

Dennis D. Barnes Memorial Project Sponsorship Grant

The Dennis D. Barnes Memorial Project Sponsorship Grant was established in order to honor the late Dennis Barnes. While in 4-H as a kid, Dennis raised rabbits and sheep. His dream was to one day have land and build a cattle herd. Mission accomplished. He was so excited when his daughter Sydney became old enough to become active in 4-H. He teamed with her to start out with a bucket calf for her to show at the county fair, which was the starting point for him to add more cattle over the years. He enjoyed running cattle with friends, whether it was building or mending fence or feeding cubes. He had a gentle way about him, and the cattle would approach him for a scratch on the head.

More recently, he became interested in beekeeping and dove right in to learn everything he could, building his own boxes for hives and taking classes and reading all he could. He loved planting flowers to attract the bees and butterflies, and gardening. He also loved to hunt and fish his entire life. It was never as much about catching as it was spending that time with friends. He looked forward every year to the potato run and fishing trip to Colorado he took with the boys. His favorite places were the plains of Kansas and the mountains of Colorado.

Dennis was a long-time lover and supporter of 4-H. He grew up in the program and previously served as chairman of the Kingman County Extension Board. He enjoyed seeing kids get involved and succeed in the life skills that 4-H offered. The Dennis Barnes Memorial Project Sponsorship has been established with Kingman County 4-H to help fund 4-H member projects (such as to help buy a bucket calf or supplies for craft or quilting projects) so every kid has the opportunity to grow and learn with 4-H.

Sponsorship Grant Eligibility:

- Members must have a current active enrollment in the Kingman County 4-H Program
- Members must complete the application.
- The member must showcase the project work at the Kingman County Fair
- At the end of the project year, members must complete a Record Book and Project Report Form and turn it in to the Extension Office
- This Sponsorship is open to any project area a 4-H member is interested in

Sponsorship Grant Amount:

- Varies by applications

Sponsorship Grant Deadline:

- The Sponsorship Grant application needs to be returned by February 15, 2026, to:
 - Kingman County Extension Office
125 N Spruce St
Kingman, KS 67068
Or email mthimesch@ksu.edu
- Money payouts will be determined by the review committee.

Sponsorship Grant Notification:

- The member will be notified via mail about the status of their sponsorship application.

Dennis Barnes Memorial Project Sponsorship Grant Application

First & Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

4-H Club: _____

Age: _____

Number of Years in 4-H: _____

What project area are you applying for assistance with: _____

Number of years enrolled in this project: _____

Planned Project Budget: _____

How will this sponsorship help you learn and grow in this 4-H project?

Additional pages can be added to this application if needed.

To support this 4-H member during their project work, please have your club leader and parent sign. By signing this form, parent, you give consent for the Kingman County 4-H Program to use the 4-H member's image for publicity purposes related to this grant.

4-H Member Signature _____ Date _____

Club Leader Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____