

# The Wisconsin 4-H MOVEMENT

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# CLOVER CONNECTION

## WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR CLUB?

Would you like your Club featured in the next Clover Newsletter? It's simple! Write up a short article telling us just how fun your club's event was and make sure to include a picture with the names of the members featured. Let us and other clubs know the good work you are doing in the community! To share your club's story please email Kerry at: [kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu)

## Join the 4-H Volleyball Club!

4-H kids were able to grow their volleyball skills and have fun playing on Sunday nights from November 5th - December 10th at Clear Lake High School. Some kids attended every night and many others came when they could. did a great job! Shout out to Alyssa Fouks (4-H alumni) and Matthew Pribble for helping with the middle school kids!

Next year we will be running it again 11/10/24 -



12/15/24 for grades 5-13. Let me know if you would like to help coach, send your kids or have questions regarding what we do.

**Gina Schneider**  
715-965-0782

**Scholarship Information Is Available Inside this  
Newsletter!**



# January 2024



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21	22 ~Ambassador Meeting  ~Leaders Federation Meeting	23	24	25 ~Crocheting Workshop	26	27 ~Cloverbud Day Camp
28 ~Annual Leader Training	29	30	31			

## January

- 1: Office Closed
- 3: Dairy Committee Meeting at the Polk County Justice Center Starting at 6:30
- 5: M.E. and Key Award Due Date, 4:30 pm due at the Extension Office
- 5: Pre-Register for the Annual 4-H Leader Training!!
- 15: Office Closed
- 17: Registration due for Crocheting Workshop
- 19: Camp Counselor Application Due Date
- 22: Ambassador Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 22: Leader Federation, 7:00 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 22: Deadline to get articles in the newsletter!
- 25: Crocheting Workshop, 6pm at the Balsam Lake Justice Center
- 27: Cloverbud Day Camp, 9 am-1pm, Amery Community Center
- 28: Annual Leader Training, 12:30- 4pm, Polk County Justice Center



## February

- 3: 4-H Meats Judging Competition, Madison
- 11: Rabbit Kick Off, 2-4 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 14: Registration Due for Cross Stitch Workshop
- 18: Dairy Kick Off, 2-4 p.m., St. Croix Falls High School Commons
- 20: Interstate Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
- 22: Simple Cross Stitch Workshop, 6pm at the Polk County Justice Center
- 22: Deadline to get articles into the newsletter
- 24: Clover College, Camp St. Croix, Hudson
- 25: YQCA, 12:30 p.m., Polk County Justice Center - ***Must Pre-Register at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)***
- 25: Sheep Kick Off, 2-4 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 26: Horse Kick Off, registration - 5:30 p.m., meeting begins 6:00 p.m., location TBD
- 29: Robotics Project Kick-Off, 6:30 –8, First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 719 Nevada St., SCF.

## March

- 3: Camp Counselor Training, 6:30 via Zoom
- 10: Beef Kick Off, 1-3 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 10: YQCA, 3:15 p.m., Polk County Justice Center - ***Must Pre-Register at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)***
- 13: Registration Due for Sewing Workshop
- 14: Robotics Project Meeting, 6:30-8, First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 719 Nevada St., SCF.
- 16: Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon, Madison
- 17: Goat Kick, 2-4 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 21: Basic Sewing Workshop, 6pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Saint Croix Falls
- 22: Deadline to get articles into the newsletter
- 25: Ambassador Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 25: Leader Federation, 7:00 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
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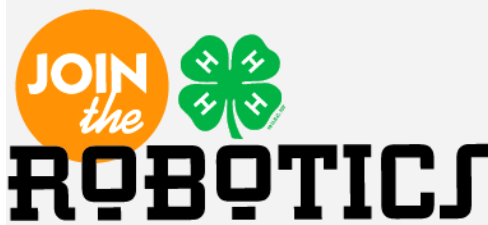
## April

- 4: Robotics Project Meeting, 6:30-8, First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 719 Nevada St., SCF
- 10: Registration Due for Finger Knitting Workshop
- 14: Swine Kick Off & Tag Pick Up, 2-4 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 18: Finger Knitting Workshop, 6pm at the Polk County Justice Center
- 22: Deadline to get articles into the newsletter
- 25: Robotics Project Meeting, 6:30-8, First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 719 Nevada St., SCF
- 27: Sheep & Goat Weigh In, 9-11 a.m., Polk County Fairgrounds



Practices for Livestock Quiz Bowl will start in January! Please contact Craig Scholz if interested!  
Craig Scholz 612-751-3236





Youth interested in Robotics who are Explorers (9-19 years old), this is your chance to sign up to work with Sphero Ball programming and EV3 Robot construction and

programming. These workshops are intended to get a Robotics youth and their project ready for the Pre-Fair Run Off.

In these workshops youth will have a chance to work at various levels of complexities in Robotics with guidance if needed. Youth will have an opportunity to work with Sphero balls and learn to program them to run/light/sound in various complexities of courses. They will also have a chance to build EV3 Robots and learn to program them to use various sensors and run various challenges.

### **2024 Work Shop Dates:**

February 29th, 6:30 to 8 pm: Kick-Off & Orientation (All MUST Attend),

March 14th, 6:30 to 8 pm, Ev3 Robotics Build Time

March 28th, 6:30 to 8 pm, EV3 Robotics Build Time

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8 pm, Sphero Balls and EV3 Work Time

April 25th, 6:30 to 8pm, Sphero Balls and EV3 Programming

May 2nd, 6:30 to 8pm, Sphero Balls and EV3 Programming

May 18th, 9am-11am, EV3 Programming

June 1st, 9am-11am, Sphero & EV3 and Fair Discussions

June 6th, 6:30pm-8pm, EV3 Programming

June 29th, 9am-11am, Sphero Balls & EV3 Final Programming

July 6th, 12:30 for Registration, 1-5pm is the Pre-Fair Run Off

July 26th, 11am-12, All Robotics Youth Present Demonstrations at the Fair (times may be adjusted closer to fair)

All workshops and the Pre-Fair Run Off will be held at First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 719 Nevada St., SCF.

Any questions, please email Shirley at [smillerfrey@gmail.com](mailto:smillerfrey@gmail.com).

## **AMBASSADOR MEETING!**

Monday,  
January 22nd  
at 6pm at the  
Polk County  
Justice  
Center.



## **LEADERS FEDERATION MEETING!**

Monday, January 22nd  
at 7pm located at the  
Polk County Justice  
Center

**4-H YOUTH APPLICATIONS ARE DUE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH BY 4:30PM . You can find the applications on our website at <https://shorturl.at/ikOW4>**

## **Checklist for Applicants Key Award and Educational Experience Financial Awards**

Here is a helpful list of items you will need to have completed in order to submit your application.

- Key Award and Educational Experience Cover Letter
- Member Evaluation Form (M.E)
- 4-H Leader Evaluation and Recommendation Form

In addition to turning in these forms you will be required to complete an interview with our Polk County Awards Committee.

**Interviews will be scheduled for Thursday, January 18th starting at 6:30pm. They will be scheduled over Zoom for 30 minute time increments. Interviews on Sunday, January 28th**

**starting at 2pm will be IN-PERSON at First Presbyterian Church (719 Nevada St, St Croix Falls).** You will be contacted after submitting your materials by our Awards Committee chair to schedule this interview.

**Please contact Shirley Miller-Frey if you have any questions, [smillerfrey@gmail.com](mailto:smillerfrey@gmail.com)**



**JANUARY 28**  
**9:00 AM- 1:00 PM**  
**AMERY COMMUNITY CENTER**



Open to youth in  
kindergarten  
through 3rd  
grade.  
Pre-registration  
required.

To register, visit:  
<https://go.wisc.edu/v9fr6u>  
or scan the QR code

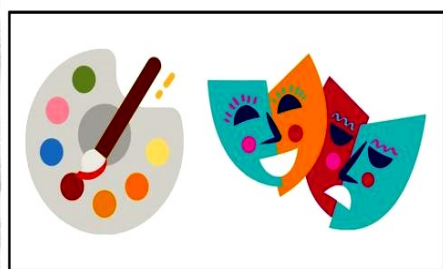


# **CLOVERBUD STEM DAYCAMP**

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**4-H Drama Company** creates a stage performance involving acting, song and dance in the five days leading up to the Summer Academy. Show content is a collaborative effort between company members and their director. Each Drama Company member contributes ideas for the show and works with the group to problem solve issues on the set and in the script.



**Applications  
Now Open For**

*State Teams*

Drama Company and State Arts Teams Applications are now open!  
Apply on 4-H Online Today!  
Applications close January 16th, 2024

**4-H Art Team** creates artwork around the theme of the Summer Academy as well as designing and organizing the Summer Academy Art Exhibit, reception and guided exhibit tours. The team members also teach seminars and train to be peer leaders for county and regional events including Fall Forum. The 4-H Art Team is led by a professional artist who teaches team members artistic techniques using a variety of mediums.

**THE 2024 STATE ARTS TEAM AND DRAMA  
COMPANY APPLICATIONS ARE NOW  
OPEN UNTIL JANUARY 16TH, 2024.  
OPEN FOR GRADES 9-13**

## Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts Contest!

### The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts

is a contest, to be held annually for the purpose of:

- Promoting 4-H Arts Programming
- Raising Funds to Support 4-H Art Programs
- Telling the 4-H Story
- Raising Awareness of the WI 4-H Foundation and the 4-H Program



#### Proceeds

Proceeds from any Celebrate the Arts events or sales will be split evenly with half invested in the Talen Endowment for 4-H Arts Programming and half used for arts programming in the next 4-H program year.

#### Celebrate the Arts 4-H Art Contest

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will sponsor the art contest, open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, with cash prizes totaling nearly \$1,000. **The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically.**

Although the contest is virtual, **the winning art from each category and the Best of Show must be delivered to the nearest 4-H Office or the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. These items will become the property of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and will not be returned.** In addition, photos or likenesses of all entries may be used by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to promote the 4-H program and/or to raise funds for the Wisconsin 4-H program.

## Wildlife & Woods

### CAREERS & COMPETITION

#### VIRTUAL SERIES

**NOV. 27, 2023**

**JAN. 22, 2024**

**FEB. 26, 2024**

**MAR. 25, 2024**

**APRIL 22, 2024**

**MAY 27, 2024**

Register via 4-H  
Online  
[wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com)



**Join us for virtual opportunities to learn about Careers & Competitions in Wildlife & Woods!** This new virtual series is open to youth in grades 6-12 and adult leaders. Come learn about what's available for our older youth in 4-H! Event registration is open now in 4HOnline. You can attend as many hour long sessions as you like!



To learn more about virtual learning opportunities, please visit [4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc](http://4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc)



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# TALENT EXPO

Do you have a talent in music, speech, dance, acting or video making? Get ready for the 2024 Barron-Polk Talent Expo!  
Entries Open Through 4-H Online After January 20th!

**TURTLE LAKE SCHOOL** **SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH**

## 4-H Leader Training

**January 28th, 2024  
12:30-4:00 PM  
Polk County Justice Center, Balsam Lake**

Become CPR/First Aid Certified at our Annual 4-H Leader Training! Pre-register by January 5th. Spots are limited to the first 25. Cost is \$10. Register in your 4-H Online account, under "Events".



# Interstate Livestock Show

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S SHOW! JUNE 22, 2024

**Interstate Livestock Youth Show**

Beef, Goat, and Sheep Junior Show, Educational Events, Great Prizes!

Interested in contributing your ideas to the 2024 Interstate Livestock Show? Join our Zoom meeting on **February 20th, 2024 at 7:00 pm**. We are looking for both youth and adult voice to shape this year's show!

2024 INTERSTATE LIVESTOCK SHOW  
SUPREME EWE

Zoom link: <https://go.wisc.edu/xc9heu>  
Contact Lindsay for more details at [lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu)

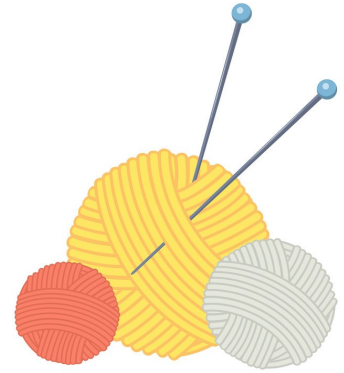


# INTERESTED IN CROCHETING/ KNITTING/ SEWING/HOME FURNISHINGS?

We are hosting several workshops this year for youth to sample these 4-H Project areas. If you have some skills in any of these areas and want to improve your proficiency, join us, we can help you grow your skills. The Workshops are for Explorer and Older youth and Must be registered in advance. Each Workshop will have a \$3.00 Materials fee which will be collected at the Workshop. Registration is separate for Each workshop. You are welcome to sign up every one of them.

## Workshops

- **Crocheting:** January 25th, Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Balsam Lake Justice Center meeting room. We will make a wrist band with a button clasp. (Registration due by January 17th)
- **Simple Cross Stitch:** February 22nd, Thursday 6:00pm to 7:30 pm at the Balsam Lake Justice Center meeting room. We will make a hanging ornament. (Registration due by February 14th)
- **Basic Sewing:** March 21st, Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF. We will be making a small pillow. (Registration due by March 13th)
- **Finger Knitting:** April 18th, Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Balsam Lake Justice Center meeting room. We will be making a scarf. (Registration due by April 10th)
- **Blending of two skills:** May 30th, Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Balsam Lake Justice Center meeting room. Project = TBD. (Registration due by May 22nd)



**To Register, please email Shirley Miller-Frey, [smillerfrey@gmail.com](mailto:smillerfrey@gmail.com):  
Youth Name, Youth Grade, Name of your 4-H Club, Parents Name and  
Contact Email and which Workshop you are signing up for.**

## ***BECOME A 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR!***

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE AND ARE DUE BY  
JANUARY 19TH!

APPLICATIONS AND POSITION DESCRIPTION IS  
INCLUDED IN THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER. OPEN  
TO YOUTH IN 9TH-12TH GRADE.

CAMP DATES: JUNE 12-14





# Become a Volunteer TODAY!

If you are 18 years or older and interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer, we can help. We will provide new volunteers with [Volunteers in Preparation Training](#) about how to work effectively with youth and what resources are available to volunteers. We will also ask you to participate in a [Mandated Reporter Training](#) to learn more about how to protect youth from child abuse and neglect. Finally, to ensure the safety of all youth and volunteers, a [Volunteer Behavior Expectations Agreement](#) and background check are required.

Depending on their role, some volunteers may be asked to complete subject matter specific trainings as well as training to enrich their knowledge of youth development (for example chaperones or Shooting Sports leaders).

All volunteers, both new and returning, are also required to take training on how to report sexual misconduct. Answers to questions about

reporting and training [are available on our FAQ page.](#)

For more information on becoming a volunteer please contact Lindsay Spindler, Lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu or visit the WI 4-H Volunteer page at <https://shorturl.at/afSW7>

## BY VOLUNTEERING WITH 4-H, YOU

help build stronger communities



teach the next generation valuable knowledge and skills



create better connected communities



increase civic involvement



make the 4-H program possible



have the opportunity to grow personally



become a mentor to youth



break down social barriers to make all feel welcome



## *Save the Dates*

### STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

**4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST**  
FEB. 3, 2024

**SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL**  
MARCH 16, 2024

**BOTH EVENTS HELD AT THE  
UW MADISON CAMPUS**



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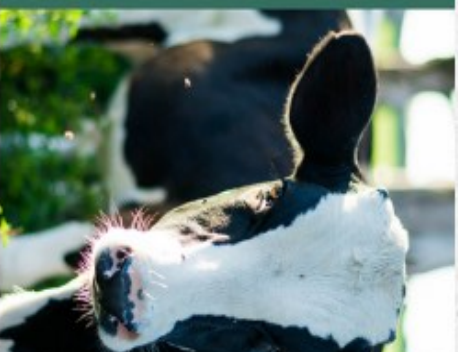
# Rabbit Kick Off Meeting

Sunday, February 11  
2:00-4:00 pm  
Polk County Justice Center  
Balsam Lake  
Come find out more about the rabbit project and prepare for the coming year. Do not bring rabbits to this meeting.



# Dairy Kick Off Meeting

Sunday, February 18th  
2:00-4:00 p.m.  
St. Croix Falls High School Commons



# SHEEP KICK OFF MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
2:00-4:00 PM  
POLK COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER



VOCA session to be offered at 12:30 before the kick off for any youth needing their requirement. Please pre-register at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)

# Horse Kick Off Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH  
REGISTRATION - 5:30 PM  
UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT PAC



# JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL 4-H PROJECT KICK OFF MEETINGS



# BEEF KICK OFF MEETING

Sunday, March 10th  
1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Polk County Justice Center  
VOCA session to be offered at 3:15 following the kick off for any youth needing their requirement. Please pre-register at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)



# GOAT KICK OFF MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 17  
2:00-4:00 PM  
POLK COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER

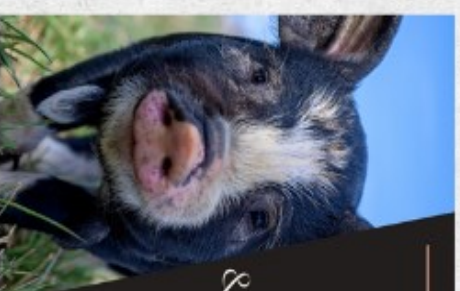


# YOCA Youth for Quality Care of Animals

In Person Trainings  
Polk County Justice Center

Date:  
Sunday, February 25 at 12:30 pm  
Sunday, March 10 at 3:15 pm  
Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 pm

Register at:  
[yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)  
Cost:  
\$3 In Person  
\$12 Web Based



# Swine Kick Off Meeting & Tag Pick Up

Sunday, April 14  
2:00-4:00 pm  
Polk County Justice Center



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## Diplomats

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WITH OUR  
CLUBS!

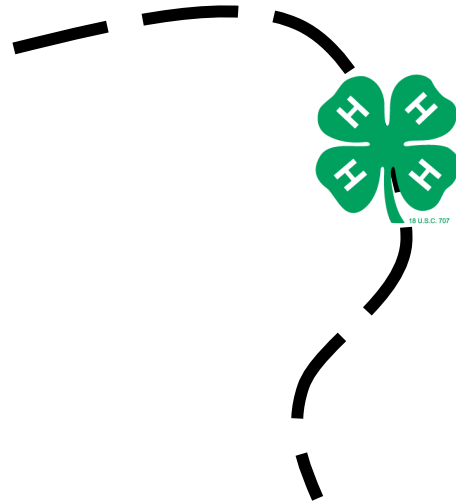
4-H members donated  
Toys for Tots and  
played Santa Bingo at  
their December  
Meeting



# Shooting Stars

HERE'S WHAT'S UP  
WITH OUR  
CLUBS!

4-H Club We had many December activities as a club. We rang bells for the Salvation Army at Marketplace Foods in St. Croix Falls. We also made tie blankets for the women shelter. And our club sponsored Christmas gifts two children for adopt a child.







# Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc Premier Scholarship

**The Premier Scholarship will open on January 5th and close on Wednesday, March 6th**

This year, the Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation will award five outstanding high school seniors from rural Wisconsin each with a \$3,000 scholarship. Only online applications will be accepted. For the application, and for more information, please visit [www.wrof.org](http://www.wrof.org).

## **Some of the criteria that will be used when choosing students:**

- The high school senior has lived in rural Wisconsin for at least two years. "Rural" is defined as traditional rural areas and rural towns with a population of 25,000 or less.
  - The high senior is attending a public or private school in Wisconsin.
  - The high school senior is pursuing post-secondary education and plans on returning to rural Wisconsin upon graduation.
  - The high school senior will pursue a degree in a field that will support the economic health and well-being of rural communities in Wisconsin. This includes fields in agriculture, healthcare, large animal veterinary care, environmental studies, and sustainable practices.
- The high school senior has financial need.

Three letters of recommendation are requested and help in the selection process, but are not required.

Selection will be completed by an ad hoc committee.

The scholarship award will support tuition and educational expenses, up to \$1,500 per semester, and will continue if a 2.5 GPA is maintained.

Scholarship recipients will be notified in May.



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## 4-H FOUNDATION

### Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Higher Education Scholarship Opportunities

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2024. To be considered for financial support, applications will be accepted starting December 15, 2023, and must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Friday, March 1, 2024, 5:00 pm.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2024-2025 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

All applications must adhere to the conventions outlined below. Any application that does not meet these requirements will not be considered. All documents must be emailed to the 4-H Foundation as one, two-page PDF. Any other cloud/internet shared documents will be NOT be accepted (do NOT use Google Docs, for example).

The application materials represent what youth may be asked to submit when applying for jobs. We encourage applicants to treat this process as if applying for a position. For help with creating cover letters and résumés, applicants should reach out to their club leaders, county educator or a teacher or parent.

**Applications must be emailed to [scholarships@Wis4HFoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@Wis4HFoundation.org). Applications will consist of a résumé and a cover letter. These two documents must be saved as one, two-paged PDF with page one the cover letter and page two the résumé.**

**For more information, please visit: <https://shorturl.at/ERW02>**





**AgSource**  
**Cooperative Services**  
*A subsidiary of Cooperative Resources International*

## DHIA Polk-Burnett Scholarship

These scholarships will be made available by the AgSource DHIA Foundation for students enrolled in post high school education or planning to pursue post high school education. Each scholarship recipient will receive \$500.00 in scholarships. Applicant's family must reside in Polk or Burnett Counties or be a present or past member of the Polk-Burnett DHI AgSource.

Preference may be given to students in agriculture related majors and students of farm families. Scholarship proceeds will not be given until student has successfully completed one semester of post high school education and a transcript is sent in showing the semester completion. An applicant may be entering or already enrolled in post high school education programs.

**Applications must be completed by April 1st and turned into the Extension Office**

**You can find the applications on our website at: <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/ag-youth-programs/>**

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Polk County Office  
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Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
Phone: (715) 485-8600

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# *Hello January* (COVER CONNECTION NEWSLETTER)



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POLK COUNTY

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