



National FFA Scholarship Program

FFA.OH.4.3

Time Needed:

IA – 10 min
Activity 1 – 40 min

Materials:

The Official FFA Student Handbook – one copy per student
FFA.OH.4.3.AS.A – one copy per student
FFA.OH.4.3.AS.B – one copy per student
Computer lab

Objective:

1. Explore FFA Scholarship opportunities.

Interest Approach –

1. Pass out one copy of FFA.OH.4.3.AS.A to each student, then ask each student to read over the information and questions on the sheet.
2. Discuss the information and the questions as a group.
3. Set the context that college and post-secondary education can be expensive, but the FFA provides scholarship opportunities for members and nonmembers that total more than \$2 million.

Activity 1 –

1. Utilize a computer lab and have students access the National FFA Organization Scholarship website; www.ffa.org/programs/grantsandscholarships. It is best to have one student per computer for this activity, if possible.

2. Review the various sections of the scholarship page, including the guidebook, sample applications and frequently asked questions. Also, have the students review the information in *The Official FFA Student Handbook* on page 88 for additional information about the scholarship program.
3. Pass out FFA.OH.4.3.AS.B and provide students and opportunity to review the current scholarship guidebook and fill in each of the boxes. You might want to consider filling in one of the boxes together as a class so the students know the type of information that is expected in each of the boxes.
4. Once students have completed the activity, conduct an open discussion regarding the types of information that they discovered through the scholarship opportunity search. Sample questions to consider might be:
 - a. Based on the information you just completed, how many of you are now interested in applying for these opportunities?
 - b. Were you surprised by any of the scholarships and the requirements for eligibility?
 - c. Now that you know what is required for some of these scholarships, will you personally need to make any modifications or changes to help your chances in receiving the scholarship, i.e., raise your grades, strengthen your SAE?

Additional Resources:

FFA.OH.4.3.ASSESS – one copy per student
FFA.OH.4.3.ASSESS.KEY – one copy per student



Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Directions: Read the statistics below and use them to answer the questions.

What Are the Average Costs of College?

• Public four-year college:	
o In-state Tuition:	\$7,605 per year*
o Out-of-state Tuition:	\$11, 990 per year*
• Private nonprofit, four-year college:	\$27,293 per year*
• Public two-year college:	\$ 2,713 per year*
*This figure is only tuition and fees – it does not cover room and board, books or supplies.	
The College Board. (2011). What it costs to go to college. Retrieved January 22, 2011, from http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/add-it-up/4494.html .	

1. What did you notice about the information provided, specifically about the different average costs based on the type of institution?

2. Based on your desire to continue your education and college or post-secondary institution of choice, what would be the total average cost of your education? (Multiply the average cost by the number of years needed to complete your education.)

3. What are some possible options to use to help you pay for your education?



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Directions: Answer the questions by visiting the National FFA Organization's scholarship page at <https://www.ffa.org/programs/grantsandscholarships/Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx>.

1. Review the current FFA Scholarship Guidebook and identify five scholarship opportunities that are of interest to you based on your college and post-secondary aspirations.

Name of Scholarship	Eligibility	Degree Area	Award Amount	Minimum GPA Requirement	State/ Region Specific Requirement

2. What type of information is needed to fill out the SAE portion of the current scholarship application?

3. What type of information would you include to answer the essay question for this scholarship application? Review the application for the current year's question. Use the back of this page to write your answer in complete sentences.



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Directions: Provide the correct answer to each question by writing in complete sentences.

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3. When the National FFA Organization evaluates a scholarship application, what type of information is considered during the selection process?



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The National FFA Organization generally awards more than \$2 million in scholarships annually.

2. What type of career focus must an applicant have in order to be eligible for a National FFA Organization Scholarship?

To be eligible to receive an FFA scholarship, applicants must be pursuing a career in one of more than 300 options available in the industry of agriculture.

3. When the National FFA Organization evaluates a scholarship application, what type of information is considered during the selection process?

The National FFA Organization evaluates the whole student and takes into consideration

GPA, SAE program, leadership activities, financial need and the individual's written statement.
