

FY 2012-2013 INFORMATION AND PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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WHAT WE DO FUND

The grant provided by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will be used primarily to support statewide 4-H programs and for Wisconsin 4-H youth participating in national 4-H events. **All programs must occur from July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.** Highest priority will be given to program funding applications that include one or more of the following components:

- **Leadership training** opportunities for 4-H youth and adult volunteers.
- **Youth involved** in planning and implementing the program.
- **Workforce preparation** and career development opportunities for 4-H youth.
- 4-H programs that are designed to reach **new audiences**.
- **Pilot 4-H programs** requiring start-up funds. (Program summaries for these pilots will be available for use by all counties.)

WHAT WE DON'T FUND

- Cash awards.
- The purchase of local use capital equipment or hardware.
- Paying volunteer leaders or 4-H staff for services.
- Building projects or facility improvements (with the exception of the Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center).
- County-specific programs unless they are new, innovative projects needing start-up funds that can be replicated in other counties.

HOW TO APPLY

- All applications must include the **Cover Page**, the one-page **Application Form** and the **Demographics and Funding Summary Form**.
- All program funding applications must be signed by a county and/or state 4-H Youth Development staff person and submitted electronically.
- State 4-H teams attending a national contest will be awarded a set amount per team to help cover the cost of their travel. (National contests held in Wisconsin will be awarded a lesser amount.) **A program funding application is required.**
- As a change from previous years' funding requests, please group similar events/programs into one application form. Use bullets to briefly describe each event.
 - For example, Art Beat, ArtLab and ArtsCamp would be grouped under the program name of "Statewide Arts Events" and use one application form.
 - In the animal science area, events like: quiz bowl, skillathon, livestock judging event, meat evaluation contest would be grouped under the program name "Statewide Animal Science Events/Contests" and leadership programs, i.e., leadership symposium, ethics and sportsmanship, and horse leader conference can also be grouped.
 - The groupings of programs will be determined by the state specialist representing that program area.

All Funding requests will be evaluated using the following criteria (if applicable to the program):

- Overall quality and completeness of application
- Relationship to a larger program mission
- Ability to be replicated by multiple counties or groups (for pilot programs)
- Evaluation strategy
- Professional development and leadership opportunities for youth and adults

Program funding recipients are asked to acknowledge the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and donor partners in program materials and to send letters of thanks to donor partners.

Established in 1954 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is dedicated to providing essential funding for 4-H programs, working in cooperation with state and county 4-H Youth Development staff. Program funding applications will be reviewed by the Grant Review Committee of the 4-H Youth Development Program area

Application materials are posted at: <http://4h.uwex.edu/foundation/>. Applications must be sent electronically to Joanna Skluzacek: joanna.skluzacek@ces.uwex.edu by February 15, 2012. If you have questions, please contact Joanna at 608-265-2949.