



Walleser Family Memorial Fund

The Walleser Family Memorial was founded in 2001 in Missoula, Montana after the tragic death of Emily Walleser. The Walleser sisters, had long prestigious 4-H, FFA, and junior agricultural careers. Both sisters participated in a variety of projects including; breeding & market beef, dog, pet, wildlife, photography, entomology, range management, veterinary science, forestry, leadership and many others. Older sister, Audrey in 1998 won a Montana State 4-H project award for forestry. She went on to win a national award for her forestry project research on a 10 year study of the Impacts & recovery of Yellowstone National Park from 1988 fires, and in-depth personal investigation of the tragedy of the South Canyon Fire on Storm King Mountain in Colorado in July of 1994, which killed 14 wildland firefighters, including one from Missoula, Montana. In 1999, Audrey's speech on Weeds won the Montana 4-H Public speaking contest. From these original 4-H projects, launched a 20+ year to date career in forestry, wildland fire and emergency management.

Today, the family honors the memory of Emily, and the last 30+ years, that basic lessons and principles learn in Montana 4-H have served as a foundation to their continued success and achievement by offering a financial opportunity for Montana 4H members.

1. DEADLINE for applications is **September 3, 2019**, for the 2019-2020 4H year
2. Grant recipients will be notified no later than October 1, 2019

Purpose: To provide seed money to deserving Montana 4-H members & County agents interested in pursuing development of their project and or programs. Monies can also be used for attendance to 4-H or project related event, camp, or contest.

Award Components:

- ✚ **\$1000** will be made available in the form of mini grants to all eligible Montana 4-H members.
- ✚ **Grant requests can be from \$25 and up.** The Memorial Committee focuses on fulfilling as many requests as possible.
- ✚ A minimum of One (1) \$250 award will be made to a County 4-H extension Agent for development of a 4-H project/program (i.e. Livestock education kits, leathercraft tools, etc.)
- ✚ These mini grants are open to **ALL** enrolled/verified Montana 4-H members, entering at least their second 4-H year
- ✚ The grants are **NOT** project, age, club, or county specific.



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✚ These grants funds are not from or endorsed by any club, county, Montana 4-H Council, or Montana 4-H Foundation. All funds derive and are administered by a private donor.

Application Process

Applicant must submit the following items:

- ❖ **Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)**
 - **Both PDF and word versions are available.**

Completed application for 4-H members include the following components

- ❖ ***Application***
- ❖ ***Essay***
- ❖ ***4-H Enrollment verification***
- ❖ ***Signed signature page***

Completed application for County 4-H Extension Agents include the following components

- ❖ ***Application***
- ❖ ***Essay***
- ❖ ***Signed signature page***

Deadline for post marked application is **September 3, 2019**.

Please submit your application to:

Walleser Family Memorial

Attn: Audrey Walleser
PO Box 121
Edgar, Montana 59026

OR

Email a PDF copy of the application to alwalleser@yahoo.com

If you forward your application by email, an email will be sent to that to confirm receipt of the application within 48 hours. If you do not receive a confirmation within 48 hours of your submission, please resubmit.

The Memorial Committee will review the applications and will make award selections, and the winners will be notified via mail prior to October 1, 2019. Each award will be made according to the award committee decision.

You may direct questions about the awards to Audrey Walleser at the Walleser Family Memorial at 406-855-8342 or by e-mail at: alwalleser@yahoo.com.



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Award applied for

(if qualified can use same application to apply for both)

Mini Grant County 4-H Agent Grant

APPLICATION

Full Name:

Address:

Mailing Address (if different from physical address):

County:

Club:

County Extension Agent:

Phone Number of Extension agent:

Email address of Extension agent:

MINI GRANT APPLICANTS ONLY

Years in 4-H:

Date of Birth:

Telephone Number: Cell Home

E-mail address:

Present School & Grade as of Fall 2019:

Parents or Guardian:

Address:

Email address for Parent or Guardian:

Contact number for Parents or Guardian:

Telephone Number: Cell Home



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4-H Enrollment Verification

I _____ as the County 4-H Agent of

_____ County in Montana;

certify that (applicant's name) _____

Is a member of good standing of _____ 4-H club in

_____ County.

_____ (Applicant's Name) has been a member

of 4-H for _____ years.

County Agent

Signature: _____ Date _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

_____ Date _____

**ALL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED
OR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE**



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MINI GRANT ESSAY

The individuals who have made this endowment possible carefully designed the program to express their gratitude to the Montana 4-H program and to promote the objectives of 4-H. Candidates for these mini grants are selected based on:

- 4-H membership & participation
- 4-H achievement, vision and direction
- Character and leadership ability
- Breadth and depth of 4-H involvement within the project
- Future goals & plans
- Breadth and depth of community service
- Financial need

On separate sheets of paper, prepare an essay. Include your name at the top of each page (please use 12-point font, double spaced if typed or write legibly). To help us make this important decision please tell us about yourself. Include any information you think will assist the committee in its consideration of you. Tell us in detail about yourself:

- Family, hobbies, and interests
- 4-H membership, participation, involvement, achievement, goals, vision and direction
- 4-H Project story
- Community service & involvement, volunteer work
- Curricular and extra-curricular involvement at school and otherwise
- Aspirations and goals in life, career plans
- What is the main purpose you are applying for this award for? (project seed money, attending camp, conference, contest, etc.)
- 4-H project description & what significance & experience have you gained
- Character and leadership ability,
- Breadth and depth 4-H involvement within the project
- Financial need
- Why should the Waller Family Endowment select you as an award recipient?
- Include AT LEAST one photo showing yourself, and project, or project plan
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Estimated Cost for your plan	Funding from other sources	\$
	Your investment	\$
	Possible Award	\$
	TOTAL	\$



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COUNTY AGENT APPLICANTS

The individuals who have made this memorial award possible carefully designed the program to express their gratitude to the Montana 4-H program and to promote the objectives of 4-H. As an agent you are the hub of the 4-H program in your county.

On separate sheets of paper, prepare an essay. Include your name & county at the top of each page (please use 12-point font, double spaced if typed or write legibly).

- County 4-H membership & participation
- County 4-H achievement, vision and direction
- Breadth and depth 4H involvement within the project for the county which you seek assistance
- Future goals & plans for your county in regard to the project
- Financial need
- Why should the Walläser Memorial select you as an award recipient?
- Include any information you think will assist the committee in its consideration of you.



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APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

Lack of data may result in elimination from consideration.

The information reported is true, correct, and complete, to the best of my knowledge.

I have provided a signed copy of the 4-H enrollment verification with the following signatures; County Agent, applicant, parent & guardian (MEMBERS ONLY)

I have provided an essay, including the points recommended and provided at least one photo showing my plan/or project (PHOTO FOR MEMBERS ONLY)

If selected for the Walleser Family Memorial Fund, I will comply with program requirements, including a follow-up on how the money was used and impact it made.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____