

The Gail T. Dennison / Mahoning County 4-H Saddle Horse Scholarship Overview and Application Directions

The Gail T. Dennison Mahoning County Saddle Horse 4-H Committee Scholarship is now accepting scholarship applications for 2022 through the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley. Online submissions are due by end of day March 1, 2022, and award/declination notifications will be provided to applicants by the end of June 2022.

Reminder! Students complete one common application to be considered for multiple scholarship opportunities at the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley. Based on the applicant's responses to a set of standard questions, Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley's system will determine which scholarships the applicant is eligible for. The applicant will be immediately notified of which scholarships they will be considered for, and may be prompted to provide additional information necessary for certain scholarships.

To apply, students should visit the scholarship page on www.cfmv.org and be certain their scholarship application is submitted by end of day March 1, 2022.

Gail T. Dennison was a life-long resident of the Mahoning Valley, living much of her life on Western Reserve Road in Canfield. She attended Ohio State's ATI campus in 1975. Gail was an animal lover and life-long equestrian, even after a serious injury during a jump left her unable to ride. She adopted a number of rescue dogs, finding one in a ditch on the side of the road, and being generally known by neighbors for her willingness to take in unwanted animals.

Gail spent the last years of her life in Micanopy, FL where she operated a horse training facility. Her family was very involved in philanthropic activities across the region, donating money to a variety of causes, including the Poland Library and the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown. Upon her passing in 2004 Gail followed suit, and her estate made contributions to a variety of equine-related causes, including to ATI to support the equine program, to Buckeye Horse Park in Canfield, and to Mahoning County 4-H and Saddle Horse Committee for the establishment of this scholarship.

Qualification Requirements for Applicant:

- Must reside in Mahoning County
- Must be a high school senior or college freshman or college sophomore during the year of application.
- Must have been enrolled in the Mahoning County Equine 4-H Program *for at least one year within the last five years.*
 - This is defined by completion of a 4-H Horse project, meaning the 4-H member qualified for the state fair through the PAS Show, participated in Project Judging, or showed their horse at the Canfield Fair.
- Past scholarship recipients may not apply for the scholarship again.

Application of scholarship funds:

1. The award must be used within one year of the date it is presented.
2. The scholarship will only apply for enrollment at an accredited higher education institution in the United States of America.
3. The winner will receive details from the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley on how to apply the scholarship fund to their chosen school. Scholarship funds will not be awarded directly to the recipient.

Selection of and notification to scholarship recipients:

1. Scholarship selection will be based on the following criteria, and weighted as shown: 5% potential academic success; 30% 4-H leadership activities; 35% major 4-H honors; 15% community service and citizenship; 10% personal 4-H story; and 5% letter of reference.
2. Winners of the award will be notified by the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley as to the status of their selection.
3. The number and amount of awards to be given in any one year will be at the discretion of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, based on funds available.