



Military readiness through 4-H positive youth development for youth, families, and communities.

Fiscal Year 2023 Army Child and Youth Services Center Grant Application

“4-H programs are grounded in the belief that kids learn best by doing. Kids complete hands-on projects in areas like science, health, agriculture and civic engagement, in a positive environment where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. Kids can concentrate on one focus area or they can try a variety of programs throughout their 4-H experience”. – 4-h.org

Studies show that 4-H experiences contribute to youth developing skills in decision-making, responsibility, interpersonal skills, and service ethics. Combined with the hands-on experiential learning through 4-H program areas (Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)), youth develop life skills in communication, personal/ social decision-making, and leadership. 4-H programs assist youth with building resilience by helping them establish connections, providing opportunities for them to help others, developing a healthy lifestyle (mentally and physically), setting achievable goals (problem-solving and decision-making, looking long-term to careers), and creating opportunities for self-discovery.

As military families move frequently and experience the difficulties surrounding deployment and reintegration, 4-H provides predictable programming and a safe and nurturing environment for military-connected children and youth to excel.

Army Child and Youth Services (CYS) Professionals (Direct Care Staff, Specialists, Program Manager) are an integral part of positive youth development leading to a higher degree of military readiness for military families. Through the Army CYS 4-H Grant Application, we want to ensure all Army youth have the opportunity to be involved with 4-H programming in their communities, and CYS Youth Professionals have opportunities for training and professional development.

FY23 Army CYS Center 4-H Grant Application Process

This grant application is intended for Army CYS School Age and Army CYS Youth Centers to request funds to help support professional development for CYS Youth Professionals and 4-H program development in the CYS Center. You may submit multiple applications for multiple projects/professional development; however, only ONE request per application is permitted.

Application:

Grant applications will be available from November 1, 2022, and close on May 31, 2023. Any funding awarded must be spent and invoiced to Kansas State University no later than July 31, 2023.

Applications may be submitted through an online portal developed by 4-H Military Partnership Project partners at Kansas State University. Applications MUST be received a minimum of 30 days before the scheduled event.

To apply, click below:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0USQQjIriAijS9o

Who can apply?

Army CYS School Age and Army CYS Youth Centers, CYS Youth Professionals.

What will be covered?

- Registration and travel costs for Army CYS Youth Professionals to attend 4-H related training opportunities and/or professional development.
- 4-H projects
- 4-H events, experiences, and opportunities
- 4-H curricula and kits

Applicants are encouraged to be creative in their planning and contact their local 4-H Educator or state 4-H Military Liaison for ideas and support.

Funding will be released through invoice reimbursement. Reimbursement processes will require submitting an invoice with appropriate documentation.

Unallowable expenses: t-shirts, bags, giveaways, etc. are unallowable expenses under this award.

Application Review:

A committee will review applications and award grants through Friday, June 16th, 2023. The 4-H Military Partnership Project will notify the applicant of the award detail by email within 30 days of the funding decision. Please ensure email addresses are up-to-date and current in the application form.

Required reporting:

A reporting tool will be provided that may include a budget overview, impact statements, youth participation data, pictures and project narrative. Applicants will be required to complete the reporting tool within 30 days of project completion. All reports will be submitted and reviewed by 4-H MPP and Army CYS HQ.

Questions?

You may direct questions about the scholarship application process to Meredith Butler, 4-H Military Partnership Project Director, by email: meredithb@ksu.edu.