

# **JUANITA MONTGOMERY WHITHAM MEMORIAL 4-H/FFA SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND GUIDELINES**

1. The Juanita Montgomery Whitham Memorial 4-H/FFA Scholarship will be awarded each spring to Crook County graduating seniors.
2. Scholarship forms are available from each of the three county high schools, can be e-mailed in Word format by contacting the Crook County Extension Office or downloaded in PDF format at [www.crookcounty.wy.gov/extension.html](http://www.crookcounty.wy.gov/extension.html)
3. Applicants for the Juanita Montgomery Whitham Memorial 4-H/FFA Scholarships must have completed five (5) years of 4-H work or three (3) years of FFA work and be a current Crook County 4-H or FFA member. Preference will be given to long-term 4-H or FFA members.
4. Applications **MUST** be typed or printed on a computer. If applications are not typed or printed on a computer, they will be disqualified. There will be no personal interviews.
5. Applicants do not have to be enrolled in the college of Home Economics or Agriculture. Applicants must plan to attend an institution of higher education, college, trade school, etc.
6. An individual can only receive the scholarship once. Application deadline is **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Recipients can also apply for a **one-time** renewal scholarship. The number of renewal scholarships will be based on available funds in the scholarship account.
7. If not enough high school seniors have applied by the application deadline, the scholarship will be opened for application by college freshmen who are former 4-H or FFA members. Deadline for these applications is April 15<sup>th</sup>.
8. Scholarships will be awarded 40% on 4-H or FFA work, 20% on general leadership and community service, and 40% on scholastic achievement. A high school transcript with certification of student's rank in graduating class **must** accompany application. ACT scores must also accompany application. If the student has not taken the ACT test they must list the date when they will take it.
9. The application must include two letters of recommendations: one (1) from a 4-H leader or FFA Advisor and one (1) from a teacher; a brief letter about yourself, your family and the reasons for applying for the scholarship and your intended career plans.
10. If applicants are eligible to receive the John and Pauline Peterson Scholarship they can also apply for Juanita Montgomery Whitham Memorial 4-H/FFA Scholarship but are only eligible to receive one of the scholarships available.
11. **4-H members will include copies of the following Record Book Portfolio pages: Awards, Leadership, Community Service, and Participation. FFA members**

**will fill out blank pages of the portfolio pages attached to the scholarship application, as they pertain to FFA. Details are important and be very specific about your accomplishments. The 40% of the scholarship on your 4-H or FFA work will be taken from this report, leaders letter of recommendation and 4-H Leader/FFA Advisor scholarship form.**

12. The 4-H Council President or the chairman of the scholarship committee will assist in the screening of the scholarship applications for eligibility prior to the judging.
13. The Crook County Homemakers Council President will appoint a committee consisting of three (3) or five (5) Crook County Homemakers members. This committee will select the scholarship winners. Committee members **cannot** have any family relationship to applicants. If there is deemed a conflict of interest the selection committee can be from another county.
14. The committee will score and judge the renewal scholarship applications first by using the score sheet provided by the Extension office. The decision of the committee will be final and submitted to the Extension office prior to judging the first time scholarship applications. The committee will then judge the first time scholarship applications using the score sheet provided by the Extension Office.
15. Scholarships to graduating seniors will be announced during the graduation ceremony of the respective recipient's school and at 4-H Achievement Day. Renewal scholarship and/or college freshman winners will be announced at 4-H Achievement Day.
16. Once scholarships have been awarded, the funds will be sent directly to the recipient in the spring semester upon verification that the recipient is enrolled in college or trade school. Scholarships can used for room and board, tuition, books, or fees.