The Miami County 4-H Foundation offers a number of senior scholarships for Marais des Cygnes District 4-H youth. Donors may contribute to the general scholarship fund, a fund for Linn County youth, a fund for Miami County youth or one of several endowed scholarships.

For More Information

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Applicable to All Scholarships

- Applicant must be an enrolled Marais des Cygnes District youth.
- Applicant must have 3 or more years of 4-H participation.
- Applicant must be a high school senior or have equivalent status.
- Applicant must have a 2.0 GPA (some scholarships may require a higher GPA).
- Enrollment in college or trade school must be confirmed prior to payment of any award.
- Endowed scholarships may have additional requirements.
- All scholarships are offered through a single application.
- Details are provided to graduating seniors and/or are available at the Marais des Cygnes District, Extension website and offices.

Foundation General Scholarships

All scholarship and memorial donations, if not directed specifically to another endowment fund or activity, are placed in the general scholarship endowment fund.

Income earned on general scholarship endowment funds determines the annual scholarship amount to be distributed.

Number Given: Varies

Amount: Varies
Carl & Mary Buchman Scholarship
This scholarship, funded by long time Paola residents in 2015, recognizes a youth who has a 2.5 cumulative high school GPA. Payable after completion of a semester of undergraduate study with a cumulative 2.5 college GPA. Additional donations are possible.
Number Given: 1
Amount, estimated: $400 — $1,000
Available to: Miami County 4-H Youth

Peter Daniel Downey Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship was established in 2013 by David and Christine Downey in memory of their son, Peter Daniel Downey. Peter was an active member of the Busy Beavers 4-H Club.
The scholarship emphasizes County Club Days activities and the Goat and Photography projects. It requires a 2.5 high school GPA. Preference is given to home schooled 4-H youth and/or members of Busy Beavers 4-H Club. The recipient must receive less than $1,000 in other county 4-H scholarships. Additional donations are possible.
Number Given: 1
Amount, estimated: $700.00 or more
Available to: Any Miami County 4-H Youth or a Linn County 4-H Youth attending Prairie View High School

KAD Scholarship
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Melody Troth Leadership Scholarship
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Number Given: 1 or more
Amount, minimum: $200
Available to: Linn County 4-H Youth

Coffman Leadership Scholarship
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