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# 4-H FORECAST

FEB 2026-MARCH 2026

Whether this is your first year in 4-H or your tenth, I encourage all of you to ask questions, try new things, set goals for yourself, make new friends, work together, learn, and have fun!

- February 7, Large Market Animal Mandatory Meeting, 8:00 am, Weyauwega City Hall
- February 12, Large Market Animal Mandatory Meeting, 6:30 pm, Lebanon Town Hall
- February 16, Summer 4-H Camp Counselor Applications due
- February 16, Registration closes for the bunny cake project kit
- February 17, 4-H New Family Night, 6:15 pm, Manawa City Hall
- February 22, Statewide Clover Connect Zoom - Community Service, 7:00 pm
- February 23, Statewide Clover Connect Zoom - Community Service, 12:00 noon
- February 23, Horse & Pony project meeting, 6:30 pm Manawa Elementary School
- February 24, Countywide Cloverbud Project Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Weyauwega City Hall
- February 27-March 1, Winter Leadership Camp (rescheduled), Spencer Lake, Waupaca
- March 1, Flat Stanley pen pal wrap up zoom
- March 1, Wisconsin 4-H Scholarship Applications due
- March 5, Small Market Animal Mandatory Meeting, 6:30 pm, Weyauwega City Hall
- March 9, Small Market Animal Mandatory Meeting, 6:30 pm, Manawa City Hall
- March 12, 4-H Leaders Board meeting, 6:30 pm, Manawa City Hall
- March 14-15, WI 4-H Art Beat, Upham Woods, WI Dells
- March 15, Large Market Animal Scholarship Application due
- March 16, Bunny cake project kit zoom, 6:30 pm
- March 22, New camp counselor zoom, 6-7:00 pm
- March 22, Statewide Clover Connect Zoom - Making 4-H Meetings Fun, 7:00 pm
- March 23, Statewide Clover Connect Zoom - Making 4-H Meetings Fun, 12:00 noon
- March 24, General Leader Meeting (5:45 pm), Leaders Association Meeting (7:00 pm)
- March 28, Super Saturday Project Day, Manawa High School; YQCA immediately following
- March 30, Horse & Pony Project meeting, 6:30 pm Manawa Elementary

## Calendar of Events

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Mark your calendars!!

Share your sparks!

4-H SUPER SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

Manawa High School

Do you have a spark, skill, or project you are willing to share with others? Reach out to penny.tank@wisc.edu to volunteer to lead a class at Super Saturday.

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Registration for Super Saturday project day will come out in about 2 weeks. In order to have as many classes as we have in the past, we need YOU to help share a talent or spark!

# 4-H New Family Night

## Topics to Discuss:



- Overview of the Waupaca County 4-H program
- Difference between county and club activities Member and leader opportunities
- Basics of a club meeting
- Introduction to 4-H record books
- Brief discussion about County Fair
- Other helpful hints

Come ask questions and meet other families!

**Where:** Manawa City Hall,  
500 S. Bridge St.

**When:** Tuesday, February 17th  
from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

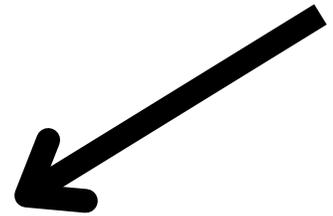
**Who:** New 4-H members of all  
ages and their families

Please register via these links by February 11:  
<https://bit.ly/4-HNewFamilyNight2026>



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New 4-H members of all ages and their families are invited to New Family Night. Register by Feb. 11



Use the link or QR code to access a list of scholarships (or go to pages 13 & 14 of this newsletter). Many are due in early March.



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THIS LINK:

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/SCHOLARSHIPOPPORTUNITIES2026](https://bit.ly/scholarshipopportunities2026)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE:



WAUPACA COUNTY 4-H INVITES 4-H AND NON 4-H MEMBERS

# BUNNY CAKE

*Project Kits*

- Supplies Included in the kit
- Cake mix
  - Frosting
  - Sprinkles
  - Jelly beans
  - Decoration candy



FREE

**MONDAY,  
MARCH 16, 2026  
6:30 PM | ZOOM**

Bake your cake, then join us via Zoom to assemble and decorate together!

(If kits run out, you are still invited to participate in the zoom)



One kit per family  
25 kits available

**REGISTRATION DUE FEBRUARY 16**

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Waupaca County 4-H is happy to present an opportunity for 4-H and non 4-H families to have fun with cake! Register by February 16 using the QR code or link below. 25 kits will be provided free of charge, one per family. When we run out of kits, you will receive a list of items to still participate in the zoom if you wish. The zoom session is March 16 and pickup of the kits will be coordinated prior to that date in New London and Waupaca. All participants will need to have their own round cake pans to bake the cake prior to the zoom. Register via QR code or link:

<https://forms.gle/paNgCEgWTVBnP1oz5>



WAUPACA COUNTY 4-H

## SAVE THE DATES: CLOVERBUD WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026, 6-7 PM, WEYAUWEGA  
 THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026, 6-7 PM, WAUPACA  
 REGISTRATION TO FOLLOW  
 GRADES 5K-2, 4-H AND NON 4-H MEMBERS



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Registration will come out soon for February 24 at the Weyauwega City Hall

# Wildlife & Woods

Register via  
4HOnline  
wi.4honline.com

**EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES**  
FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5  
7:00PM-7:45PM

**JAN. 28, 2026**  
**FEB. 25, 2026**  
**MAR. 25, 2026**  
**APRIL 29, 2026**  
**MAY 20, 2026**





Positive Youth Development Institute  
DIVISION OF EXTENSION  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

# Wildlife & Woods

Register via  
4HOnline  
wi.4honline.com

**CAREERS & COMPETITION VIRTUAL SERIES**  
FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES 6-13  
7:00PM-7:45PM

**JAN. 26, 2026**  
**FEB. 23, 2026**  
**MAR. 23, 2026**  
**APRIL 27, 2026**  
**MAY 18, 2026**





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## SAVE THE DATE!

# Clover Connect

Idea sharing zooms for 4-H volunteers and older youth

**Hands to Larger Service: Community Service Ideas**

Sunday, Feb 22 @ 7 p.m.  
Monday, Feb 23 @ 12 Noon

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**Making 4-H Meetings Fun: Bringing Laughter & Learning to 4-H Meetings**

Sunday, Mar 22 @ 7 p.m.  
Monday, Mar 23 @ 12 Noon




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For More Info: 



Want to learn some new community service or engaging, fun activities for your club? Have an idea your club would like to share? Join in the Clover Connect idea sharing zooms this spring!

### Hands to Larger Service: Community Service Ideas

Sunday, Feb 22 at 7 p.m. & Monday, Feb 23 at Noon (same content will be repeated)

### Making 4-H Meetings Fun: Bringing Laughter and Learning to 4-H Meetings

Sunday, Mar 22 at 7 p.m. & Monday, Mar 23 at Noon (same content will be repeated)

The sessions will include information sharing, hands-on learning, and time to share ideas with other older youth leaders and adult volunteers from across the state!

Register for one or both topics by visiting <https://go.wisc.edu/pbm474>. Both sessions will be recorded, and resources will be shared with those who sign up!

Older youth and adult volunteers encouraged to participate!

# ADULTING 101 2026



- January 27 Money Management
- February 24 My Space, My Home
- March 24 Understanding Credit & Keeping Your Money Safe
- April 28 Cooking and Kitchen Skills
- May 26 Practice Interviewing
- September 22 Public Transportation Field Trip
- October 27 Career Planning & Exploration

Looking for summer classes? Check the website!

All classes will be held from 4:15 - 5:45 pm at Extension Outagamie County Office, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton.

Valley Transit route 12.

Open to all ages 14-24.

Come to all or pick and choose the sessions of interest to you. Registration is required one week prior to each class.

Contact MaryBeth Wohlrahe with questions: [marybeth.wohlrahe@wisc.edu](mailto:marybeth.wohlrahe@wisc.edu) (920) 404-1215

<https://bit.ly/OCAAdulting>



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Check out these additional educational opportunities.

Spring 2026

## HOME ALONE BABYSITTING SAFETY

April 11th 8:00am - 4:00pm Course #42531487-2



This class is designed for students 10 years of age or older; parents may use their discretion when enrolling younger children. Students should bring paper and pen or pencil for taking notes, bagged lunch and beverage with screw on tops to minimize spills, snacks for morning and afternoon to class. Please label all of above items with student's name. All students must be accompanied to the classroom by a parent or guardian. Please do not drop off students outside the building. If you are registering someone other than yourself, you will need to use the participant's information to create an account and register.

This class teaches the babysitter how to deal with crying, tantrums, bedtime issues, how to provide a safe environment and first aid emergencies. Infant/Child CPR and choking are also taught. Students receive a certificate of completion.

Cost: \$47.57  
Location: Room 111  
Waupaca Regional Center



## Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety

Spring 2026

Waupaca Regional Center

Course # 47070405-4



This course prepares youth ages 12-16 to meet certification requirements under Wisconsin Act 455 to operate tractors and farm machinery for their own family on public roads. The course also fulfills U.S. Department of Labor provisions for youth ages 14-15 employed on farms other than their family's. Instruction covers equipment safety, hazard recognition, basic maintenance, and the legal responsibilities of machinery operation. Students gain experience through a combination of classroom instruction, hands-on activities, and practical driving exercises.

Format	Date	Time
Virtual Weekly Check-Ins	Tuesdays 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5	5:00 - 6:00 PM
Written Exam In-person	Week of 5/11 Call to schedule: 715-942-1700	Sign up for a time at orientation
In-person FVTC Waupaca	7/6- 7/9	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Prior to the start of class (Tuesday, April 7th), students must visit a Fox Valley Technical College location to ensure the student is able to access the virtual classroom in Blackboard. Details of the virtual classroom can be found at [www.fvtc.edu/flexible-learning](http://www.fvtc.edu/flexible-learning). Further details of the in-person sessions will be found within the student's Blackboard account.

Cost: \$125  
Scholarships Available

Scan for scholarship application



Waupaca Regional Center

1979 Godfrey Drive  
P.O. Box 467  
Waupaca, WI 54981

[www.fvtc.edu/Waupaca](http://www.fvtc.edu/Waupaca)  
715-942-1700

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Waupaca, WI 54981

### To Register

Call: 715-942-1700 or 800-735-3882

Online: [www.fvtc.edu/waupacaclasses](http://www.fvtc.edu/waupacaclasses)  
Email us at: [waupacacenter@fvtc.edu](mailto:waupacacenter@fvtc.edu)

Class size is limited!



## DONATION

Cedar wood blocks are being offered to 4-H members. Would work well for bat or bird houses. Reach out to Penny for contact information.



# SAVE THE DATES

## STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS

### DOG 4-H QUIZ BOWL

APRIL 25, 2026

STEM INNOVATION BUILDING, UW - GREEN BAY

### STATE 4-H DOG OBEDIENCE, SHOWMANSHIP, AND RALLY;

SPEAKING, PHOTO, AND POSTER CONTESTS

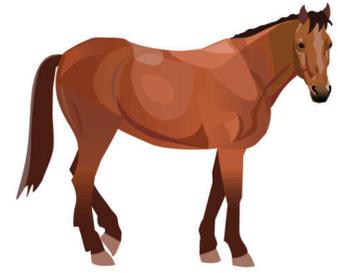
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2026

LANGLADE CO. FAIRGROUNDS, ANTIGO

### STATE 4-H DOG AGILITY SHOW

OCTOBER 10, 2026

OVERDALE CANINE SPORTS, SPRING VALLEY



Dog project opportunities!

Wisconsin 4-H Animal Science Project Webpage  
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/agriculture-and-animal-science/>

The countywide horse project meetings will continue on the last Monday of each month through May (although May is one week earlier due to Memorial Day). Meetings are held at 6:30 pm at Manawa Elementary School.

# WI STATE 4-H DOG PROJECT AGILITY LEARNING DAY

SPONSORED BY THE WI STATE DOG ASSOCIATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
TO ATTEND

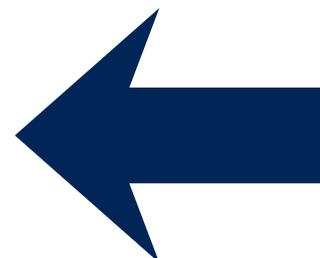
SAT., MARCH 7TH

9AM – 2PM

WAUSAU, WI

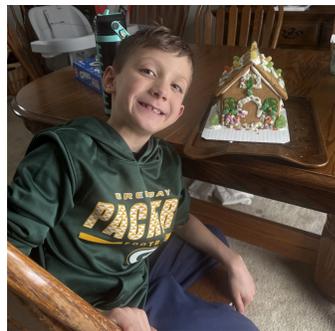


Registration deadline is Feb. 18 or when spots are filled (register in 4-H online). Go to <https://bit.ly/4c8ptmz> for more information.



SEE POST FOR MORE DETAILS





## Changing & Adding Project Areas

Members are able to change projects they enroll in until April 1, 2026 if a project area is forgotten or you want to add or delete. The project areas you are enrolled in are the areas where members will be able to enter exhibits in the junior fair next summer. Contact Penny at penny.tank@wisc.edu to make any changes for you. After April 1, no project areas can be added.

## 4-H Online Enrollment



New Enrollments will be accepted at any time of the year; HOWEVER, in order to participate in the 2026 Waupaca County Junior Fair, enrollments needed to be completed by February 1, 2026.

## Needs Based Scholarships

If families have difficulty paying for 4-H events, program fees, etc. at any time of the year they should reach out to the Waupaca County 4-H Program Educator, Penny Tank, at penny.tank@wisc.edu or 715-258-6230 to discuss the availability of needs based scholarships. Requests will be kept confidential.

## Record Book Pages

Printed record book pages will be available soon by request. For members, record books are a valuable part of the 4-H experience. They are intended to help you develop lifelong skills such as

- Setting goals
- Planning & organizing
- Communicating in writing
- Evaluating effort and progress



Once completed, you have a valuable record of accomplishments that can be used when applying for awards, scholarships, college or a job! Remember to begin saving information for your record books throughout the year and to start filling out the record book pages early. Refer to the guidelines you receive with the record book pages for details about completing your book.

Record book pages will also be available online as fillable forms once they are updated for paper copies.

## Leaders' Board & Association

The next Leaders' Board meeting will be Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 pm. The next Leaders' Association Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Manawa City Hall. **Clubs in District IV (Country Pride, Casey Lake, Lind Center Beavers, Dayton Community) are asked to report what their 4-H Club is doing and bring a light snack to the Association meeting.** All registered certified leaders are part of the Leaders' Association. Youth members in grades 7 and above with one year of 4-H membership are also members of the Leaders' Association. Please attend. Your input is greatly valued!!

## Elections for the 4-H Leaders Board



Elections for the 4-H Leaders' Board will take place during the March Association meeting on March 24. If any leaders are interested in learning more about this rewarding experience contact a current board member or penny.tank@wisc.edu. Volunteers are needed to serve as Vice President, District Representatives, and two Youth Representatives (grade 7 and above). The Leaders Board meets 6 times a year, guides the Leaders Association Budget, learns about upcoming events, and discusses ideas to help make the 4-H program the best it can be.

## General Leader Meeting

There will be a general leader meeting on **Tuesday, March 24, starting at 5:45 pm.** The Leaders Association will follow at 7:00 pm. All general leaders, or a representative from each club, is asked to attend the meeting. Currently we do one general leader meeting a year and it would be great to see representation from all 17 4-H clubs! This is a good opportunity to talk with other leaders about a variety of topics. Penny will also handout the newly published leader journals for each leader!



## Looking for 4-H Leaders' Board Treasurer

Thank you to Jenny Heise, who has served as the Leaders Board treasurer for over 25 years!! As Jenny is moving on to other things, the Board is looking for and accepting applications for a new treasurer, whose position would start in late March. The county level treasurer position is appointed every 2 years. If you are interested in learning more about this position, contact penny.tank@wisc.edu for the role description. There is an honorarium for this position. The time commitment is approximately 12-15 hours per month spent on financial accounting (such as paying bills, taking in payments, creating financial reports, preparing paperwork for taxes, drafting an annual budget, and more), plus attendance at bi-monthly 4-H Leader Board meetings, and quarterly attendance at Association Meetings (a virtual option is usually available for the meetings). **Applications are due March 1.**

## Small Market Animal Meetings

The Small Market Animal (rabbits, poultry, goats) sale is voluntary, but members or a family member/ guardian representative **MUST** attend one mandatory meeting and sign up to sell. A **MANDATORY MEETING** is to be held in two places (you need to attend 1).

- **Thursday, March 5, 2026**, at 6:30 pm at the Weyauwega City Hall OR
- **Monday, March 9, 2026**, at 6:30 pm at the Manawa City Hall

Watch for more information to come about countywide **dog** project meetings and **rabbit hopping!**



YQCA is required for all beef, sheep, and swine project members to sell in the large market sale. It also counts as an educational point for those wishing to sell in the small animal sale. This can be completed online or in person. Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/> to complete the course online or register for an in person course. Two in person options are planned in Waupaca County:

- Right after Super Saturday on **March 28**
  - Saturday, **June 20** during the Large Market Education Day
- Registration will open soon for the March 28 date.

# Summer Camp 2026

IOWA, PORTAGE, AND  
WAUPACA COUNTIES  
4-H SUMMER CAMP

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**JUNE  
15-17**

Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells



Mark your calendars and plan to join us for 2026 4-H Summer Camp!! The dates will be June 15-17, 2026 at Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells. Camp will include Waupaca, Portage, and Iowa Counties. Registration for campers will open soon!

## 4-H Shooting Sports

To the right is the Shawano County 4-H Shooting Sports schedule. If you are a Waupaca County 4-H member, enrolled in shooting sports, and interested in participating, please go to the Shawano County 4-H Shooting Sports facebook page or reach out to Penny for contact information so you can get all of the details.

### SHAWANO COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SCHEDULE 2026



Practice Times: (Age as of 1/1/2026)  
Juniors (Ages 8 - 11) 9:00 a.m. - 10 yards  
Intermediates (Ages 12 - 14) 10:00 a.m. - 15 yards  
Seniors (Ages 15 - 19) 11:00 a.m. - 20 yards

**BUTCH'S ARCHERY**  
N2885 PIONEER ROAD  
CLINTONVILLE WI 54929

<b>January</b> 1.10.26 Practice Butch's Archery 1.24.26 Practice Butch's Archery	<b>May</b> 5.7.26 Shawano Shoot Set Up, Crawford Center 5.8.26 Shawano Shoot, Crawford Center 5.9.26 Shawano Shoot, Crawford Center 5.29.26 Brown County Shoot 5.30.26 Brown County Shoot
<b>February</b> 2.7.26 Practice Butch's Archery 2.21.26 Practice Butch's Archery 2.28.26 Leader, Training Richland Center	<b>June</b> 21-26 4-H Nationals Shoot
<b>March</b> 3.7.26 TBD 3.21.26 Practice Butch's Archery	<b>July</b> 7.11.26 Shawano 4-H Shoot, 7.12.26 Shawano 4-H Shoot
<b>April</b> 4.11.26 Practice Butch's Archery 4.25.26 Practice Butch's Archery 4.25.26 Leader, Training New Franken	<b>August</b> 8.29.26 Fair Shoot, Crawford Center



## Thank you...

- Deb Schneider, Hailey Burmeister, Bella & Stacy Havlik, Dawn Nelson, Tina & Ivan Attoe, Janet & Elizabeth Wiechert, and Erikka and Addie Flowers for helping with the 4-H Open House at the Waupaca Public Library.
- 4-H Ambassadors judging the Gingerbread House Contest and those that helped with Family Bowling.

## Congratulations!!

- Josh Tank and David Lodahl for joining the 4-H Ambassador group!



## Financial Reminders

As we continue another 4-H year, I want to remind everyone of the financial guidelines.

- Regardless of the source, all 4-H funds are public funds
- Keep receipts and copies of any bills! You should only be paying for things when there are receipts and/or utilize payment vouchers as needed.
- Do not keep “petty cash” or “cash boxes” with money on hand. Run all money through an approved account.
- Budgets help clubs and groups plan. If your club would like help creating a budget please contact the Extension office.
- Club fundraisers should be conducted to reach a certain goal; there should be a plan and reason for raising a certain amount of money.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Or go to the state financial website <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/financial-management/>

## Club Highlights

One reminder for club secretaries is to send a copy of monthly minutes to the Extension Office. This can be emailed to [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu). If you have questions, please ask. Below are a few club highlights:

- **Casey Lake 4-H** - The club held a Christmas party and made evergreen porch pots. Members also went bell ringing.
- **Norseman 4-H** - Club members made holiday wreaths and participated in the military holiday card challenge. They also marched in the Iola Christmas parade and handed out treat bags.
- **Peterson Mill 4-H** - Club members gave a donation to charity. They also held a Christmas party, played bingo, and exchanged gifts.
- **Tri-County 4-H** - The club planned their annual Soup Luncheon in January. Members are also planning a plant bingo fundraiser and future bus trip.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### United Veterinary Service

United Veterinary Service will once again be offering a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior this spring. The scholarship application is available to any student in our practice area who was enrolled in a supervised animal project in 4-H, FFA or Scouting. There are no restrictions regarding the area of study the student pursues. The application includes a list of the projects the student was engaged in and a short essay about the life lessons learned with the project. The deadline for the completed application is March 31, 2026. Applications can be picked up at the office in Bear Creek or by contacting Extension Waupaca County.

<https://unitedveterinaryservice.com/>



### The John and Isabelle Ames Memorial Scholarship

The John and Isabelle Ames Memorial Scholarship, a \$750 award, was established in memory of John and Isabelle Ames of Ames-Way Holsteins in Darien, WI. This scholarship is offered to college sophomores and juniors with current or recent involvement in 4-H, FFA, or the registered Holstein Industry who are enrolled full-time and attending classes in-person while seeking a four-year degree in any field. The application form is available through the Wisconsin Holstein Association website <https://wisholsteins.com> or by contacting [j\\_berezowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:j_berezowitz@yahoo.com); The application deadline is March 1, 2026. (Postmarked by or received via email by midnight of that date)

### United Cooperative Scholarship

United Cooperative's Scholarship Program awards \$1,000 scholarships to 40-50 high school seniors and current college/technical school students who are continuing their full-time education in 2026-2027. The scholarship application deadline is March 06, 2026. Applicants will be judged on their leadership skills, scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, motivation, and academic and personal goals. To be eligible, the student or the parent is an active patron member of United Cooperative; Student must plan to attend (or be currently enrolled in) an accredited college, university, or technical school; Student must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale. Questions? Contact us at [communications@unitedcooperative.com](mailto:communications@unitedcooperative.com) or go to <https://www.unitedcooperative.com/about/giving-back/scholarship-application> for more information.



### 4-H Horse Association Scholarship

Information and application forms are on the State 4-H website in section 6 of the Horse Handbook located at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/wisconsin-4-h-horse-association/> Up to six scholarships may be awarded. Eligibility: A) High school seniors and post-secondary students currently in their first year of higher education are eligible to apply. B) A minimum GPA 2.0 out of 4.0 is required to redeem your scholarship. C) A minimum of four consecutive years in the 4-H Horse & Pony Project (regular member or horseless horse). D) Applicants must attend an accredited, postsecondary school/program (i.e. 2- or 4-year college or professional technical program, Farm & Industry short course program, vocational college or training of at least one school year in length). E) Applicants may pursue any major. All scholarship forms and letters of reference must be postmarked by March 1.

### Wisconsin 4-H 2026 Scholarship Application Guidelines

Each year, Wisconsin 4-H recognizes outstanding students in our communities with scholarships that celebrate dedication, leadership, and achievements in 4-H. We're excited to announce that this year we will be awarding more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni. **Applications for eligible high school seniors and 4-H alumni opened on Jan. 1, 2026.** To apply, applicants must: Have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years. Have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college, or technical school during the 2026-2027 academic school year. Have not received a Wisconsin 4-H Collegiate Scholarship. For the application form, specific scholarship information, and complete instructions on how to apply, visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/wisconsin-4-h-scholarships/>.

Applications must be received electronically by no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time on March 1, 2026. Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified via email by mid May.

### **Waupaca County Large Animal Scholarship 2026**

The Waupaca County Large Market Animal Scholarship was established to support and reward youth for their market livestock knowledge and participation, leadership skills, and involvement in the community. The Waupaca County Large Market Animal Committee has put \$2,500 toward scholarships. Applicants must be Waupaca County Large Market Animal exhibitors and may apply for the scholarship the year they are graduating from high school or the following year. Past recipients are not eligible to compete for this scholarship. The completed application and one letter of recommendation from a non-family member must be submitted to Bobbie Jo Montgomery on or before March 15 of the current year. An electronic version of this scholarship application can be found at: <https://waupacacountylargemarketsale.my.canva.site/> under the scholarship tab or by contacting Bobbie Jo Montgomery at [bmontgomery@waupacaschools.org](mailto:bmontgomery@waupacaschools.org)

### **Waupaca County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) Scholarship**

Waupaca County Association for Home and Community Education will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships this year to Waupaca County graduating seniors. Applications and references must be postmarked no later than April 17, 2026. No late entries will be accepted. All correspondence regarding scholarship should be sent to Kathy, not the Waupaca County Extension. These scholarships will be given to students currently attending a Waupaca County high school and pursuing a degree from any college in the University of Wisconsin system or a Wisconsin technical college. Applications are available online at <https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/family-living-and-nutrition-education/family-living/waupaca-county-hce/>, from the Waupaca County Extension, or by calling Kathy at (920) 407-2812.



### **Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship**

Wisconsin Towns Association, in partnership with Scott Construction, Inc., and Rural Mutual Insurance Company, is excited to announce the 2026 WTA Scholarship Contest. We invite Wisconsin's graduating high school seniors to participate by innovatively writing an essay answering this year's question for a chance to win one of ten \$1,000 scholarships. 2026 Essay Question: "What strategies can be implemented by local government officials in collaboration with citizens to encourage and maintain civility?" Your thoughts — combined with your writing skill and creativity — can put you in line to receive one of ten scholarships. Essays will be judged independently on originality and subject matter in relationship to the topic. Deadline to enter is May 22, 2026. To view complete rules and details go to <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>



### **WROF, Inc. Premier Scholarship Award Program**



Applications for the WROF, Inc. Premier Scholarship Award Program are now open to high school seniors from rural Wisconsin. WROF, Inc. will present \$3,000 scholarships to seven outstanding high school students. The awards will help cover tuition and educational expenses for post-secondary education in Wisconsin. Scholarship requirements include the following: High school seniors must have lived in rural Wisconsin for at least two years, currently attend school in Wisconsin, and plan to return to their rural roots upon graduation. WROF, Inc. will accept applications online until 11:59 pm on Friday, March 6, 2026. Please visit [www.wrof.org](http://www.wrof.org) for more information, to access the Premier Scholarship application, and to learn about WROF, Inc.

Visit the Wisconsin 4-H Policies webpage for policy details during the year:  
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>

If you have questions about a project area and there are not others in your club in the project, please contact the Extension Office for contacts / leaders willing to help countywide.

Check your email inbox for the Wisconsin 4-H Newsletter every few months. This is a good source of information across the state and includes announcements, highlights, and more.



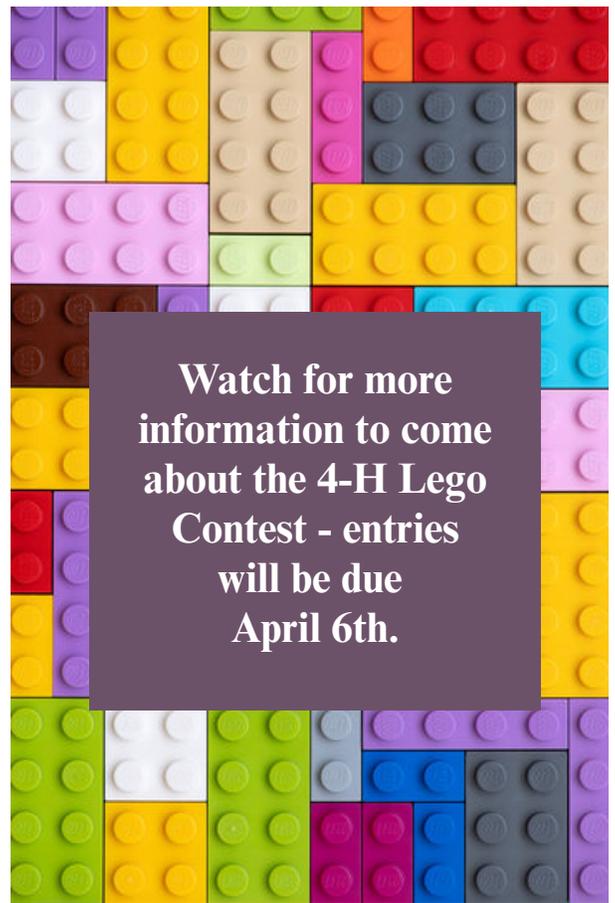
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Watch for more information to come about the 4-H Lego Contest - entries will be due April 6th.

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**111 W North Water Street**  
**New London**  
Mail can still be sent to the courthouse address and we pick it up a few times a week.



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