



Michigan 4-H Endowments

Making a Long-Term Investment in 4-H Youth

“The investment you make in 4-H by creating an endowment provides support that can be the difference in a young person’s life!”

About Endowments

The Michigan 4-H Foundation offers donors gift options designed to sustain Michigan 4-H Youth Development programs at both county and state levels. Endowments for 4-H county or state programs provide a dependable and perpetual source of funding that, when combined with other public and private annual 4-H funding sources, assures that 4-H learning opportunities can always be available for Michigan’s young people.

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Endowment Basics:

- Minimum investment: \$10,000
- Program impact investment: \$25,000 or above
- 4-H post-secondary scholarship endowments: \$30,000 minimum investment
- Endowments can be named in memory of or in tribute to individuals.
- Endowments created during a life-time can see 4-H program impact grow significantly with the addition of a planned or estate gift.
- All endowments are created through agreements negotiated with the donor.
- All endowments are managed according to the guidelines set by the Michigan 4-H Foundation’s revenue and spending policy.
- All named endowed funds are permanently recognized in the foundation’s annual report.
- Endowment gifts exceeding \$25,000 can qualify a donor for permanent recognition at Kettunen Center, the Michigan 4-H Foundation’s volunteer leadership development facility.

Named State 4-H Program Endowments

Donors with a particular interest in long-term 4-H program priority areas such as animal science; plant science; environmental science; health education; citizenship, leadership and service; global and cultural education or other 4-H programs can establish a program endowment that would provide perpetual support for specific program development and implementation. State 4-H program endowments can be used to provide annual grants to support county programming; statewide programming; volunteer development and/or curriculum development.

Named County 4-H Program Endowments

Donors who want to make a sustained investment in the county 4-H program where they were a 4-H member or volunteer, can do so with the creation of a named county endowment fund. The Michigan 4-H Foundation annually grants proceeds from county endowed funds to a county 4-H program to support 4-H youth participant fee scholarships; youth out-of-county event scholarships, 4-H youth recognition; 4-H volunteer training scholarships or simply to assist with the annual cost of program delivery in a county.

Named 4-H Facility Endowments

Donors can make an investment that helps keep **Kettunen Center** or the **Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens** in premium shape for Michigan 4-H Youth Development programming. Kettunen Center is the foundation’s volunteer training facility in Tustin, Michigan. Endowed support for the center helps maintain the grounds, wetlands and facilities that have made Kettunen Center the natural place for Michigan 4-H Youth Development programming. Endowments that support the Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens ensure annual and long-term garden renewal and design

and help keep the garden's play and learning structures well-maintained for visitors' enjoyment each year.

Join others in making a difference for Michigan youth by investing in these existing state 4-H endowment funds!

Gifts of any size are welcome to grow these existing 4-H endowment funds.

Michigan 4-H Legacy Fund

The Michigan 4-H Legacy Fund was created to recognize the credibility achieved by 4-H during its first 100 years. Its goal is to continue to encourage and shape innovation in Michigan 4-H Youth Development programming that helps foster the positive development of young people well into the future. The fund was founded with investments by current and retired 4-H program staff and by members of the Michigan 4-H Foundation board of trustees. Annual grants from the fund currently support innovative 4-H programming at the county level. The goal is to grow this fund to \$1.5 million to foster innovation in 4-H program development.

Michigan 4-H Founder's Fund

The Michigan 4-H Founder's Fund was established with a major gift from a long-time trustee of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Our goal for *The Founder's Fund* is to seek current gifts and major and documented planned gift commitments over the next seven years that combined will result in the foundation having a \$5 million interest-earning reserve fund capable of generating ongoing and perpetual support for the operations of 4-H and the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

About Michigan 4-H Youth Development

Michigan 4-H Youth Development serves more than 241,000 Michigan young people, aged 5 to 19, each year as the youth educational program of Michigan State University Extension. 4-H provides non-formal, out-of and in-school community-based learning opportunities in all of Michigan's 83 counties. Programs are made accessible to youth through the leadership and support of nearly 32,000 adult and older youth volunteers who offer learning opportunities that are age-appropriate, experiential or hands-on, focused on developing life-skills and open to all youth across geography, ethnicity and ability.

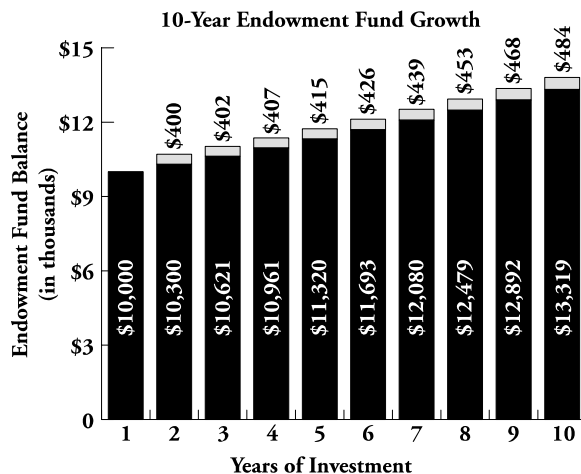
About the Michigan 4-H Foundation

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to encouraging and supporting Michigan 4-H Youth Development to prepare youth from all segments of society for meaningful and productive lives. The Michigan 4-H Foundation is an \$8 million organization that seeks, manages and distributes support from private individuals, organizations, foundations and corporations to support the mission and vision of 4-H youth development.

For more information

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The chart above depicts the growth of a sample \$10,000 Michigan 4-H Foundation endowment fund at 8% earnings over 10 years. The 4% annual expendable amount is shaded gray for each year.