

Florence	Georgetown	Granger	Happy Tails
Hoofpicks	Hutto	Junior Master Gardeners	Liberty Hill
Round Rock	Shooting Sports	Shotgun Sports	Summit Christian
Taylor	Thrall	Junior Vet Science	Future Vets of Texas
Georgetown HS Vet Science		Williamson Co Homeschool Vet Science	



### 2011 CLOTHING PROJECT

#### DEADLINES

**2011 Williamson County 4-H  
Rock the Runway Fashion  
Show**  
**Saturday, March 26, 2011**  
**County Extension Office**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**2011 District 8 4-H Fashion  
Show**  
**Friday, April 15, 2011**  
**Tarleton State University**  
**1333 West Washington St.,**  
**Stephenville, TX 76401**  
**Website map:**  
**[http://www.tarleton.edu/campus/  
TarletonMap.pdf](http://www.tarleton.edu/campus/TarletonMap.pdf)**  
**(Printable Map)**

**Additional Information on FCS Blog**  
**<http://williamson-tx.tamu.edu/>**  
**Click on Simply FCS Blog**



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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

##### February

- 1 Major Show  
Broiler Pick Up
- 2 4-H Foundation  
Application Due
- 2 San Antonio Youth  
Award Scholarship  
Due
- 7-20 San Antonio Stock  
Show
- 15 TEEA Williamson  
Co Scholarship  
Due
- 21 Nutrition Quiz  
Bowl Entries Due

##### March

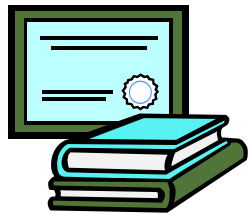
- 1 JMG RSVP's Due
- 3 Adult Leaders  
Meeting
- 3 4-H County  
Council Meeting
- 7-18 HLSR
- 15-16 JMG Mini Camp
- 14-26 Star of Texas
- 24 4-H Adult Leaders  
Scholarship Due

##### April

- 9 D8 Horse  
Judging
- 16 D8 Round up
- 30 D8 Multi-District  
Contest

# Texas 4-H and Youth Development Opportunity Scholarship

**T**exas 4-H and Youth Development Program Opportunity Scholarships are awarded each year to applicants based on their 4-H experience, academic record and financial need (for scholarships for which it is a prescribed criterion). The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Opportunity Scholarship Program is conducted in coordination with the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, and Texas



AgriLife Extension Service.

The Texas 4-H

Foundation seeks to ensure that each recipient receives the highest dollar amount of scholarship for which that recipient is eligible. For the majority of the total scholarships and scholarship funds available, participation in a livestock show is not a requirement for consideration for an Opportunity Scholarship.

Visit website for more information:

[http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships/index\\_youth\\_scholarships.php#opp](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships/index_youth_scholarships.php#opp)

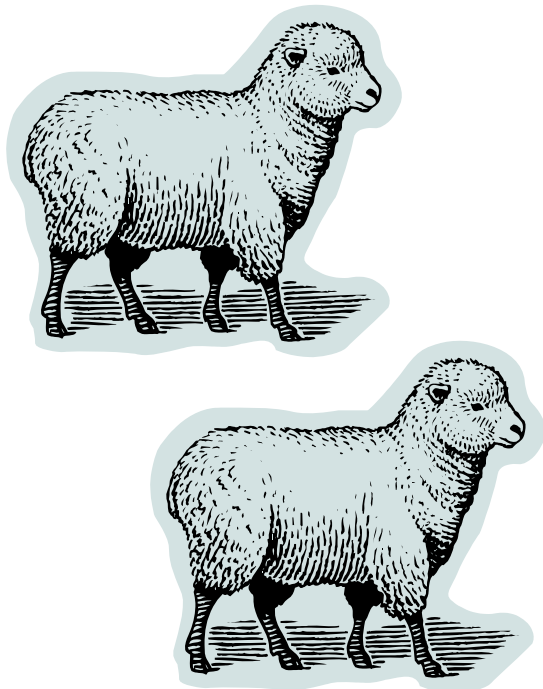
## DATES FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS:

**February 2, 2011**—Scholarship Applications Due to County Office

**April 11-15, 2011**—Interview Notifications

**May 13-15, 2011**—Interviews

**Jun 3 13, 2011**—Award Banquet

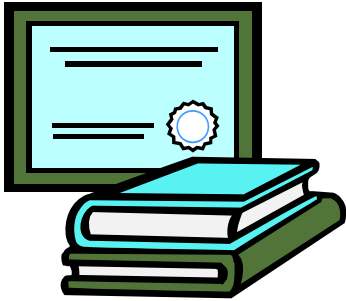


## **ATTENTION ALL 4-H MEMBERS**

In an effort to be more efficient with our time and resources, we will be sending the monthly 4-H newsletter by e-mail starting in March, 2011. If you want to continue to receive a paper copy of your newsletter by mail, please contact Natalie Bittner.

We will be posting the newsletter on our website at <http://williamson-tx.tamu.edu>.

## 2011 WILLIAMSON COUNTY 4-H ADULT LEADERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP



The intent of the Williamson County 4-H Adult Leaders Association Scholarship is to provide an equal amount awarded to equally qualified applicants. Qualified is considered a good 4-H learning experience and an appropriately completed application.

Unqualified applications are those that have not demonstrated 4-H learning experiences, and have not adequately completed the scholarship application. It is not our intent to award a scholarship to unqualified applicants. A committee consisting of two County Extension Agents, two community leaders, and two 4-H adult leaders will judge the applications. The decision made by the committee will be final.

Money **must** be claimed **within 2 years** of being awarded to recipient.

For complete Scholarship Guidelines and Application, visit our website:

**<http://williamson-tx.tamu.edu/>**

Click on Publications and “4-H & Youth Development Blog”;  
then click on “2011 4-H Adult Leaders Association Scholarship Guidelines/Application”

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 24, 2011**

## **2011 San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. Rural Youth Award**

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. established the Rural Youth Award 55 years ago to honor youth leaders across the State of Texas. Today, this award provides recognition for 4-H and FFA members who have shown outstanding leadership in their organization and community. Each organization conducts its own nomination and selection process and submits 20 honorees to represent their respective organization. Texas youth involved in 4-H and FFA may apply for this award through only one organization.

Youth who apply must be at least 16 years of age and a high school junior or senior as of August 31, 2010.

Youth must have been an active 4-H member for at least 3 years prior to applying for the award. Youth must plan to enroll in a degree plan that is on the SALE scholarship approved list of majors to be eligible.

Youth must be willing to participate in the 2011 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Awards Orientation, Presentation, and Banquet during the 2011 Texas 4-H Roundup on Monday, June 13, 2011 in College Station, Texas.

Applications are due to the County Office by February 2, 2011. For more information visit [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships/index\\_youth\\_scholarships.php](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships/index_youth_scholarships.php)

## **State of Fair Texas Scholarship**

For the past 17 years, the fair has provided livestock scholarships to deserving youth and given them the aid needed to attend college. The fair has awarded 622 youth livestock scholarships to-date and continues to help students further their education. To be eligible to apply, students must have competed at the fair in a livestock event, such as showing an animal or public speaking. In 2008, the scholarship amount increased to \$5,000 and is renewable for up to four years.

Scholarship winners are chosen based on academics, financial need, and involvement at the fair. Each year, the State Fair of Texas changes the lives of graduating seniors, by giving them an opportunity to further their education, which otherwise, might not have been possible.

Applications available on BigTex.com starting December 1, 2010 and applications will be accepted from January 3, 2011 to March 1, 2011.

## Texas 4-H and Youth Development Opportunity Scholarship

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program and the 4-H Youth Development Foundation is once again please to offer to our senior high school 4-H members and current college students the opportunity to apply for an Opportunity Scholarship through the Texas 4-H Program.

What is new for 2011:

- ☞ Value of scholarships will range from \$1,000 to \$16,000.
- ☞ Applicants that are invited and participate in interviews are guaranteed a scholarship.
- ☞ Applicants will NOT be excused from either the face-to-face interview or the scholarship assembly.
- ☞ Applicants and families should plan accordingly based on the dates provided in the guidelines.
- ☞ Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has raised the value of their scholarships from \$15,000 to \$16,000.
- ☞ Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has raised their maximum amount of financial aid/scholarships that an applicant can have confirmed from \$40,000 to \$75,000.

Visit website for more information:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships>

Scholarship Applications Due to County Office February 2, 2011

## **District 8 4-H Scholarship Application**

**Sponsored by the District 8 Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents**

**Eligibility: 4-H members who will not receive a 4-H Foundation Scholarship**

**Applicants will be reviewed by a scholarship committee. All decisions are final.**

**Applications must be complete in order to be accepted.**

**DUE May 5, 2011**

**To the Ellis County Extension Office**

**701 S. I35 E Suite #3, Waxahachie, Texas 75165**

**For applications**

**see publications for 4-H Youth and Development at**

**<http://williamson-tx.tamu.edu/>**

## **TEEA Williamson Co. Scholarship**

**Deadline - February 15, submit to the county AgriLife  
Extension office in a manila envelope:**

**Envelope labeled with the applicant's name and county.  
Only a black and white copy of Texas 4-H Recordbook from  
the previous year's Texas 4-H Recordbook judging  
deadline accepted.**

**Official high school transcript with ACT and/or SAT scores  
included.**

**Completed TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application.**

**Two letters of recommendation: one from a county  
Extension agent or 4-H club manager and one from a  
teacher, employer, or community leader (not a relative).**

**If you are interested in applying, please call our office to get  
additional details and application form.**

## ***\$1,500 College Scholarships Available for 100 Farm Youths***

ST. LOUIS (January 12, 2011) – The agriculture industry is one of great importance. Today's agriculture professionals are part of a vital group of unsung heroes that contribute to feeding and clothing the world as they make a positive impact on the American economy. Monsanto Company recognizes the importance of investing in the next generation of hard-working agricultural professionals, which is why Monsanto and the National Association of Farm Broadcasters (NAFB) are proud to announce an open call for applications for the 2011 Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program.

High school seniors pursuing careers in agriculture are eligible to apply for a \$1,500 Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship award. To ensure the future of American agriculture, these scholarships help provide financial assistance to students based on their academic achievement and leadership skills. First established in 1999, the program has awarded nearly \$1.6 million in scholarships.

"Monsanto is proud to invest in the future of agriculture," explained John Raines, Vice President of Customer Advocacy for Monsanto. "It is paramount that we recognize and support the very best in today's Ag youth. We are excited to review applications from across the country from students seeking degrees in a variety of agricultural roles."

To qualify, high school seniors must come from a farming family, plan to enroll as a full-time student in an agriculture-related program from an accredited school, and commit to pursuing a career in agriculture. Applicants are evaluated on their academic record, leadership abilities, extracurricular activities and personal essays submitted as a part of the application process. FFA membership is not required to be eligible for the scholarship program.

"The NAFB is proud to join Monsanto in helping further educational opportunities for the students of America's farms and ranches in anticipation of their eventual leadership roles in the future. Our members strongly support advancing educational excellence, and Monsanto and NAFB are committed to rural America now and for the future," said Mark Vail, Executive Director of the NAFB.

Applications are available online at [www.monsanto.com/scholarships](http://www.monsanto.com/scholarships)

Online applications must be submitted by February 15, 2011.



**ATTENTION LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS**

If you are attending any of the Major Livestock Shows, please contact your school's Attendance Clerk to ensure that they have received your **School Excuse Letter** from Dustin Coufal and communicate which days your child will be absent.

**MAJOR SHOW INFORMATION**

**Major Show Broilers** for the Star of Texas and the Houston Livestock Show will be in our office on Tuesday, **February 1, 2011**.

Call Dustin at 943-3300 to arrange your broiler pick up at the Extension Office.



**15%\* DISCOUNT FOR TEXAS 4-H SUPPORTERS**

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**San Antonio and San Angelo** passes are available. Please come by the Extension office to pick them up.

**Austin and Houston** passes will be ready toward the middle of February. You can pick these passes up as soon as they are available. **Houston** only gives us a certain number of car passes for each week. To be fair, we will be drawing names out of a hat to see who gets one. We will try to work with everyone to make sure that passes are distributed as fair as possible.



### COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The next Williamson County 4-H Council meeting will be on **March 3, 2011** at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office.

### ADULT LEADERS MEETING

The next Williamson County 4-H Adult Leaders meeting will be on **March 3, 2011** at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office.



### March 15 & 16 Be a part of the Junior Master Gardener Mini Camp

Want to learn about preserving our environment, plant life, and just good stewardship? The JMG Mini Camp is open to all 4-Her's. We are hoping to provide transportation to take all students. We are limited to 50 students, so please let us know if you are interested in attending. The cost is \$5.00 for the two day camp. Please bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

#### Tuesday March 15- 9:30-2:00pm Meet at the CEO

We will be visiting the LCRA Redbud Center in Austin students will get to see displays and learn about the importance of preserving our environment, water conservation, native plants and ecology.

#### Wednesday March 16- 10am-2:00pm Meet at the CEO

Students will be able to participate in a number of hands on activities and presentations that will allow them to become more familiar with the JMG program, and for those who are working on becoming certified Junior Master Gardeners, it will be an opportunity to make sure that all necessary activities are completed. This will be especially helpful, if you've missed some of our meetings.

Please RSVP by March 1 to Brigid Mejia [blmejia@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:blmejia@ag.tamu.edu) or 512-943-3300

### Hutto 4-H Club Members

Hutto 4-H meeting for February is scheduled for 6:15 pm. We will depart from the Hutto Elementary at 6:30 pm to the Trinity Nursing Home in Round Rock to hand out Valentines to the residents. We will not have a March meeting due to spring break

### 2011 District 8 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl

The link for the 2011 District 8 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl is <http://d84-h.tamu.edu/events-and-activities/nutrition-quiz-bowl/> You can also find the information at: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on 2011 Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl under Food and Nutrition.

The entry deadline is  
Monday, February 21, 2011



## 4-H Motto and Pledge

*In support of the 4-H Club Motto,  
To make the best better, I pledge:  
My Head to clearer thinking,  
My Heart to greater loyalty.  
My Hands to larger service, and  
My Health to better living*



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