

Tampa Bay Kennel Club Scholarship

The Tampa Bay Kennel Club offers a \$1,000. Scholarship annually to a former Central Florida 4-H member with a background working with animals. This scholarship can be used at *any* accredited College, Junior College or University in the state of Florida.

The scholarship is administered by the Florida 4-H Foundation. The Florida 4-H Foundation provides approximately \$13,000 in scholarships to 4-H members each year. 4-H youth vie for these scholarships through an application and portfolio process. Donors who support the 4-H program establish the amounts and quantities of scholarships offered. Youth may not apply for scholarships which they have previously been granted. Deadline for scholarship applications is June 1 (or the first working day of June) at 4:30 pm. Applications are to be sent to the State 4-H Events Office. Youth who are interested in participating in the 4-H scholarship program should contact their county 4-H agent for more information.

To be eligible for the award applicants must meet the following criteria:

Tampa Bay Kennel Club Scholarship Criteria

- ◆ Must be a former 4-H member with a background in working with animals, beginning their Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior year in college. Preference will be given to youth pursuing animal related studies including pre-veterinary sciences. Preference will be given to those who exhibit a need for financial assistance to assure their continued education.
- ◆ Preference will be given to former 4-Hers from Central Florida counties including Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, Polk, Sarasota, and Manatee. If none have applied the scholarship will be opened statewide.
- ◆ One \$1,000 Scholarship Awarded
- ◆ Sponsored by the Tampa Bay Kennel Club

The first Tampa Bay Kennel Club Scholarship was awarded in July of 2005 to Jessica Rothering of Hillsborough County. When Jessica started in the 4-H Dog Project at age 10 she was painfully shy. She would even cry before asking a teacher a question. The 4-H instructors *encouraged her* and helped her gain confidence in herself. As she began competing in dog shows, she achieved a sense of pride in her accomplishments. With the training she received from 4-H, she began branching out and showing in *all types* of Agility dog shows (and winning), sometimes against other youth and often against adults. She became a 4-H Teen Leader and started helping other 4-H members learn to train their dogs. Today (at age 21) she is a Junior at the University of Florida majoring in Agricultural Communications, and can confidently speak in front of a large audience. She recently had the honor of being named the first recipient of the Tampa Bay Kennel Club's Scholarship for Former 4-H members."

For more information on applying for this scholarship go to the Florida 4-H website at: <http://4h.ifas.ufl.edu/events/Awards&Recognition/Scholarships.htm>