



## Allegany County 4-H Celebration Bingo!

Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 p.m.

Allegany County Fairgrounds

We're inviting all families to join us for an evening of 4-H bingo and 4-H celebrations! 4-H Celebration Bingo will consist of rounds of bingo and a celebration of our 4-H members and volunteers. Record book and volunteers awards will be presented throughout the evening.

4-H will provide pizza and drinks. Chicken will also be provided by the Frye family. We are requesting each family to bring a quick and easy dessert such as brownies, cookies, cereal bars, cupcakes, etc. or a small fruit or vegetable tray.

Door prizes will be awarded for each bingo round. If you are able to provide a door prize (not required), let us know when you register.

You may register here <https://go.umd.edu/AC4-Hbingo> or email [tonri@umd.edu](mailto:tonri@umd.edu) with the following information by April 10.

- Phone/Email
- Door Prize—Y/N
- 4-H members willing to help with announcements
- Help with set up (9 a.m. 4/14) or tear down (immediately after event).



### Event Calendar

#### April

- 14 - 4-H Achievement Bingo
- 25 - MD Day; 4-H State Public Speaking Contest

#### May

- 2 - Spring livestock tagging
- 9 - WMD District Show



The Youth in Action Program is open to any 4-H'ers ages 14-19 who are confident in sharing their 4-H story and have used the skills they've learned in 4-H to positively impact their community. Applications close April 13, 2026.

For more information go to <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/>



## 4-H Essay Contest - The Power of Pollen

### Questions:

How is pollen important to bees? Has pollen been changing in plants and in our landscapes? If so, are those changes affecting bees? When do you observe the most and least pollen in your colonies and how does that impact their temperament and productivity?



### Essay Requirement:

Typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in a legible font face. Essays must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words. Word count does not include sources, works cited, or the writer's biographical statement. All factual statements and interview references must be cited in "sources" or "bibliography."

**Due to the county office by 4/15/2026. Send your completed essay to [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu).**



## Shooting Sports Instructor Trainings

**Scholarships\* are available for Allegany County 4-H certified volunteers.**



### Level 1 Shotgun Instructor Training:

Sunday, April 12, 2026, Dug Hill, Westminster, MD. 8 am-8 pm \$125  
Registration is now open in 4-H Online.  
LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS. Registration closes April 3, 2026, or when filled.

### Level 1 Archery Instructor Training:

Saturday, April 18, 2026, Mayberry Archers, Westminster MD. 8 am-8 pm \$125  
Registration is now open in 4-H Online.  
LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS. Registration closes April 8, 2026 or when filled.

**\*Scholarship forms available at <https://go.umd.edu/AC-forms> or email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu)**

# Livestock News

## Spring 4-H Livestock Tagging

Tagging will be held **Saturday, May 2** at the Allegany County Fairgrounds. Tagging will begin at **8 a.m. and end at 12 p.m.** Only these animals will be tagged:

- Market - Lambs, Goats, Swine, Feeder Steers
- Breeding - Beef, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats
- State Fair Entries

### Livestock Registrations Forms

\*No Exceptions to Deadlines\*

Registration Forms can be found here

<https://go.umd.edu/AC-forms>

### Livestock & Horse registration forms and the following are due May 4:

- County Bred Entry Forms
- Bred & Owned Entry Forms
- Breeding Animals and Registered (w/breed paperwork) Animals
- Horse Lease and Release (if applicable)

### Rabbit & Poultry registration forms are due June 1:

- Rabbit - Tattoo identification required
- Poultry - Band identification required (Market bands will be available from the 4-H Office.)

## Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show



Saturday, May 9, 2026  
Garrett County Fairgrounds  
McHenry, MD



Entry Deadline ~ Friday, May 1, 2026  
The show book is available here  
<https://go.umd.edu/WMDistrictShow>

If you need special assistance to participate in the Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show, please contact the office at 301-724-3320 or email [mharman2@umd.edu](mailto:mharman2@umd.edu) by April 30, 2025.



## Maple Syrup Field Trip

In March, the High Rock 4-H Club visited Hosselrode Maple for a lesson in syrup production. Marvin Hosselrode shared the fascinating process, with the group, which ended with everyone enjoying a fresh sample of maple syrup over pancakes!



**Coming in May - 4-H Cupcake Wars**  
Keep an eye out for details in the May newsletter,  
Friday email updates, and on Facebook.

## Scholarships for 4-H Events

Scholarships for Allegany County 4-H members and volunteers are available for 4-H local, regional, state, national and other events and camps. Such 4-H opportunities may include State Council, Volunteer/Teen Forum, State/National contests, 4-H camps, and more.

Applications are due two weeks before the registration deadline for the event. Applicants may not apply for more than two scholarships within a calendar year.

Complete guidelines and an application are available by calling 301-724-3320, by email at [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu), or online at (under 4-H Forms) <https://go.umd.edu/AlleganyCounty4-H>.



## State Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following Allegany County 4-H alumni for receiving scholarships from the Maryland 4-H Foundation in 2025.


- Jude Gibson-Thoele - David & Debbie Ross Scholarship
- Abigail Grove - Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- William Hao - Paul & Fran Rock Scholarship
- Nathaniel Kovach - Donald C. Toms Memorial Scholarship
- Michael "Jake" Nowaczyk - Lansdale Pue Memorial Scholarship
- Lydia Vassiliadi - Rippeon Family Scholarship



For more information on scholarship opportunities, see below.

# Scholarships\*

## 4-H Scholarships

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- **Allegany County 4-H Scholarship**- This scholarship is offered to present or former members of the 4-H program in Allegany County who have been active for a minimum of two years. For an application, go to <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/allegany-county/4-h-youth-education/>. The forms are located under 4-H Forms Scholarship/Scholarship Forms. The application is due June 1.
  - **The Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship** - Offered to current Maryland 4-H members or alumni. <https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships> - Due by June 15.

Questions? Email [tonir@umd.edu](mailto:tonir@umd.edu).

\*For students enrolled at an accredited college, university or post-secondary technical training program for the fall and spring semesters of the upcoming academic year.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."  
(Benjamin Franklin)

# Happy Birthday!

Bryce Bradley-Hay  
Briana Ciccarelli  
Liam Conner  
Jordyn Crites  
Adelynn Evans  
Aidan Flinn  
Magnolia Frye

Marshall Garlitz  
Alaric Houser  
Holden Jewell  
Margaret Koch  
Oliver Kyle  
Sam Navarrete

Maddox Phennicie  
Layla Rinehart  
William Seifarth  
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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact the University of Maryland Extension Office.