Virginia 4-H Foundation

The Virginia 4-H Foundation is a portfolio of accounts within the Virginia Tech Foundation. Leadership of the 4-H Foundation is a partnership between the State 4-H Office, the CALS Development Office, and the officers of the 4-H Foundation.

Within the foundation there are 34 endowments totaling $2,442,239 (as of June 30, 2011). Thirteen are local program endowments, five are campership endowments, two support volunteer organizations and one supports a 4-H center. The remaining endowments support state-level programming and unrestricted needs. There are just under 200 operating accounts and income funds in the 4-H Foundation designated for a variety of uses.

Currently, 52% of the collective endowment value is restricted for local program support, local program camperships, volunteer organization support and 4-H center support. 48% is designated for state-level use including unrestricted program needs and program area support.

![Virginia 4-H Foundation Endowments](chart.png)

*based on endowment values as of June 30, 2011*
The 4-H Foundation Board has worked hard to transition into a fund-development board. Board members are encouraged to make personal gifts as well as open doors for larger gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations. Recent successes include:

- 100% giving by board members in FY 2010 and FY 2011
- Successful solicitation of major gifts supporting the 4-H Healthy Living initiative, STEM initiative, 4-H centers, and ongoing priorities.
- Documentation of estate gifts benefitting local 4-H programs, 4-H centers and state-level activities.

Current areas of emphasis:

- board member recruitment and development
- identifying new donors
- unrestricted funds
- local program support
- Virginia 4-H Mission Mandate funding
- innovative programming awards
- camp staff support
- program support
- development of a more robust 4-H scholarship program

The 4-H Foundation Board meets three times per year:

- January/February – meeting/luncheon in Richmond to coincide with the 4-H Cabinet Richmond meeting
- June – during 4-H Congress
- September – planning retreat

To learn more about how you can support Virginia 4-H or become involved with the Virginia 4-H Foundation, please contact:

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