

Kelly J. Bryant Memorial 4-H Scholarship

This annual 4-H Program scholarship is in remembrance of a woman who grew up in and was incredibly dedicated to the 4-H Program. It is also about her love of horses and animals, belief in and dedication to community service, communication skills & leadership development. This scholarship therefore bears the name of Kelly J. Bryant. Kelly was born July 29, 1966, in Phoenix, and was destined to become a 4-H leader as she was leading project clubs in the Laveen 4-H Community Club at age 16 while she was still a member. Kelly grew up loving all things horses - a love that would be as much a part of her life as breathing.

Kelly loved her children - Colten and Austin. There were very few children who were encouraged, supported and given many opportunities to grow and succeed more than Kelly's. From her involvement in Laveen 4-H, the ANLS Livestock and Horse Shows, Maricopa County Fair, Arizona State Fair, Laveen and Buckeye Community events, Maricopa County 4-H Horse Committee and Program. Kelly dearly loved all the 4-H members she led and mentored in her 4-H clubs along with her mom Janice & other community colleague leaders - Laveen 4-H Rough Riders, Buckeye Community 4-H, Buckeye 4-H Rough Riders, Buckeye Community 4-H Service & Leadership. These were a major source of joy and pride for Kelly, and she was always there to celebrate and hug them when they succeeded, encourage and help lift them up when they didn't.

Kelly taught, demonstrated, mentored and served with excellence. It was this commitment to excellence that compelled Kelly to succeed at Arizona 4-H Roundup, attend National 4-H Congress, and work hard at qualifying 4-H'ers for the Arizona State 4-H Horse Show, Arizona 4-H Roundup, and Western National Roundup Horse Classic events - a legacy that still lives. Her excellence earned many 4-H Leader of the Year awards, 4-H Family of the Year awards and an induction into the Arizona 4-H Hall of Fame in October 2013.

Kelly lived a life of doing things she loved - riding and caring for horses and animals, loving, mentoring and guiding 4-H members and other youth, giving back to her community and humbly accepting awards and accolades in the name of the youth she worked with. This scholarship is one of her many legacies.

Kelly J. Bryant Memorial Scholarship Eligibility and Information Sheet

The Kelly J. Bryant Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a Maricopa County 4-H member(s) who has/have been:

- A Maricopa County 4-H member a minimum of four full years
- Has been enrolled in the 4-H Horse or 4-H Livestock project(s) and has participated in community service, leadership and/or citizenship and active in participating or presenting communication efforts.
- A current 4-H member who is a senior in high school and has applied and been accepted and plans to attend an accredited university or community college or any type of post-high school education in the fall of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

In the instance where an applicant applies in the time allotted, but for reasons beyond the scholarship endowment or committee/4-H program's influence, the family and/or committee may award scholarship(s) to those members. Please include a letter or verification of acceptance.

For an application to be considered by the Selection Committee, it must include:

- Completed application & photograph suitable for publicity.
- Three letters of reference (one of which must be a 4-H leader) from school counselor, teachers, etc.
- High school transcripts
- Delivered to the Cooperative Extension/Maricopa County 4-H office **by Monday April 13, 2026**

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Applicant's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ Applicant's 4-H Club(s): _____

This is to be a personal reflection of your 4-H experience by you, the applicant. Please answer each of these questions succinctly (no more than 350 words per answer) so we can understand your involvement and value of the 4-H Youth Development to yourself. Please make sure your answers reflect your 4-H experiences to the best of your abilities.

1. Tell us about your experiences in 4-H, the impacts of 4-H on your life and what you have learned from your 4-H experiences:

2. Tell us about your involvement and your accomplishments in your 4-H projects.

3. Tell us about your community service, leadership, citizenship and anything extra you have experienced in 4-H (i.e., public speaking, demonstrations, contests, shows, etc.)

4. Tell us about your activities outside of 4-H and how they are interrelated.

5. Tell us why you think you deserve this scholarship and where you will pursue higher education (college, trade school, internship, etc.) and your anticipated major.