



Brown County 4-H

February 2021 Newshound



Scholarships Available for Graduating 4-H Members

Brown County graduating 4-H members have several opportunities to win scholarships to showcase their 4-H achievements! Here are a few opportunities:

Brown County Leader's Scholarship—This scholarship is \$200 and made possible by the Brown County 4-H Leader's Association. An application form is attached and must be returned by April 30, 2021 to Brown County 4-H Office, 400 24th Ave. NW Aberdeen, SD 57401.

Community and Family Extension Leader's Scholarship—The CFEL Clubs of Brown County will be sponsoring two \$300 scholarships to Brown County 4-H youth. The deadline for the scholarship materials to be returned to the 4-H office is Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Brown County Crop Improvement Association Scholarship—The Brown County Crop Improvement Association is offering two \$500 scholarships to county high school seniors that plan on furthering their education in an Ag related field. Additional information is attached. The application is due by March 19, 2021 to the Brown County 4-H Office.

Are you Enrolled?

The new 4-H Year started on October 1 and runs through September 30, 2021. If you have not yet enrolled, please go to 4-H Online by visiting <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. If you are a new member, you will need to set up a profile and follow the steps. If you have participated in 4-H before, you will log in to re-enroll. Please contact the 4-H Office if you need your password reset, DO NOT create a new profile. All youth enrollment & project area selection is due by May 31, 2021. Please be aware the office will be closed May 31st. If you will need help please complete by May 28th.



February 17 is National Random Act of Kindness Day. We hope you will celebrate the whole month of February! Think about how your club can participate and let us know so we can share your Random Acts of Kindness with others! Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Leave money on a vending machine for someone
- Send valentines to residents in a retirement home
- Pick up litter in a parking lot
- Let someone go in front of you in line
- Give compliments
- Hold a door
- Thank a teacher
- Babysit for free
- Do a favor without asking for anything in return
- Make someone cookies
- Make a family member breakfast in bed or pack them a lunch for the day
- Write someone an encouraging note

Its Fruit Sale Time!!

Beginning January 26, 2021, you can be a part of our annual Brown County 4-H Fruit Sale. All 4-H members are encouraged to contact friends, family and everyone in between to sell these wonderful products. We are challenging each 4-H member to sell at least five boxes of fruit or \$100 worth of product to help make our fundraiser as successful as possible.



Sale materials will be mailed out to 4-H club leaders and independent families. If extra order forms are needed, they will be available at the Brown County 4-H office. Members should return all order forms and money to your club coordinator by your club's due date.

Clubs and independent families are reminded to turn their Total Club Sales Report in to the 4-H office by noon on February 26, 2021. The fruit and products will be delivered on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at which time 4-H members and families are responsible for delivering their fruit to their customers.

Why participate in the fruit sale? Profits from the fruit sale impact members two-fold with 50 percent going to the individual clubs and 50 percent to the Brown County 4-H Leaders Association. The Leaders Association uses these monies to fund 4-H activities, awards and scholarships as well as assist members and leaders with the costs incurred while participating in 4-H educational activities.



If you have any questions, please contact Brown County 4-H Fruit Sale Coordinators Brad and Angie Sharp

Good luck with all your sales!!



YQCA Information—Mandatory Training Required

YQCA certification is being accepted by many livestock shows and fairs that require youth quality assurance certification. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. The program is designed to provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year. The online program requires the passing of a series of three quizzes to earn certification. An in-person YQCA workshop requires complete attendance. YQCA is the result of a collaborative effort between states that have previously offered multi-species youth livestock quality assurance programs, the National Pork Board's Youth PQA Plus program and representatives from other national livestock groups. YQCA is available as an online or face to face program for youth everywhere in the United States. YQCA in-person workshops may be available to youth where state 4-H or FFA offices or state/national livestock organizations have partnered to have qualified trainers offer in-person workshops. Brown County's face to face training dates are tentatively scheduled for the following (please note these dates could change so be sure to pay attention to future Newshounds and the Brown County 4-H Facebook page:

- February 16th at 4 pm in the basement of the Brown County 4-H Office
- March 17th at 4 pm in the basement of the Brown County 4-H Office
- April 15th at 4 pm in the basement of the Brown County 4-H Office
- May 21st at 4 pm in the basement of the Brown County 4-H Office

To sign up for face to face dates or to take the program online you must use the following link: <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>. You will need to be prepared to pay for the cost of the YQCA training when you register in the system. Only credit cards are accepted. The cost is \$12 for taking the course online and \$3 for a face to face session. It is highly recommended to attend a face to face session, if possible.

****This training is mandatory for all youth showing the above listed animals at both the county and state levels. You will NOT be able to show at the county or state fair without completing this training.**

Graduation cords

Are you graduating in the spring and looking for something to show your 4-H participation? The Brown County 4-H Office will have graduation cords for you! You will receive the cords upon request only, please contact the Brown County 4-H Office (605-626-7120) to submit a request. The deadline for requests is May 1 of the current graduation year.



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