

2025 – 2026 Douglas County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Evaluation

Cover Letter Evaluation

Introduction	0-5 Poor intro, lacks purpose, unclear personal statement.	6-8 Limited intro, purpose is established, average personal statement.	9-10 Focused and impactful intro, clearly articulated, strong personal statement.
4-H Achievement	0-11 Limited 4-H achievement, lacks evidence.	12-17 Demonstrated 4-H achievement, evidence is present.	18-20 4-H experiences articulated about impact made.
Civic Engagement (CE) (Leadership and Citizenship)	0-11 Limited CE experiences, lack of evidence supporting the impact of CE.	12-17 Average CE experiences, average evidence supporting impact of CE.	18-20 Excellent CE experiences, high-quality evidence supporting impact of CE.
Conclusion	0-1 No summary, no mention of how the scholarship will help achieve academic and career goals.	2-3 Summary lacks detail, impact of scholarship lacks detail.	4-5 Articulates how the scholarship will impact them, applicant explains what sets them apart.
Overall	0-1 Poor grammar, formatting is difficult to read.	2-3 Few grammatical mistakes, formatting is easy to read.	4-5 Grammar is excellent, formatting is excellent.

Resume Evaluation

Personal Objective Statement	0-5 Vague goals, unclear, not included.	6-8 Wordy, limited in scope.	9-10 Specific and clear, concise, impactful.
4-H Achievement	0-20 Unclear mastery of project/skill/goal. Lack of demonstration of impact through 4-H experiences.	21-39 Limited mastery of project/skill/goal. Limited demonstration of impact through 4-H experience.	40-50 Detailed mastery of project/skill goal. Excellent demonstration of impact through 4-H experience.
Civic Engagement (CE) (Leadership and Citizenship)	0-20 Limited CE experiences, lack of evidence of impact of helping others.	21-39 Average CE experiences, average evidence of impact of helping others.	40-50 High-quality CE experiences. CE directly impact others/community.
Overall	0-5 Poor grammar, formatting is difficult to read.	6-8 Few grammatical mistakes, formatting is easy to read.	9-10 Excellent formatting, spelling and grammar are excellent.