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Dear 4-H Youth,

What an exciting time to be in 4-H! As a 7th through 12th grader, you are now eligible to experience Wisconsin 4-H State and National Educational Programs like: Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, Space Camp, Summer Academy, and American Spirit East. Each year these trips are offered as experiences to broaden your horizons, to participate in civic processes, and to further build upon and develop leadership skills. As with any educational experience, there are expenses that go along with them. Wisconsin 4-H works with the WI 4-H Foundation to help offset the cost associated with these experiences, but it doesn't cover the entire expense.

Historically, the Lafayette County Leaders Association and the 4-H Friendship Fund have assisted in scholarships for youth meeting the criteria for financial assistance. The two organizations have funded up to 40% of the qualified participant's trip with up to 20% coming for the Leaders Association and up to 20% from the 4-H Friendship Fund. For a youth to be considered as a qualified participant they need to have completed participation in **two** club-level 4-H service projects and **one** county-wide 4-H fundraiser (i.e., Ice cream stand or 4-H Food Stand).

So, how do you apply for a scholarship? Step 1: Complete a Trip Financial Assistance Application, Step 2: Complete a 4-H Resume, Step 3: Request a Letter of Recommendation from a non-family member, Step 4: Attach a Photo of Yourself, and Step 5: Submit all materials to the Lafayette County Extension Office by December 28, 2022.

Interviews will be scheduled in January for all interested youth meeting the criteria for financial assistance scholarships.

Best of luck,

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