



Scholarship Fund Requirements:

- Only Graduating High School Seniors qualify.
- Must have been involved in a 4-H Shooting sports program for two (2) years or more.
- Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA or higher.
- Applicant must submit a complete application, two (2) letters of recommendation (one letter must be from a coordinator/coach in 4-H Shooting Sports), resume and a recent photo (preferably head and shoulders photo). Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- Prior to funds being awarded, the recipient must first provide confirmation of enrollment and acceptance in a post-secondary educational institution.

Funds:

- One \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually.
- The scholarship is non-renewable for an individual.
- Funds are for use in any post-secondary institution/technical school, not limited to Kentucky.
- Funds can be spent on anything related to higher education expenses, e.g. food, lodging, mileage, tuition, supplies, etc.
- The Funds will be dispersed in August each year. The check will be made payable to the recipient for \$1,000 in August – be aware that there may be tax implications with a lump sum payment.

Deadline to Apply: May 15th each year (Must be postmarked by this date).

Recipient Selection date: during July each year.

Send application, all documents and photo to:

KY 4-H State Office
Attn: Donna Fox
212 Scovell Hall
Lexington, KY 40546

For additional information, contact Donna Fox, dfox@uky.edu. 859-219-0993.

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Marion Creech Biography

It could be pouring rain, just above freezing, and you may not have hit a target all day. But if you had fun and did your best, then it was a good day in Marion Creech's book. Marion Creech was a star role model for youth across Kentucky. He was one of the original founders of the Kentucky 4-H Shooting Sports program, where he served as the state coordinator for 27 years. As state coordinator Marion displayed his patience, positivity, and care to every person he came into contact with.

Marion was patient. He would spend as much time as it took to teach youth to safely and proficiently use a firearm, even if it took all day. He used his patience as a family man, taking care of his wife Judy, his son, or his grandkids, as well as taking care of all youth as if they were his own children. His knowledge, coupled with his patience, helped to make him an amazing teacher as well as a mentor and friend to everyone he met.

Marion displayed positivity. If the weather was not favorable, as it wasn't many times at shooting sports camp, Marion would always say, "What a beautiful day!" it was. Marion would cheer anyone on, even if it just wasn't their day. There was hardly a time when you didn't see a smile on the face of Marion Creech.

Marion was caring. Marion cared for all youth as if they were his own children. He genuinely appreciated every person he came into contact with and took an interest in whatever they were doing. He believed that all people were special; and that as long as they did their best, they were having a good day.

