GreenStone Farm Credit Services welcomes any eligible 4-H student participating in the Northwestern Michigan Fair to write a one-page essay for a chance to win $500 to put towards their future project. One $500 scholarship will be awarded to each of the five categories: Steer, Dairy Feeder, Junior Beef, Lamb and Swine. These funds must be used on a 4-H project that will be brought back to the fair the following year as a project entry.

Entrants should write a one page essay on "What 4-H has taught you".

4-H student must be age-eligible and, obtain parental permission.

All entries must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017 and also include the following:
- Name
- Address
- Specie
- Age
- Phone number
- Parent/guardian information

Essays can be submitted via email, mail or fax.

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The winning essay contestants will be contacted by the end of the day on Monday, Aug. 7, 2017; like GreenStone Farm Credit Services on Facebook for the announced winners. Winners will be asked to meet on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017 to receive appropriate paperwork and also to hang a GreenStone sign in their pen for the week of the fair.

The parent/legal guardian of the winning essay author will be required to sign a waiver on behalf of the winner. The waiver will certify items such as: proper living arrangements are available for the animal; the winner will be of appropriate age in 2018; GreenStone will have the ability to utilize the winner’s name and likeness in marketing/promotional materials related to the contest; and GreenStone will not be held liable should the animal become sick, or cause harm to anyone, etc.