**Robert Bunn Sr. Equine Medical Scholarship**

**Kent County 4-H Youth Program**

The Robert Bunn Sr. Equine Medical Scholarship was established in 2005 by Jeff Bunn, DVM, in honor of his father. Dr. Bunn serves as a leader and supporter of youth involvement in equine veterinary science. Dr. Bunn encourages youth to reach their potential by establishing this annual 4-H scholarship. Dr. Bunn appreciates the goals and opportunities for youth in the 4-H program and attributes his own 4-H experience in his professional career choice.

**ELIGIBILITY**

* Must be an active member of the Kent County 4-H Program.
* Must be an exhibitor at the Kent County Youth Fair with equine veterinary science and horse projects.
* Must be a graduating high school senior or a freshman at an accredited institution.
* Must be accepted to an accredited two or four-year college.
* Must be enrolled as a fulltime student (12 credit hours or more).
* A youth is eligible to receive the scholarship once.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

* Submit a completed application by **June 1**st of the current year.
* Submit an essay (limited to 1 page typed) describing how the 4-H Pledge in action prepares you, including your personal goals and objectives, to pursue a career which serves the betterment of horses and / or the equine community. If career choice is not directly related to equine care, describe your planned involvement in the equine community as an adult.
* Submit an official copy of high school transcript and current college transcript, if attending college.
* Provide a confidential letter of recommendation from a 4-H leader, who is not related to you. The 4-H recommendation should include evaluation of the applicant's involvement in project, leadership, and service activities.
* Provide a confidential letter of recommendation from an academic reference.
* Letters of recommendation will be kept confidential and used by selection committee only.
* Participate in an interview, which will be scheduled by the selection committee. Letter will be sent to those applicants granted an interview. No phone interviews allowed. Every interviewee must make themselves available for an interview to be eligible.
* Provide a copy of the letter of acceptance from college and proof of enrollment for the fall semester of the application year, prior to distribution of award.

**CRITERIA**

* Consideration will be given to youth that have had equine veterinary science and leadership experiences. Applicants will be expected to have exhibited at least one veterinary science project at the Kent County Youth Fair, or exhibit one this year.
* Consideration will include participation and achievements in 4-H.
* Demonstrates leadership potential through 4-H, school, extracurricular activities and work experiences.
* Demonstrates high academic achievement as evidenced by G.P.A.
* Participation and performance in a selection interview.

**SELECTION**

* Selection will be made by the scholarship committee.
* The selection committee will have broad discretion in allocating and awarding the annual scholarship.
* The scholarship committee will consist of ….
	+ At least one current Kent 4-H staff person
	+ At least one 4-H horse project leaders. No leader shall be involved in evaluating their own club member.
	+ At least one local veterinarian from the Equine Medical Clinic.
* A recent wallet size photograph is requested upon selection notification.
* Scholarship winner will be announced at the Kent County Youth Fair Horse Awards.

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE AWARD**

* Distribution will be made jointly to the individual and the learning institution.
* Funds will be awarded in the form of a check, made out to the applicant's educational institution, in the name of the scholarship recipient.
* Funds will be awarded when committee receives proof that the recipient is registered at a 2 or 4 year college/university of their choice.
* The amount of the scholarship is $1,000.00.
* In the event the scholarship is not used by December 31st of the year awarded, the scholarship may be rescinded and awarded to another applicant at the discretion of the selection committee.

Questions should be directed to: Kent County 4-H Youth Program, 616-632-7870

Application and forms available online: <http://www.kentcountyhorseleaders.com/>

**All required materials should be sent to:**

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**Attention: Alexis Garbo**

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