## Ray & Nellie Smith 4-H Scholarship

<u>Purpose</u>: To provide two scholarships for higher education in the amount of \$1,000 each.

<u>Use</u>: The scholarship must be used for starting or continuing an educational program beyond high school.

## **Eligibility**:

- 1. Must have been a Geary County 4-H member at least the last three years of high school.
- 2. Must be a graduating senior or 4-H alumnus with full-time student status.
- 3. Must have carried and completed the Leadership project for two years.
- 4. Must have demonstrated leadership responsibilities in countywide activities.
- 5. Must have a C average or above in the high school or post-secondary school he or she is attending.
- 6. Preference will be given to high school seniors; however those currently pursuing post-secondary education are welcome to apply. Past recipients may also re-apply.
- 7. Applicants who are high school seniors must have been enrolled in 4-H through 4HOnline by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year.

<u>Selection</u>: Selection of scholarship recipients will be as follows. A three member committee will be set up to evaluate the applications for the Smith Scholarship and recommend two recipients. All committee members will be appointed by the Geary County Extension Council Executive Board. The committee will submit their recommended recipients to the Executive Board, and the Board will either accept or reject the recommendations.

<u>Disbursement of Funds</u>: Funds will be given in two installments, \$500 first semester and \$500 second semester. Before funds are released, scholarship recipients must prove enrollment in post-secondary education. In addition, before second semester funds are released, scholarship recipients must provide a transcript proving that he or she is maintaining a C average or above.

<u>Applications</u>: The Geary County 4-H Scholarship Application will be used. This form is available from the address below:

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