

Keely Drummond-Schearer Memorial Scholarship



A \$1000 scholarship to be awarded to a qualified applicant. Tentatively set for a minimum of ten years: 2025-2034.

Purpose:

This scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a Cascade County 4-H member to honor Keely Drummond-Schearer.

Keely was a decorated 10-year member of Tiger Butte 4-H Club in Cascade County. She dabbled in many projects, but her favorites were Market Lamb and Horse. Keely had a passion for helping those in her community, traveling the world, and promoting the western lifestyle.

In 2020, Keely was diagnosed with Ocular Melanoma, a rare cancer of the eye. She battled bravely for four years, never faltering in the pursuit of her grandest dreams. Keely passed away in August 2024 at age 23.

Prerequisites:

- Applicant must be a Cascade County 4-H member at the time of his/her high school graduation.
- Applicant must have been active for a minimum of two years in either the **Horse** or **Lamb Projects** OR a **Grand Champion Intermediate or Senior Round Robin Showman** at any time in his/her 4-H career with any 4-H animal species.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a post-secondary education program or trade/vocational school program at time of application.

Application Procedure:

- Submit the following to **KDSMemorialScholarship4H@gmail.com**.
 - Completed application form.
 - Official high school transcript.
 - A 300-700 word essay discussing your journey through 4-H, including your projects, future plans, and the impact that 4-H has had on your goals.
 - A 30 second to 1 minute video recording about how you would promote 4-H for future generations (Additional information attached).
 - Two letters of reference—one from a high school teacher/administrator or 4-H leader AND one from another non-relative adult.
 - Proof of enrollment in post-secondary education programs (not limited to Montana).

Criteria for Selection:

Applicants will be selected based on dedication to 4-H, accomplishments in school, community involvement, future plans, and professionalism in submitted work as well as multimedia presentation.

Application and all required documents are due by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 31 of the current year and can be submitted to KDSMemorialScholarship4H@gmail.com.

Multimedia Submission Requirements

As part of your application for the Keely Drummond-Schearer Memorial Scholarship, please submit a short video that highlights your passion for 4-H and promotes its value to future generations.

Your video should address the following question, but feel free to be creative and open-minded with your answer.

“Why is 4-H important for youth, and how can it inspire future generations to grow as leaders and changemakers?

Include in your thirty (30) second to one (1) minute video:

- A brief introduction including your name, age, and 4-H club.
- Your response to the posed question: **“Why is 4-H important for youth, and how can it inspire future generations to grow as leaders and changemakers?**

Format: Please submit in HD, MP4 or MOV format. Presentation video should be clear, audible and of good visual quality. Use natural lighting and ensure that your audio is free from background noise.

Creativity: We encourage you to be creative! There are no requirements to how your video should be filmed: incorporate personal anecdotes, actors, or your 4-H projects! Just remember to address the question.

Submission Guidelines: Submit your video to KDSMemorialScholarship4H@gmail.com with the rest of your application materials by the submission deadline.

Videos will be evaluated based on:

1. **Message Clarity:** Does the video clearly convey why 4-H is **valuable**?
2. **Personal Connection:** Does the video reflect your **unique experience and passion for 4-H**?
3. **Creativity and Engagement:** Is the video **engaging, memorable, and appealing** to the target audience?
4. **Adherence to Guidelines:** Does the video stay within the time limit and follow the submission instructions?

This video submission is not only a component of your scholarship application but also a chance to reflect on and celebrate your 4-H Journey. We look forward to seeing your creativity shine through as you share your story.



*Keely Drummond-Schearer
Memorial Scholarship Application Form*



Applicant Information:

Last Name:		First Name:	
Address:			
Email:		Date of Birth:	
High School:		GPA:	
4-H Club:		Years in 4-H:	

4-H Experience: Please fill out any/all sections that apply to your 4-H career.

Years in Horse Project:	
Years in Lamb Project:	
Years as Grand Champion Senior or Intermediate Round Robin Showman:	
Other 4-H Projects Taken:	

College and/or Vocational Plans:

College and/or vocational institutions ACCEPTED to:
Subject/vocation to be studied:

Applicant Signature and Date: By typing/signing your name below and submitting this application, the applicant is attesting to the accuracy of the information given and his/her compliance with the criteria of the scholarship.

Name of Applicant:		Date:	
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Scholarship Application Checklist:

For personal use/records only. This form is not required to be submitted with the application materials.

- Application form** (page 3) fully completed including **applicant signature and date**.
Can be completed electronically or by hand. Use black or blue ink and write legibly if completing by hand.
- Official high school transcript** showing cumulative GPA, including 1st semester of senior year, and any higher education courses including dual enrollment or COT courses.
- Typed** personal essay discussing your journey through 4-H, including your projects, future plans, and the impact that 4-H has had on your goals. (300-700 words)
- Video Recording**—30 second to one minute video recording about how you would promote 4-H for future generations.
- Two letters of recommendation** that address applicant's qualifications in meeting the selection criteria (may not be a family member)
- Proof of enrollment** in post-secondary educational/trade/vocational institution
- All materials submitted electronically in **one** email to: **KDSMemorialScholarship4H@gmail.com**

Application form and supporting documents must be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 31 of the current year. Late submissions will not be considered.