship application and required documents then submit by mail to:
State 4-H Office
Attn: Alyssa Walden
107 Hutcheson Hall (MC0419)
Blacksburg, VA 24061
- 8) Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2025. Funds must be requested upon completion of acceptance and letter of acknowledgment.

For questions, please contact Alyssa Walden at waldenaw@vt.edu or 540.231.6372.

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Nancy H. Ascue Scholarship Application Form

Full Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____

Student Home/Cell Phone # _____ Student Email _____

High School Attending in Senior Year _____

Number of Years in 4-H _____ County/City _____

4-H Agent or Volunteer Club Leader _____

4-H Agent or Volunteer Phone # _____

Field in which you plan to major _____

Will you be attending Virginia Tech? yes no

List leadership roles, achievements, awards or special recognition.

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Please provide a statement of financial need in less than 100 words.

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the instructions, meet the scholarship criteria, and am willing if requested to share my 4-H story.

_____ Applicant signature Date