Hampden County Improvement League Youth Agricultural Development Grant Application

Promoting Family Life through Youth and Agriculture

Grant Criteria

1. Applicants must be between the ages of 13 to 21 as of January 1st the year in which they apply.
2. The applicant must show current or previous involvement in an agricultural endeavor, is a member of a farm family or 4-H club (verification necessary).
3. The applicant must be a resident of Hampden County for a minimum of two years.
4. The applicant must provide proof of acceptance into requested program support or validation of the competition they are planning to attend.
    a. A letter from coach or 4-H/FFA advisor is accepted.
5. The applicant must fully complete all materials required for submission for the grant.
6. Applications and pertinent information must be submitted electronically any day from January 1-September 1 each year. Any information received after that day will be not be considered. No exceptions will be made.
    a. HCIL will be using 2023 as a project year to anticipate when programs become available to youth to qualify for this grant.
    b. **Please submit within 30 days of receiving notification and accepting attending the program.**
7. Recipients of the grant will be notified within 15 days of the committee review.
8. No awards shall be made if, at the discretion of the scholarship committee, no applicants are properly qualified.
9. Each application will be required to submit a complete budget for the program in which they request financial support. The budget details are outlined in the application.
10. Grants shall be payable directly to the applicant. No funding will go to a parent or guardian. Grants will be in the amount deemed appropriate from the Youth Development Committee.

Please submit all applications electronically to:

Dr. Weston Brown- Youth Development Committee Chair

WestonHBrown@gmail.com

Applications are due March 1st each year and will be awarded by April 1st.

Each applicant can only receive financial support one time for a specific program. Other similar programs in the future, if awarded, will be considered but not guaranteed depending on the applicant pool for the current year for any previous recipients of the grant. This will be at the discretion of the HCIL current Youth Agricultural Development Grant Committee.

January 1, 2023

The Hampden County Improvement League looks forward to providing opportunities to youth in Hampden County and encourage you to join us in future years as a member of the organization to benefit from our connections and support of Agriculture in Hampden County.

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PROFILE INFORMATION (type):

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Permanent Address:_____

City/Town: _____

Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____

Phone #(s): _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Address (if different) _____

Telephone: _____

Program you are requesting financial assistance to attend:

Name:_____

Date:_____

Location:_____

Opportunity to attend in the future? ◯ YES or ◯ NO

Application Requirements:

Included in a separate document please answer the following: (Please Type)

1. Please explain the program you're requesting financial assistance to attend.
    a. What is the process to become a participant in the program?
    b. What type of program are you attending? Will it contribute to your future goals? I.e. college, careers, internships etc.
    c. Will you be able to attend the program again in the future?
2. What do you hope to gain from this experience?
3. Provide a budget for the entire program.
    a. Include expenses, registration fees, travel fees, attire investment if applicable, etc.
    b. Please include all additional funding sources previously awarded from other programs, including donations.
    c. How will you support the additional funds needed to attend this program if HCIL does not cover the entire budget?
4. Extra Curricular & Community Activities
5. Awards
6. Work Experience, Internships, Externships
7. List of Involvements with Agricultural Groups, 4-H or Farming
8. Please submit two letters of recommendation with your application.
9. Each applicant awarded funding will be required to attend an annual HCIL meeting and present their experience to the membership. This must be completed within one year of attending your program.

SIGNATURE: _____

Date Submitted: _____