

# Polk County 4-H Scholarship Fund

## Scholarships for Graduating 4-H Members who Pursue Post-Secondary Education Opportunities

### Application Procedure

1. Only members who graduate from 4-H at the annual Polk County 4-H Awards and Recognition Program in October may apply. To graduate at this event, the member must submit a completed 4-H record book to Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation, Inc. Awards, Recognition and Record Books Committee by the first of September. The record book must contain the MAEF completed by a club advisor.
2. Starting with the 1985 graduates, members graduating from 4-H have **five years** from date of graduation to make application for their scholarship.
3. Application will include a one-page background information sheet and the completed eight-page 4-H Member Evaluation (ME) forms. These are to be submitted by September 1.
4. Scholarship grant certificates will be presented at the Annual Awards Program in October.
5. Checks will be sent to recipients when proof of enrollment in the second semester or term is submitted.

It is expected that up to \$5,000 per year may be needed for scholarships. Therefore, a goal of a \$50,000 fund is set. This amount invested at 10% would yield sufficient scholarship money each year.

One source is the continuance of the \$500.00 contribution plaque inscriptions. Any person, organization or business contributing \$500.00 or more will have their name and year inscribed on the Polk County 4-H Scholarship Fund plaque displayed at the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake.

### Inscriptions through 2000 include:

Dale Swenson	1963
Gordon Larsen	1967
Ford Foundation	1967
Mabel Jenssen	1985
Ken Christenson	1986
Willis & Elaine Erickson	1986
Deer Lake Community Club	1987
Victor Setter	1987
Shirley Dittbrenner	1987
Sidney & JoAnn Bjorkman	1987
Forest View 4-H Club	1988
Central Rivers Coop	2000

A variety of fund-raising activities will be conducted by the Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation, Inc.

A Polk County 4-H Scholarship Fund of \$2500 was established by the Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation, Inc. In 1963. This was done in memory of Dale Swenson, a 4-H Peace Corpsman killed in a jeep accident in Brazil. Loans to Polk County 4-H members and alumni pursuing a college education were made from the fund.

A \$500 scholarship plaque was started. Any person, business, or organization contributing \$500 or more to the scholarship fund would have their name and year inscribed on it.

An additional sum was added in 1967 by Gordon Larsen and the Ford Foundation. This was earmarked for farm short course scholarships, adult leader's forum, and member scholarships for national 4-H trips.

Following an analysis of the fund situation in 1985, the Board of Directors of the Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation, Inc., determined the future purpose of the fund should be:

--provide a scholarship with a minimum of  
two hundred fifty dollars to  
every member graduating from 4-H  
in Polk County who is pursuing some  
type of post-secondary education.