



4-H Illini Summer Academies

Trail Blazers Scholarship

Summary

We offer the Trail Blazers Scholarship to make college exploratory experiences accessible to all youth by encouraging participation of scholars who are under-represented in certain career fields and who may find the cost of attendance to exploratory programs a significant challenge.

Eligibility

This scholarship is available to scholars who meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. The scholar is a member of a group that is under-represented in the industry of their chosen academy such as women who are under-represented in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields and men who are under-represented in Human development fields
2. The scholar would be the first among their immediate family members to earn a degree from a 4yr college or university
3. The scholar can demonstrate financial need based on household income and the number of members in the household.

Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements for attendance at the Illini Summer Academies in the year same year they are applying for the scholarship.

Application Process:

Applicants should register for the academy of their choice prior to completing the scholarship application.

Applications must be complete and included the following:

- Completed application form
- Completed recommendation from a non-family member
- A statement of financial need completed by the applicant's parent/guardian

Send electronically or via mail to: **Alvarez Dixon, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development**
Attn: ISA Trail Blazers Scholarship
801 N. Country Fair Drive, Suite E
Champaign, IL 61821
illini-4h@illinois.edu

Scholarship application deadline: April 15, 2019. Applicants will receive notification of their application status by May 1.

Awards may be for either Partial (50%) or Full (100%) amount of the applicants chosen academy.



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Application Form

Please type or print legibly.

Name: _____

Gender: _____

Current Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Home phone number: () _____ Cell phone number: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Are you a 4-H Member: _____ Grade in School: _____

Has anyone in your household earned a Bachelor's Degree or more? _____

Name of the academy you wish to attend: _____

Race/Ethnicity

<input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic
<input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Race
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	
<input type="checkbox"/> More than one race	

ESSAY

A Trailblazer is someone who is among the first to do something or go someplace that others in their group have not gone before. They literally blaze or mark a brand new path to make it easier for others to follow after them. Please tell us how attending the 4-H Illini Summer Academies makes you a trailblazer. Feel free to write your essay in another program (Word, Google Docs) and copy and paste into the text box below. Maximum of 600 words.



Statement of Financial Need

This section should be completed and signed by a parent/guardian of the applicant

Name of the person completing this form: _____

Relationship to the scholarship applicant: _____

of members in the household under 18: _____

Total # of household members: _____

Total household monthly income (before taxes): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

If selected as an Illini Summer Academy Trail Blazers scholar I agree to:

- Have my picture taken along with other scholarship recipients and shared with the scholarship donors as part of an annual report.
- Be contacted by Illinois 4-H to give updates on my college plans and career goals.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____