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Official Newsletter of the
Hillsborough County Youth 4-H Foundation



Our 4-H Foundation continues to support our 4-H youth and volunteers because of your generosity!

Igniting The Spark

As the end of the 4-H year comes around and the Foundation's Grant and Scholarship committee begins the process of reviewing applications for the year, we want to take this opportunity to highlight some of the accomplishments achieved. 2024 has been a year of growth for the Hillsborough County 4-H programs.

You may or may not know 4-H is made up of traditional clubs, under the guidance of Amber Norris, and school enrichment clubs, under the guidance of Shelby Mauch. There were 372 students enrolled in 4-H clubs this year, in 16 traditional clubs and two school clubs. Norris and Mauch have been busy this year bringing on three new clubs, with five ready to go for next year. As the membership in 4-H clubs grows, so does the number of students qualifying for state and national competitions.

This year, our youth have experienced great success!

- Hillsborough County has two students that have qualified for National Shooting Sports.
- We also have four senior 4-H members qualified to compete in the National Food Challenge.
- Eight members have qualified for horse projects for state.
- Hillsborough County also won the state 4-H Food Challenge with their Intermediate team.
- We had 25 members who qualified for District events with eight senior members qualifying for state.

Because of your support, we can continue to meet the financial requests from our youth so they can achieve even more. We want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of the Foundation!



Libby Sutton
2023 Hillsborough County
4-H Youth Excellence
Scholarship Winner.

"Your investment in my future means more to me than you will ever know."



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"GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT MAKING A DONATION. IT IS ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE."

-KATHY CALVIN



4-H Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

Excitement fills the foundation as they introduce two new Board Members. Danielle Miller, a former 4-H member with a decade of experience, stands out for her exceptional leadership qualities during her time in 4-H. Holding positions such as President of her 4-H club and representing Hillsborough County at 4-H Legislature and Conference, Miller's dedication to service, honed through training and showing dogs with 4-H, has now led her to raise service dogs for New Horizons. She aims to inspire fellow board members with her 4-H journey.

Sue Harrell also known as "Strawberry Sue," joins the board, bringing her expertise as the Director of Marketing for the Florida Strawberry Growers Association. A graduate of the Wedgeworth Leadership Institute at the University of Florida, Harrell's profound knowledge in fundraising and event management enriches the board. Harrell expresses her honor in contributing to the board's mission of supporting and developing Hillsborough County 4-H youth.



"Everything I know from social skills, how to prepare for an interview, public speaking, ... is because of my experience in 4-H"



"Fundraising is the gentle art of teaching the joy of giving."

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