



BOE BROTHERS FOUNDATION 4-H/FFA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Boe Brothers Foundation 4-H/FFA Scholarships were established in 1994, the product of a unique relationship between the original Boe Brothers Trust, Teton County Future Farmers of America (FFA), Teton County 4-H, and the College of Agriculture at Montana State University (MSU)-Bozeman. Three (3) scholarships are awarded annually in the amounts of \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$2,000, respectively. The \$10,000 and \$5,000 scholarships are available to students enrolled full-time at MSU-Bozeman and are paid directly to MSU in equal installments divided over 8 semesters (as long as the recipient continues to meet the scholarship eligibility requirements.) The \$2,000 scholarship is paid in one lump sum to the post-secondary college or university of the recipient's choice; the recipient will contact the institution to ascertain the payment arrangements and communicate the terms to the Teton County FFA/4-H Scholarship Committee at teton@montana.edu. Scholarships are awarded on merit; every scholarship may or may not be awarded every year.

Scholarship Eligibility:

- Scholarships are available to **high school graduates**
- Applicants must be **actively engaged members of 4-H and/or FFA in Teton County**
- Recipients of the \$10,000 and \$5,000 scholarships must be enrolled or attending MSU-Bozeman as full-time students; the \$2000 scholarship recipient may attend any post-secondary college or university as a full-time student
- Applicants must be **enrolled in an agricultural program of study or other related academic programs** that will allow them to live in and serve a rural community upon matriculation
- Scholarships are awarded for **character, leadership, and citizenship** demonstrated in school, FFA chapter and/or 4-H club, and the community; the scholarship committee also considers applicants' financial need and educational and career goals
- Recipients of the \$10,000 and \$5,000 MSU-Bozeman scholarships must maintain a **minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.8** during each semester of study
- **If awarded, recipients must file an acceptance form with Montana State University Office of Financial Aid.** This form will be included with your award letter.

Application Deadline:

- Applications must be postmarked by or delivered to the **Teton County MSU Extension Office (406-466-2491) by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025**

**Teton County MSU Extension
Attn: Boe Brothers Scholarship Application
P.O. Box 130
1 Main Ave South (Courthouse)
Choteau, MT 59422**

Application Forms:

- Applications in PDF format are available for download at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/teton/4HScholarships.html> -or- you may request electronic or hardcopy documents by contacting the Teton County MSU Extension office at teton@montana.edu

Application Instructions:

- Read the entire form** before completing the application
- Except for the signature page, the entire application must be **typed / 12 font / double-spaced**
- Submit **1 hard copy of the application (including cover letter)** and **2 sealed reference letters**
- Detailed description of components of the application and scoring point values:**
 - **Page 1: One-page cover letter (see example attached to this packet) (10 points)**
 - A cover letter is a narrative in business letter format that introduces you and describes your career goals and your qualifications for the scholarship
 - Use this address in your business letter heading:
 - Boe Brothers Foundation Scholarship Committee
c/o Teton County MSU Extension Office
P.O. Box 130
Choteau, MT 59422
 - Use this salutation: “Dear Selection Committee,”
 - **Page 2: The completed signature page (attached to this packet; this does NOT have to be typed) *point value is included with the cover letter***
 - **Page 3: A copy of your current academic transcript(s) (5 points)** from high school and any college courses, if applicable; make sure the grading scale is listed or described on the transcript(s)
 - **Pages 4 - 9 are the applicant’s responses to the application questions;** be sure to use a separate page for each question.
 - **Page 4:** Prepare an estimated budget, showing all income and expenses for all years you plan to attend college **(15 points)**
 - For income, including items such as wages from jobs, savings, parent contributions, scholarships, FASFA info (Pell Grant, loans), college work study programs
 - If applying for the MSU-Bozeman scholarships, assume the higher scholarship income of \$1,250 per semester
 - If applying for the \$2,000 scholarship, please build a budget based on the lump sum amount
 - On the expense side, include items such as tuition, fees, books, room/board, living expenses, travel/commute (insurance, fuel, maintenance), and personal expenses

- A good reference is MontGuide MT 199703HR, “Developing a Spending Plan” (a copy has been included with this packet)
- **Page 5:** Describe your financial need for this scholarship; include the number and ages of dependents living at home, family situations, and special conditions that should be considered **(10 points)**
- **Page 6:** Discuss how your field of study will benefit a rural community **(10 points)**
- **Page 7:** Describe the short-term and long-term career and personal goals that will this scholarship help you achieve **(15 points)**
- **Page 8:** Describe how you and your community benefited from your involvement in 4-H and/or FFA **(15 points)**
 - Include: number of years participating, any elected office or other leadership responsibility, involvement in organizing programs, committees, or activities, examples of responsible participation in activities, how others benefited from your involvement
- **Page 9:** Describe how you benefited from and demonstrated citizenship through community and school participation **(15 points)**
 - List your school and civic activities, describe your involvement in each, such as office(s) held, scholastic record, honors received, chapter or club responsibilities, how others benefited from your involvement
- **Pages 10 and 11: *optional* photo pages**
 - Photos should show you engaged in 4-H or FFA activities; limit 3 photos per page and 2 pages (a maximum of 6 photos)
 - Provide a caption for each photo (up to 50 words each)
- **Reference letters (5 points):**
 - Include **2 letters of reference** from adult individuals who can speak to your leadership characteristics developed in Teton County 4-H or FFA
 - **These should be submitted un-opened in the original envelopes sealed by the reference persons**
 - **Make sure your (the applicant’s) name is on the front of each reference letter envelope**
 - Send a prompt thank-you note to the authors of your reference letters, regardless of whether you are awarded a scholarship

Boe Brothers Foundation Scholarship Application: **SIGNATURE PAGE**

Applicant Information (please print):

1. Applicant's name: _____
2. Applicant's date of birth: _____
3. High School from which the applicant is graduating: _____
4. Dates of applicant's membership in FFA and/or 4-H in Teton County:
 - a. FFA: _____
 - b. 4-H: _____
5. College or University the applicant is attending this fall: _____
6. Home address: _____
7. Home Phone (if applicable): _____
8. Cell Phone (if applicable): _____

Parent or Guardian Information (please print):

9. Name of a Parent or Guardian: _____
 - a. Home address: _____
 - b. Occupation: _____
 - c. Phone: _____
10. Name of second Parent or Guardian #2 (if applicable): _____
 - a. Home address: _____
 - b. Occupation: _____
 - c. Phone: _____

We who sign below, certify that all information given on this application is true, correct and complete to the best of our knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: Date

Signature of Applicant's Parent or Guardian #1 Date

Signature of Applicant's Parent or Guardian #2 (if applicable) Date

Signature of FFA Advisor (FFA) or Teton County MSU Extension Agent (4-H) Date

[EXAMPLE BUSINESS FORMAT for COVER LETTER- should be 1 page]

Your Name
Your Address
Your Email Address
Your Phone Number

Date

Boe Brothers Foundation Scholarship Committee
c/o Teton County MSU Extension Office
PO Box 130
Choteau, MT 59422

Dear Boe Brothers Scholarship Selection Committee,

[Insert several paragraphs about you, your goals, and why you deserve the scholarship.]

Respectfully yours,

Your name