

**EL PASO COUNTY 4-H HORSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Scholarship Application Form**

**DIRECTIONS**

Please complete each section. Responses may be typed or neatly handwritten directly on this form, or you may download an electronic copy of the application and fill in the information using Microsoft Word (must be printed out and returned by U.S. mail, no e-mail forms accepted). Extra lines and/or pages may be added if additional space is needed.

*Return completed application to 4-H Horse Scholarship Committee, c/o Gay-Leigh Camp CSU Cooperative Extension, 305 South Union Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80910. Application and all supporting materials must be postmarked or hand delivered by March 12, 2009.*

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Current High School or College Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation from high school: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

*(please attach a high school transcript, and if currently attending college, include a college transcript of all completed semesters, as well):*

Name and address of college or university in which you plan to enroll in Fall, 2009:

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Field of intended study: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you enter (or entered) college: \_\_\_\_\_

If not currently enrolled, have you been accepted for admission to a college or university?  
*(If available, please attach a copy of the acceptance letter.)* Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

# RECORD OF 4-H INVOLVEMENT

Were you enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project for 4-H year 2007-08? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(note: you must *completed* the 4-H Horse Project for that year apply in order to receive a scholarship—see rulebook for requirements to complete the project)

Number of years you have completed the 4-H Horse Project (if you completed Horse 4-H years in other counties or states, please indicate locations): \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is your current level rating, both Western and English?

Western \_\_\_\_\_

English \_\_\_\_\_

List any additional (non-horse) 4-H projects, including number of years in each and memberships in other clubs: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of Current 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Current 4-H Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club membership, offices and leadership positions held. For each year you were in 4-H, specify which club you belonged to, and list any offices or leadership positions. You may include years of 4-H in other counties or states (indicate location).

**Year:** *Club membership, offices and/or any special leadership responsibilities:*

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What is the name of your leader who is overseeing your horse project? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4-H Youth Leaders involvement and activities (if applicable):

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## 4-H Horse Activity Participation

*(For this section, we are not so much interested in awards/achievement as we are in participation. Which areas of 4-H activity most appealed to you? Which of these areas did you pursue, and how deeply? How much time did you spend in these activities? You might want to list things like how many years you have participated, the level of your involvement, how you participated, how often you practiced or participated, how many contests or shows you attended, anything that lets us know the extent of your participation.*

*Note: there will be a separate area to list awards and attendance at state or national conferences—but feel free to note any major accomplishments, as well. We expect that several areas may be blank—you are not expected to fill in each one, and there is no penalty if you have not participated in each area. However, for those areas that **do** apply to you, please be as detailed as possible and attach more pages if necessary—it is more important to explain your involvement thoroughly than to keep to the space allotted.)*

### Clinics

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### 4-H Community Service

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### Horse Bowl

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### Hippology

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### Speech and Demonstration Contest

*(please, supply your topic for each year participating):*

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### Horse Judging

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Horse Showing

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Mentoring activities (tell us about any mentoring you engaged in with younger or more inexperienced 4-H members. Please be specific.)

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Are there any other 4-H Horse activities or examples of involvement not listed above that you would like to tell us about?

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Of all the areas listed above, which activity was most important or significant to you, and why?

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## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List any school-related extra-curricular activities (grades 9-12) and note any offices held:

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Summarize any other interests, hobbies, or activities, such as church involvement, participation in other clubs or service organizations, community service participation, or any other involvement you would like to tell us about:

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Describe any special achievements or awards you've received outside of 4-H:

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## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS

*Please read and follow all instructions.*

Following are three letter of recommendation forms. Please detach the forms, fill out the information at the top of the form, and submit to:

1. Your 4-H horse project leader
2. A current teacher at your school who knows you well (or mentor, for homeschoolers)
3. 4-H Club leader, other 4-H leader or other adult

Ask each recommender to **return the form and letter of recommendation directly to the Scholarship Committee – letter should not be included in your application and failure to follow this procedure could result in forfeiture of your application.**

Request that the recommender send the letter directly to the 4-H Horse Scholarship Committee, c/o Gay-Leigh Camp CSU Cooperative Extension, 305 South Union Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80910, postmarked by March 12, 2009. (Note: recommendations must be sent by U.S. mail, as a signature is required; no e-mail letters accepted).

- **If your parent is your club and/or project leader:**  
Your parent may not submit a letter for you, so you will not supply that leader recommendation. Instead, request a letter of recommendation from another person in the 4-H community who knows you well and has had the opportunity to observe you in the context of **4-H horse activity**. (Use the form for 4-H Leader or Adult). Members of Scholarship Committee will not be able to supply a letter.
- **If you are a homeschooler:**  
Your letter of recommendation from a teacher cannot be supplied by a parent. Instead, seek out another adult who is familiar with your scholastic abilities. This may be an outside teacher, a college teacher, or any adult mentor who knows you well (at your discretion, this could include either non 4-H or 4-H adults).
- **If your club leader is your 4-H Horse Project leader:**  
Have another club leader submit a recommendation. (You are required to submit a letter of recommendation from an adult leader who knows you well and has had the opportunity to observe you in the context of **4-H Horse activity** and can add unique information -use the form for 4-H Leader or Adult for your third letter).

Please do not attach any other materials except what is requested by this application. NO RESUMES, please. Any supplemental information not requested will not be considered.

*Be sure to allow your recommenders plenty of time to write their letters. Don't wait until the last minute!*

# El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee

## Required Letter of Recommendation for Scholarship Applicant 4-H Horse Project Leader

*To be completed by applicant:*

Scholarship applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of recommender (Horse Project leader): \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Horse Project Leader:

Thank you for providing a letter of recommendation for the 4-H member listed above, who is being considered for a college scholarship to be awarded by the El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. In writing your letter, please include information about how long you have known the applicant and your observations regarding level of involvement in your club, character, motivation, initiative, concern for others, and any qualities which make this young person outstanding. Thank you for your candid feedback.

**Please do not give your letter of recommendation to the applicant.** Instead, mail this form, along with your signed letter of recommendation, postmarked by March 12, 2009 to:

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CSU Cooperative Extension  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80910

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## Required Letter of Recommendation for Scholarship Applicant Teacher (or Mentor for homeschoolers only)

*To be completed by applicant:*

Scholarship applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of recommender (teacher or mentor): \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Recommender:

Thank you for providing a letter of recommendation for the 4-H member listed above, who is being considered for a college scholarship to be awarded by the El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. In writing your letter, please include information about how long you have known the applicant and in what context you've had the opportunity to observe him or her. Relay your impressions regarding character, motivation, initiative, concern for others, academic potential, desire to work hard, and any qualities which make this young person outstanding. Your personal impressions are more important than listing activities or accomplishments. Thank you for your candid feedback.

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## Third Letter of Recommendation for Scholarship Applicant 4-H Leader or Adult

*To be completed by applicant:*

Scholarship applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of recommender (4-H Leader or Adult):

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Dear 4-H Leader or Adult:

Thank you for providing a letter of recommendation for the 4-H member listed above, who is being considered for a college scholarship to be awarded by the El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. In writing your letter, please include information about how long you have known the applicant and the context in which you have had the opportunity to observe him or her. Include your thoughts regarding level of involvement in 4-H or horses, character, motivation, initiative, concern for others, and any qualities which make this young person outstanding. Thank you for your candid feedback.

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