



The Adranetta E. Weimer 4-H Incentive Scholarship Program Guidelines Virginia Cooperative Extension Hanover County

1. The purpose of the Adranetta E. Weimer 4-H Incentive Scholarship Program is to broaden participation and quality in 4-H contests that enhance communication skills and are open to all 4-H members.
2. The Scholarship Program is available to all bona fide Hanover County 4-H Members who are officially enrolled by January 1st of the contest year.
3. Successful participation in the Program requires the following:
 - a. The scholarship application form must be submitted annually by a Hanover County 4-H Club member to the Hanover Cooperative Extension office. The application is valid when signed and approved by all parties.
 - b. Members must participate in a minimum of 4 (four) eligible contests in a single 4-H calendar year, October 1st – September 30th. The eligible Hanover County and or district level contests include:
 - i. Public Speaking
 - ii. Presentation
 - iii. Power Point
 - iv. Share the Fun- if a 4-H member is involved in multiple acts or skits, only one act (the act with the highest points) will be applied to scholarship points.
 - v. Creative Writing- Essay
 - vi. Dairy Poster
 - vii. Any District level communications expressive arts contests.
 - c. Contest scores must meet the following minimum standards:
 - i. Scores:
 1. 70 for Juniors
 2. 75 for Intermediates
 3. 80 for Seniors
 - ii. When a child competes in more than 4 (four) eligible contests, the lowest score will be thrown out when calculating the minimum standards.
 - iii. A day is scheduled at the end of the 4 (four) normally scheduled contests for 4-H members to make-up any contest they may have missed due to illness, scheduling conflicts or to repeat a contest that did not meet the minimum score for their age group.
 - iv. Cloverbuds entries will be non-competitive and a participation ribbon will be given.
4. Ages will be determined as described in the 4-H Handbook. For each of the categories, youth must turn the entry age during the 4-H year, October 1 - September 30. That is, youth who turn 5, 9, 12, and 14 between October 1 and September 30, participate in these respective categories.

- a. Cloverbuds - ages 5-8
- b. Juniors - ages 9- 11
- c. Intermediates - ages 12-13
- d. Seniors - ages 14 – 19

5. Scholarship Calculation:

- a. The Scholarship will be determined by multiplying the baseline amount by an index number. The index number is determined by the years of continual, successful participation in the program by a member. The first year of participation carries an index of 1, the second year 1.1, the third year 1.2, etc.
- b. The current baseline amount is \$60 (sixty dollars). Baseline (\$60) begins first year of participation as a Junior, Intermediate or Senior member. Cloverbuds may participate for ribbons and index building but not monetary gain.
- c. Any 4-H member who continuously and successfully participates in the program will increase their index number by one tenth each year. A monetary assignment is made based on that index number beginning at 4-H, age 9 as a Junior 4-H. The monetary assignment is cumulative. Each year’s amount is added to previously accrued funds (see examples).

Example #1

Age	Index Number	Monetary Assignment
5	1.0	0
6	1.1	0
7	1.2	0
8	1.3	0
9	1.4	84
10	1.5	90
11	1.6	96
12	1.7	102
13	1.8	108
14	1.9	114
15	2.0	120
16	2.1	126
17	2.2	132
18	2.3	138
19	2.4	144
Total	16 Years	\$1254

Example #2

Age	Index Number	Monetary Assignment
15	1.0	60
16	1.1	66
17	1.2	72
18	1.3	78
19	1.4	84
Total	5 Years	\$360

- d. To maintain the index and monetary assignment continued and successful participation must be continuous from year to year until graduation from high school. A break in successful participation will result in a return to an index of 1 and in the case of seniors, forfeiture of any monetary assignment to that point.
- e. Exceptions:
 - i. An exception can be made if a senior in high school did not meet the minimum score in a contest during the senior year, and needs that to meet the minimum standards for the scholarship. During the committee meeting, the individual will have the opportunity to do another presentation to be judged. This presentation will be scored as a contest and they must score an 80 to meet the minimum standards as described above. This is considered an appeal, and the presentation is an appeal for consideration.
 - ii. An exception is made if a member moves from the county but continues in another unit to participate and meet all the guidelines of the program. Their index number will not increase while participating in events in the other unit. Otherwise, upon graduation from high school the member may apply for whatever monetary assignment earned while in the Hanover 4-H program. Documentation must be received from the supervising 4-H agent in the member's new unit annually.
 - iii. An exception is made if a documented long-term serious illness or injury precludes a member's successful participation for the year. They may rejoin the program the next year at previously earned index and monetary assignment, if any.
- 6. All final records are presented to the Weimer Scholarship Committee for confirmation and approval of distribution of scholarship funds. Final records consist of
 - a. Copies of completed Scholarship Applications.
 - b. End of Year Scholarship Program and Contest Summary.
- 7. Weimer Scholarship Committee
 - a. The Weimer Scholarship Committee structures is as follows:
 - i. one member of the Virginia 4-H Foundation or State 4-H Office
 - ii. three volunteer leaders from Hanover County
 - iii. a past 4-H member from Hanover County

- iv. Weimer family representative
 - v. Hanover County Extension Unit Coordinator/agent serves in an ex-officio role. The Unit Coordinator/agent can break a tie in all decisions.
 - vi. The Virginia 4-H Foundation Executive Director will attend meetings when possible.
- b. Duties of the Committee:
- i. Approve changes in the scholarship guidelines.
 - ii. Meet twice per year when possible
 - 1. Prior to the contest year starting (end of Nov./beginning of Dec.)
 - 2. End of contest year- (3rd to 4th week of April)
 - iii. Confirm successful and continued participation at the end of the contest period for scholars each year.
 - iv. A Weimer family representative signs certificates that are presented to continuing scholars in the program- Certificates of Outstanding Participation and certificates presented to graduating scholars and receiving award funds- Certificates of Achievement.
 - v. Hear appeals for scholarships due to the exceptions listed above: moving, long term illness and a graduating senior receiving a low contest score. (See 5.e. above)
8. After the committee has met and approved the distribution of funds, Hanover Extension Office will send award letters to the graduating scholars. A copy of the award letter is sent to their High School Counselor's Office.
9. Scholarship Distribution
- a. Upon graduation from high school, members may request their Scholarship funds be applied to a continuing education program. Eligible education programs may include two-year or four-year colleges, technical or vocational schools, professional training or certification programs. Funds will be forwarded directly to the educational institute of choice.
 - b. Members must use Scholarship funds by their 25th birthday. Members that wish to use their funds after their 25th birthday must contact the Hanover Extension office to re-apply to use the award. Otherwise, unused funds will be returned to the general scholarship account
 - c. Interest earned on the Scholarship funds will be used to defray the administrative costs of maintaining the account.