



UW-MADISON EXTENSION
DANE COUNTY

Ariel Christianson Memorial Award Application – 2026

This is a scholarship for Dane County 4-H Members in grades 12 & 13 who have received their Bronze Award with a passion for Foods & Nutrition, Cake Decorating, and/or Food Preservation.

One \$1000 Ariel Christianson Memorial Award scholarship will be awarded in 2026.

To apply for the Ariel Christianson Memorial Award, answer the questions below using the fillable pdf, print and attach this completed form to your Dane County 4-H Scholarship application. Applicants for the Ariel Christianson Memorial Award must apply for and be chosen to receive the Dane County 4-H Scholarship. This award will be in addition to the amount received from the Dane County 4-H Scholarship.

This special Dane County 4-H scholarship is to honor Ariel Christianson, a former Dane County 4-H Member, who we lost too soon to cancer. Ariel shared that if it were not for her involvement in the 4-H program, she may have never found her true passion for baking and cake decorating. She joined Maple Grove Lads and Lassies at age 9 and was a member until 2011. She appreciated the 4-H leaders, members, and mentors that guided her through her time in 4-H because they believed in her and helped her accomplish her goals. Ariel attended Johnson and Whales University and earned her Associates degree in Baking/Pastry Arts and Science. She worked hard to obtain her dream job with Walt Disney World in Florida and landed her dream job of Pastry Chef at the Grand Floridian Resort and Spa where she worked for 10 years. It truly was the "Happiest place on Earth".

Youth Name:

4-H Club Name:

Describe in detail how 4-H played a role in your interest and/or skill building in food science, cooking, nutrition, cake decorating, pastry arts, and/or food preservation.

Describe in detail how you have shared your passion for food science, cooking, nutrition, cake decorating, pastry arts, and/or food preservation with others through formal leadership opportunities or informal opportunities, like family gatherings or social events.

Describe in detail how you envision your future contributions to the fields of food science, cooking, nutrition, cake decorating, pastry arts, and/or food preservation.