**Iowa County 4-H**

 **Older Youth Travel Experiences**

**AppLICATION Reqirement Checklist**

To officially apply you need to fill out the google form by following the link below:

<https://forms.gle/GbUZCYF7w9QvMh1L8>

The Iowa County 4-H program uses an application and interview process to support youth in building life skills as they pursue extraordinary 4-H opportunities and recognitions, including:

* **4-H Travel Scholarships –** See information and chart on following page

**If you have any questions please reach out to Dan Brandt, Iowa County 4-H Youth Development Educator at 608-930-9850 or by email at** **dan.brandt@wisc.edu**

***Section 2: Applicant Information***

In this section we ask for your identifying information.

Q1: 4-H Member’s First Name:

Q2: 4-H Member’s Last Name:

Q3: Birthday:

Q4: 4-H Club:

Q5: Phone Number:

***Section 3: Trip Information***

In this section you will identify which travel experience you are applying for.

For more information about each trip experience please visit:

[Statewide Events and Opportunities – Wisconsin 4-H](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/)

The Iowa County 4-H Leaders may pay up to 1/3 of the cost of trips. If a youth chooses to go on two trips, the 4-H Leaders may pay up to 1/3 of the cost of one trip.  If a youth is participating in the same trip for the second time, the 4-H Leaders will not provide any support.  Some 4-H clubs in Iowa County also provide financial support to members who go on 4-H trips.  Needs-based scholarships are also available for youth who participate in Statewide 4-H Educational Experiences. Scholarships require an application that is submitted to the state office. For more information and to apply, please visit the Statewide Scholarship Website at:

[Statewide Scholarships – Wisconsin 4-H](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/statewide-scholarships/)

***TRAVEL FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS*** *–* The chart below shows the approximate costs for each statewide experience (note: costs are subject to change). The Iowa County 4-H Leaders pays 1/3 of the cost of trips. If a youth chooses to go on two trips, the 4-H Leaders will pay 1/3 of the cost of one trip.  If a youth is participating in the same trip for the second time, the 4-H Leaders will not provide any support.  Some 4-H clubs in Iowa County also provide financial support to members who go on 4-H trips.  Needs-based scholarships are also available for youth who participate in Statewide 4-H Educational Experiences. Scholarships require an application that is submitted to the state office. For more information and to apply, please visit the Statewide Scholarship Website at: [Statewide Scholarships – Wisconsin 4-H](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/statewide-scholarships/)

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| **Trips and Awards** | **Age eligibility** | **Total Cost** |
| **Advanced Space Academy February 15-22, 2025:** Take a bus to Huntsville, Alabama. College and career experiences, astronaut exercises, engineering challenges.  | 10th to 12th grade | About $2700 |
| **Space Camp May 1-5, 2025:**A camp experience where you learn and experience a ton of different aspects of life exploring places beyond Earth! | 6 to 8th grade, max age 15 | About $1300 |
| **Fall Forum November 4-6, 2024:**Our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning. | 7th to 13th grade | About $185(Day only $65) |
| **Summer Academy, Madison, WI, June 16-19, 2025:** Participate in a variety of seminars, motivational speakers, dances, recreation, and more. Stay on campus at UW-Madison.  | 7th to 10th grade at time of selection | About $600 |
| **Citizenship Washington Focus June or July 2025:** 9 days across the country and in Washington, D.C., meet 4-Hers nationwide, learn about citizenship, government, history. Lots to see and do. Two weeks offered | 10th- 12th grade at time of selection. Min. age 15 | About $2,500 |
| **National 4-H Conference Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 2024:** Arlington, Virginia April 19-24. Wisconsin 4-H annually selects only 8-10 youth to attend this conference. One day is spent on Capitol Hill updating legislators on current developments in 4-H and touring.  | 10th- 12th grade at time of selection. Min. age 15Max age 18  | About $2,000 |
| **National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA April 11-16, 2025:** Travel by plane to Georgia where you will spend Thanksgiving weekend celebrating accomplishments you and others have made in 4-H. Expect a lot of motivation and inspiration at this one.  | Grades 10-12 at time of selection. Max. age 18  | About $1,500 |
| **American Spirit East June or July 2025:** Youth will learn about America’s heritage and build awareness of the many steps taken to gain US Independence and freedom by visiting historical sites in Philadelphia, New York, Boston and more. June/July dates | Grades 8 – 10 at the time of registration | About $2,200 |

**For more information about each of these great experiences and more scholarship opportunities, please visit the following website:** [Statewide Events and Opportunities – Wisconsin 4-H](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/)

Q1: Name of the Trip/Event:

Q2: What is the anticipated total cost? (Do not include personal spending)

Q3: What fundraising projects have you already done? How much have you raised?

Q4: Have you applied for a state needs-based scholarship for this trip?

Q5: How much are you requesting from the 4-H Leaders?

Q6: Have you received 4-H funding assistance before?

Q7: If you answered yes to the previous question, please tell us when:

Q8: Date final payment is due.

Q8: Essay Question:

Why do you want to attend this trip, and how will it benefit you as a 4-H member? (100-200 words)

Q9: If you receive funding, how will you share your experience with others? (Check one or more options)

* Present at a club meeting
* Write a short article for the Iowa County Clover Connection Newsletter
* Share a photo and caption for social media
* Help with a future 4-H event
* Other

Q10: If you chose other above, please explain what you would do:

***Section 4: Recommendation Forms***

Two recommendation forms must be completed on your behalf.

Please copy and paste and then send the google form link below to the person you are asking to complete the recommendation for you:

<https://forms.gle/wD3NH8YnPE5f35rCA>

OR

If your recommender would prefer to give their recommendation over the phone, please provide their name and phone number below.

The 4-H Educator will contact them directly — please make sure to let them know they will be receiving a call.

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Recommendations cannot be completed by a parent or relative.

Q1: Recommender Name (First, Last)

Q2: Recommender Phone Number (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Q3: Recommender Relation to you (ie. Club Leader, Teacher, Coach, etc.)

***Section 5: Recommendation Forms***

In this section we ask for your feedback about the application process.

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: This section is required of all applicants.

Q1:As a result of constructing my cover letter, resume, and essay, I: (check all that apply)

* + learned more about myself (*If checked, list at least one thing that you have learned*):

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* + better understand why I’m in 4-H
	+ better understand what skills I have gained from 4-H
	+ better understand how to develop a resume
	+ will set higher project goals this year
	+ will take on a new 4-H challenge this year
	+ Other(s):

Q2: If you answered "other" above, please tell us about it below.

Q3: What is the most helpful or valuable part of this application process?

Q4: What ideas do you have for improving this application process?