



2023

**BILLY S. MURRAY, SR. 4-H HORSE PROGRAM  
SCHOLARSHIP**



**BACKGROUND:** Billy S. Murray, Sr. was a professional farrier and a long time 4-H leader and supporter in the Southeast District. Billy led 4-H horse clubs in both New Hanover and Brunswick counties. He was also an active member of several horse organizations in Southeastern NC, including the Carolina Classic Horsemen's Association, the Seagate Saddle Club, the Brunswick County and Columbus County Horsemen's Association. He was always willing to lend a hand and help out other horse owners and youth in a time of need. His sudden death came in September of 2005, after volunteering his time to announce an annual horse show in Wayne County. This scholarship was established to carry on Billy's tradition of supporting youth through 4-H horse activities.

**PURPOSE:** To assist high school seniors and graduates who are continuing their education by pursuing a two or four year college degree, and have been active 4-H members and participants of the Southeast or Northeast District 4-H Horse Program.

**AWARD:** A **\$500** scholarship to one high school senior or graduate enrolling at a senior or community college. The award will be mailed directly to the college.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- 30% scholastic achievement
- 35% 4-H horse activities and involvement
- 35% 4-H non-horse activities and involvement

**APPLICANT RULES:**

1. Applicants must be a high school senior or graduate and a resident of the Southeast or Northeast 4-H District.
2. Applicants must have been active in 4-H and SE/NE District 4-H horse activities.
3. The entire application form must be completed.
4. Grade transcripts must be included with the application material.
5. Applicants must provide two personal reference **contacts**, one from their school staff, one a community leader. Letters of reference are not required. Homeschooled youth may provide two community leader references.
6. Selected recipient will be recognized at the East Regional 4-H Qualifying Horse Show, in Williamston, NC.
7. **The completed application must be postmarked or emailed by April 15, 2023 to:**

**Eileen A. Coite, SED4HHC Scholarship Coordinator**  
**Sampson County Cooperative Extension**  
**55 Agriculture Place**  
**Clinton, NC 28328**  
[eileen\\_coite@ncsu.edu](mailto:eileen_coite@ncsu.edu)

# BILLY S. MURRAY, SR. 4-H HORSE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY IN INK\*\*\*\*\*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT(S) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

4-H LEADER (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCES ( two of the following: school staff or community leader)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR ADMISSION?

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\_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS YOUR INTENDED COLLEGE MAJOR? \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST MAJOR 4-H (NON-HORSE) ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT:

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PLEASE EXPRESS YOUR THOUGHTS AS TO WHY YOU FEEL YOU ARE  
DESERVING OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP (may use additional space, up to one page).

I certify that the information in this application is accurate, and permission is hereby  
granted to the SED4HHC to release and investigate information contained in my  
application.

Applicant Signature (required)\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (required)\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_