

George L. Farley was the State 4-H Leader in Massachusetts from 1916 to 1941 and is considered by many to have contributed more to the 4-H program in Massachusetts than any other person. Mr. Farley was born in Lynn, Massachusetts in 1873 and was educated there prior to attending Dartmouth College. He began his career as a teacher and later became the Superintendent of Schools in Brockton. While Superintendent he created a home and school garden project, enrolling about 2500 students. This project garnered the attention of the Massachusetts Agricultural College and he was asked to take the position as State 4-H Leader, following the first 4-H State Leader, O. A. Morton.

During his 25 years as State Leader, 4-H camps in Massachusetts grew; the 4-H Camp on Cape Cod was named after him. Mr. Farley is credited with starting the Massachusetts All-Stars, a 4-H Alumni Association. After seeing a 4-H candle lighting service in Virginia, he brought this back to Massachusetts to use at 4-H camps and other events and activities.

Mr. Farley's greatest legacy may be the impact that he had on young people. He inspired young people across the state to believe in themselves, do their best and to strive for something better. He was known to say, "My work is with young people. They are the hope of the future."

The amount of the scholarship presented in recognition of George Farley varies from year to year but is generally between \$500 and \$1,000. This scholarship is presented every year.

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

- ✿ Must be an accepted student or currently enrolled at UMass Amherst or the Stockbridge School with a current UMass ID number.
- ✿ Must have been a 4-H member in Massachusetts.
- ✿ Application must be complete and postmarked by the April 30 deadline.
- ✿ Preference will be given to applicants:
 - Intending to pursue a career in agriculture or a related field.
 - Members who were actively involved in 4-H and display a continuing involvement in 4-H.
 - Enrolled in the College of Natural Sciences or the Stockbridge School of Agriculture.
 - An individual can reapply for the scholarship; however, preference will be given to first time applicants.

Background on George Farley comes from "Uncle George" written by George E. Erickson



NOTE: This scholarship is available to UMass Amherst & Stockbridge School students only

Name of Applicant _____ Date of Birth _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell/Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

How many years were you in 4-H? _____ Year in College _____

UMass Student ID # _____ UMass Major on Record _____

Are you a student in the College of Natural Sciences or Stockbridge School? _____ If not, list the name of the School or College at UMass in which you are enrolled _____

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet(s) of paper and attach to this form.

1. Discuss the most important 4-H programs and activities with which you were involved.
2. Discuss the most important non-4-H programs and activities in which you participated.
3. Discuss your activities and experiences in community service and leadership development.
4. What are your educational and career goals?
5. List and describe 3 characteristics that you believe you possess that qualify you to receive this scholarship.

You may attach up to 5 additional pages of support information (in addition to the pages that respond to the 5 questions above) that you feel would help the reviewers to know you and understand why you should receive this scholarship. These pages may include letters of support from your 4-H Educator and/or 4-H leader.

STATEMENT of APPLICANT:

I have personally prepared this application and the information listed is accurate.

Signature & date

**Send this application to:
4-H Youth Development Program, Mass Ventures Building, Suite 334
100 Venture Way, Hadley, MA 01035;
att. Farley Scholarship**



Deadline is April 30