



To: 4-H Volunteers and Members

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Re: 2009 4-H Awards Packet



Enclosed in this packet you will find a variety of information pertaining to the 4-H County awards program. Please take time to read about each award and its requirements and encourage your members to complete applications. For those awards that require someone to be nominated, please consider nominating someone!

The awards process has been modified in recent years to simplify the application process. Members and leaders can look through the award options to determine the qualifications and what forms need to be completed. **A MEMBER ONLY HAS TO FILL OUT EACH FORM ONCE EVEN IF USING IT TO APPLY FOR MULTIPLE AWARDS. PLEASE FILL OUT THE COVER SHEET ONE PER PERSON TO BE STAPLED TO THE TOP OF YOUR ENTRY.**

The 4-H office automatically creates certificates recognizing 4-H Leaders for their years of service. This award is given to the leader at the Member/ Leader Recognition Event. An invitation will be sent to the leaders inviting them to the Recognition Open House. This year the event will be on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Building at the Ingham County Fairgrounds.

If a member needs help filling out the forms they may have an Ambassador or leader help them. Members are also welcome to contact the 4-H office for questions or assistance. Stephanie (517) 676-7300 or the office (517) 676-7207.

All award applications must be received by the 4-H office on or before Friday, October 2, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.

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Club Awards

Outstanding Young Member

Requirement to Apply	4-H Member 5-8 year old (4-H Age) or 4-H Member 9-11 year old (4-H Age)
Number of Awards Given	2 per club announced at the Fall 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Nomination by club based on the young member's character (responsibility, trustworthiness, citizenship, fairness, caring, and respect)
Type of Award	5-8 year old: 4-H Frisbee 9-11 year old: 4-H Dog Tag necklace

All Star Award

Requirement to Apply	Any person in a club that is nominated by community leader Can be given for any reason determined by community leader
Number of Awards Given	One per club announced at the fall 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Complete nomination form
Type of Award	Star and ribbon pin

Outstanding Teen Leader

Requirement to Apply	4-H teens nominated by community leaders Can be given for any reason determined by community leader
Number of Awards Given	One per club announced at the fall 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Complete nomination form
Type of Award	Certificate

Club Community Service Award

Requirement to Apply	4-H clubs completed a community service project
Number of Awards Given	Three announced at the Fall 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	A report explaining how the youth were involved in the planning and completion of the community service project and why that service project was chosen. Poster with pictures and any available documentation
Type of Award	First Place - \$50.00 Second Place - \$25.00 Third Place - \$15.00

Individual Member Awards

County Medal

Requirement to Apply	Registered as 4-H Member in Ingham County Junior level: you must be 12 by January 1 of the current year and not more than 14, and must have completed <u>two</u> (2) years in the project area. Senior level: you must be 15 or older by January 1 of the current year, and have completed at least <u>three</u> (3) years in the project.
Number of Awards Given	Up to four in each project area to different members Can win only one medal per project area in your 4-H career Can Apply for several, but will only be awarded two per year Announced at the Fall 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Complete “4-H story” essay Project summary form and leaders recommendation
Project Areas Juniors and Seniors eligible to apply Only Seniors eligible to apply	Aerospace, Agriculture, Beef, Bicycling, Cats, Cavy, Childcare and development, Clothing and textiles, Computer technology, Consumer and family sciences Dairy, Dog, Electric, Engines, tractors, and field equipment, Entomology and bees, Family life, Food and nutrition, Forestry, Gardening and horticulture, Goats, Healthy lifestyles, Hobbies and collections, Home environment, Horse, Llama, Outdoor education and recreation, Performing arts, Pets, Photography, Plant science, Poultry, Rabbits, Reporting and media, Safety, Sheep, Shooting sports, Swine, Technology and engineering, Veterinary science, Visual arts, Wildlife and fisheries, Wood science Achievement, Citizenship, Communication arts, Community service, Demonstration, Leadership, Personal development, Public speaking
Type of Award	Certificate, Medal

State Awards Delegate

Requirement to Apply	Registered as 4-H Member in Ingham County, at least 13 years old on January 1 Must have received a county medal for the project area Can apply for county medal and state award in the same year
Number of Awards Given	One per member Announced at the Fall 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Complete “4-H story” essay Project summary form and leaders recommendation
Individual Award Areas	Achievement, Agriculture, Beef, Citizenship, Clothing and textiles, Communications, Companion animals, Crafts and woodworking, Dairy, Dogs, Entomology, Environmental and outdoor education, Fine arts, FOLK PATTERNS, Food, Global and cultural heritage, Goats, Horses, Horticulture and crops, Leadership, Leisure education, Llama, Performing arts, Photography, Poultry, Rabbits and cavies, Science and technology, Sheep, Shooting sports, Swine, Veterinary science
Group Award Areas	Community service and citizenship emphasis, Project area emphasis, Special activity emphasis
Type of Award	Certificate Opportunity to represent Ingham County in the Michigan 4-H State Awards Program (State Awards portfolio due March 1)

Individual Member Awards

Head and Heart Award

Requirement to Apply	4-H member 15 years or older (4-H age) Completed 4-H projects in at least two areas Completed a teen leadership project Participated in at least three county and/or state 4-H events Recommendation from your local leader
Number of Awards Given	Four announced at the fall 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Complete “4-H story” essay Project summary form and leaders recommendation
Type of Award	\$50.00 savings bonds

Michigan 4-H Key Club Award

Requirement to Apply	Reach 15 years of age by September 1 Completed 3 calendar years of 4-H work by January 1 current year Completed 4-H work in at least two project areas Completed a Teen Leadership project Participated in 3 Regional, State, or National Level 4-H events Been recommended by a club leader
Number of Awards Given	The top ½ of one percent of the total county delegation
Application Process	Complete the Michigan Key Club application (attached or online)
Type of Award	Piece of 4-H Jewelry from 4-H National Supply

Danforth National “I Dare You” Leadership Award

Requirement to Apply	4-H member 15-18 years old (4-H age), Completed freshman year of high school
Number of Awards Given	Two announced at the Fall 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Complete “I Dare You” essay (attached)
Type of Award	\$20.00 gift certificate to Meridian Mall American Youth Foundation’s National Leadership Award certificate, <i>I Dare You</i> book, nomination for “I Dare You” scholarship, opportunity to attend AYF’s National Leadership Conference

Ingham County 4-H Ambassador

Requirement to Apply	4-H members entering grades 9-12 of current school year Desire to promote 4-H program and develop leadership skills One year commitment, group meets about 8-10 times per year
Number of Awards Given	Ten announced at the Fall 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Complete “4-H story” essay Project summary form and leaders recommendation
Type of Award	Certificate

Volunteer and Community Awards

Leader of the Year

Requirement to Apply	Nominated by Anyone
Number of Awards Given	One announced at the Fall 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Nomination Form
Type of Award	Engraved Plaque

Friend of 4-H

Requirement to Apply	Person/Business/Organization that should be recognized that has made significant contributions to 4-H Nominated by Anyone
Number of Awards Given	One announced at the Fall 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Nomination Form
Type of Award	Engraved Plaque

DANFORTH AWARD

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD & "I DARE YOU" SCHOLARSHIP

National Leadership Award

The American Youth Foundation's National Leadership Award is a unique opportunity to honor extraordinary young people for their character and leadership. The award recognizes youth ages 15-18 years old that strive to be their personal best and make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs, and communities. Nominees must have completed their freshman year in high school and show outstanding qualities in servant leadership. Award recipients receive a personalized award certificate, a copy of William H. Danforth's classic motivational book *I Dare You!*, and may be nominated for the I Dare You Scholarship.

I Dare You Scholarship Opportunity

The AYF Leadership Conference offers weeklong programs aimed at developing character, leadership skills, personal and group effectiveness, and nurturing balance within your life. You will make great friends and be a part of an experience that will stay with you forever. Leadership Conferences take place at AYF's beautiful Miniwanca on the shore of Lake Michigan. Each year the American Youth Foundation selects youth who have demonstrated exceptional servant leadership within their communities, groups, or organizations for the I Dare You Scholarship. Scholarship winners are chosen from the pool of National Leadership awardees that have been nominated by their group or organization. The scholarship pays funds toward tuition (\$500) for the AYF Leadership Conference, a nationally recognized leadership-training program. Not all awardees will receive an I Dare You scholarship. All scholarship winners will be contacted by the AYF.

Two Ingham County 4-H members who exhibit personal integrity, balanced living, and leadership ability will receive the "I Dare You Leadership Award". We are particularly interested in recognizing "emerging" leaders, youth with motivation and potential, whose talents are less apparent to themselves than those they work with. The goal is to challenge these young people to recognize and develop their leadership abilities. As with all the other awards, a member is only awarded this honor once. On a separate page, provide a ½-1-page narrative for items 1-3 and a 1-3 page narrative for your 4-H story.

1. Leadership

Describe any leadership activities or ways you have provided leadership and/or assistance during your 4-H career. This includes, but is not limited to: serving as a teen leader, talks, demonstrations, presentations, articles written, promotional activities, organizing special activities, arranging guest speakers, etc. How has this affected your personal growth?

2. Citizenship

Describe any citizenship activities you have participated in or organized for other 4-H members. This includes, but is not limited to: Citizenship Washington Focus, Capitol Experience, talking to local, state, or nationally elected representatives. What effect did this experience have on you and how you interact within your community?

3. Community Service

Describe any community service activities that you have played a major role in providing leadership for during your 4-H career. This includes, but is not limited to: organizing club or county community service projects. How have your actions impacted other people in your community?

4. My 4-H Story

Write a brief story to emphasize 4-H experiences that relate to your leadership ability. Include the following in your story:

- What I have learned through my involvement in 4-H.
- What I have enjoyed most about 4-H.
- What I have done to assist the 4-H program.

5. Letter of Recommendation

Include a letter of recommendation from a 4-H leader describing your leadership potential.

County Awards Cover Sheet

This cover sheet to be completed by members applying for individual awards and clubs applying for community service award. Nominations for Club awards and Volunteer and community awards use "Nomination Form".

4-H Member or Club Applying for Award

4-H Club

Address

City

State

Zip Code

4-H Age as of January 1 of current programming year: _____

Number of years enrolled in 4-H including current year: _____

Awards Applying for:

- County Medal
- State Award
- Head and Heart
- Michigan 4-H Key Club Award
- Danforth "I Dare You"
- Ingham County 4-H Ambassador
- Club Community Service

Attach are all the forms that are required for the application process for the awards that you are applying for. Remember that you only need to complete each form once and check the box that the award applies to.

Essay

The awards that require a completed essay are:

- “I Dare You “ Award**
- Head and Heart Award**
- Ingham County 4-H Ambassador**
- County Medal**
- State Award Delegate**

The Awards Committee uses the essay to see how you feel about what you have done so far in 4-H. **YOUR 4-H STORY MUST BE WRITTEN IN YOUR OWN WORDS.** Write or print clearly; typing is OK but if you have someone else type it, the story itself still has to be composed by you. If the award you are applying for is project specific (county medal or state awards delegate), be certain to include your experience in the project area in your essay.

Be clear and specific:

“I learned a lot” doesn’t say as much as “I learned to read and follow a recipe, measure liquid and dry ingredients, different mixing methods, and how to test for doneness.”

“4-H is great” doesn’t say as much as “Being in 4-H has helped me be confident, meet new people, and learn responsibility.”

The following outline may help you develop your 4-H Story. It is divided in parts simply to help you outline what you might want to say about yourself; do not identify these parts when you write your Story.

PART 1 - tell when and why you got involved in 4-H

PART 2 - tell about the project area that you were most involved in

PART 3 - describe how being in 4-H has helped you

The Essay Requirements are:

- ✗ 500 words or less
- ✗ computer generated, font size 12 - 14; typed or handwritten in blue or black ink
- ✗ use 8 ½ “ x 11” size paper
- ✗ double space (use every other line)
- ✗ use one side of the paper
- ✗ do not use your name or any other identifiers
- ✗ do not put your name on the page/s of your essay
- ✗ do not put graphics or photos with your essay

Project Summary Form

The awards that require a completed project summary form are:

- Head and Heart Award**
- Ambassador Award**
- County Medal**

Which County Medal Project Area(s) are you applying for?

Identify from the project area list which areas you are applying.

- State Award Delegate**

Which State Award Area are you applying for? _____

Calendar years of 4-H work including this year (2 points for each year)

_____ x 2 = _____

4-H Activities

How many times have you participated in the following activities? 10 points for each

_____ x 10 = _____

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ Exploration Days ___ Capitol Experience ___ 4-H Camp ___ Vet-a-visit ___ State/National/International Activities ___ Wonders of Washington ___ Exchange trips ___ Communication Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ State Shows (horse, rabbit, goat, etc.) ___ State contests (shooting sports, livestock judging, horse jamboree, rabbit expo, dairy days, etc.) ___ Citizenship Washington Focus ___ County Medals/Awards program application submitted ___ State Awards ___ Kettunen Center Workshops |
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4-H Promotion

List all promotional activities that you have done to promote the 4-H program.

DATE	TO WHOM	ACTIVITY

Talk or report about 4-H given to or for a non-4-H group (service clubs, women's groups, Soil Conservation, school, etc.) 10 points for each

_____ x 10 = _____

4-H presentations given at your club and/or at the Fair. 10 points each

_____ x 10 = _____

