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2006 4-H Legacy of Leadership Scholarship Applications Available

Current 4-H members who are high school seniors or in their last year of 4-H membership are encouraged to apply for the 2006 Legacy of Leadership Scholarship. The application deadline for this merit-based award is March 1, 2006. Scholarships may be used for expenses for further education programs, including trade schools, junior colleges, colleges, or universities. Additional information and application forms may be found at the local University of Illinois Extension Office or at the U of I Extension 4-H website at <http://www.4-h.uiuc.edu/events/scholar.html>.

"We're excited to offer college scholarships to 4-H members," said Rod Stoll, Director of Development for the Illinois 4-H Foundation. "The scholarship program provides us an opportunity to reward Illinois 4-H'ers who have a proven track record of leadership in their club and county and who demonstrate the potential to be future leaders in our state and country."

The Legacy of Leadership Scholarship program was conceived after the Illinois 4-H Foundation received a donation from the second sale of the Grand Champion Steer at the Governor's Sale of Champions at the 2002 Illinois State Fair. The \$7,500 donation to the Illinois 4-H Foundation was used as seed money to establish an Illinois 4-H Legacy of Leadership Scholarship endowment. The Illinois 4-H Foundation seeks other individuals, corporations, and organizations as partners in providing additional funds for future scholarship recipients.

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The Illinois 4-H Foundation raises private funds that are invested in Illinois 4-H programs, which provide meaningful positive development experiences for Illinois youth to develop life skills.

4-H is the largest out-of-school educational program for youth in the United States. 4-H seeks to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, forming attitudes, and developing life skills that will enable them to become caring, competent, and contributing members of society. In Illinois 292,302 youth participate in 4-H and the other youth programs of University of Illinois Extension. More than 25,500 youth and adult volunteers assist in the programming. For more information about 4-H in Illinois, visit: <http://www.4-H.uiuc.edu>.

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Editor's Note: The 2006 Legacy of Leadership Scholarship winners will be announced at the 2006 Illinois State Fair, which runs from August 11 - 20. State Fair Junior Department Press Releases can be downloaded from: <http://www.4-h.uiuc.edu/fairmedia.html>.