



# 2025 Clare County 4-H Award Nominations



**Hustle Award:** Must be 4-H age 5 – 7 years old. Completed only one year. The 4-H member deserves recognition for their qualities exhibited during the last year (ambition, determination, and hustle) through meetings, 4-H wide activities and fair. One or more 4-H members can be nominated for this award that have demonstrated these qualities. **This is a non-competitive award. All Cloverbuds who are nominated will be recognized.**

**Rookie of the Year:** This is for outstanding first year members and will be judged in age divisions of 8-11, 12-15, and 16-19. 4-H age is determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. Completed only one year in 4-H and in one or more areas. Deserves special recognition for qualities exhibited during the past year. A member may win this award once. One member per club per age division may be chosen to receive this award.

**Accomplishment Award:** Reached 8-11 years of age as of January 1 of current year. Completed two or more years in 4-H and completed 4-H projects in two or more areas. The 4-H member deserves special recognition for their qualities they have exhibited during the last year (improvement in projects, social skills, working well with others, most conscientious, etc.). A 4-H member can win this award once. One member per club may be chosen to receive this award.

**Overall Achievement Award:** Reached 15 -19 years of age by January 1 of current year. Completed three or more years in 4-H and completed 4-H projects in three or more areas. The 4-H member deserves recognition for initiative, special efforts, project improvement or enthusiasm within the 4-H club. A 4-H member can win this award once. Attended at least one 4-H Council meeting OR 4-H Youth Leadership Council meeting OR Animal Association meeting, including those held at fair during the current 4-H year.

**Excellence Award:** Reached 12-14 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. Completed two or more years in 4-H and completed 4-H projects in two or more areas. The 4-H member deserves special recognition for their qualities they have exhibited during the last year (improvement in projects, social skills, working well with others, most conscientious, etc.). A 4-H member can win this award once. Attended at least one 4-H Council meeting OR 4-H Youth Leadership Council meeting OR Animal Association meeting, including those held at fair during the current 4-H year.

**Key Club Award:** Must be 4-H age 15 - 19 years old. Completed three or more years of 4-H club work (completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas, participated in three (3) regional and/or state 4-H events within the three years, completed a Teen Leadership project). Be recommended by his/her 4-H leader. Members may win this award once. Attended at least one 4-H Council meeting OR 4-H Youth Leadership Council meeting OR Animal Association meeting, including those held at fair during the current 4-H year.

**AYF National “I Dare You” Award:** Must be currently a junior or senior in high school at the time of the award. Members may win this award once. Member deserves recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced personal development, as well as demonstrated qualities of constructive leadership. Must have completed five years of 4-H club work and completed at least three project areas. Participated in three (3) different multi-county or regional 4-H events and/or at two state events. Served as a teen leader within their club. Attended at least one 4-H Council meeting OR 4-H Youth Leadership Council meeting OR Animal Association meeting, including those held at fair during the current 4-H year.

**Senior of the Year:** Must have completed senior year of high school at the time of the award. Members may win this award once. Member deserves recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced personal development, as well as demonstrated qualities of constructive leadership. Must have completed four years of 4-H club work and completed at least three project areas. Participated in (1) one multi-county or regional 4-H events and one state event within the 4-H career. Attended at least one 4-H Council meeting OR 4-H Youth Leadership Council meeting OR Animal Association meeting, including those held at fair during the current 4-H year.

**Camp and Recreation Award:** Must be 4-H age 8 - 19 years old and completed two or more years in a traditional 4-H camp or recreational program. The 4-H member deserves special recognition for the qualities they have exhibited during the past year while participating in 4-H camp or recreation programs. Qualities such as leadership, teamwork, personal development, etc.

**Dedication Award:** This award is open to anyone who shows outstanding dedication as a 4-H Youth between the age of 8 and 19. 4-H member can win this award once. Only one award may be given yearly. Youth can win this award in addition to two (2) other awards. **A letter of recommendation must be included with this nomination.**

**Division Award:** Between the age of 8 - 19. Members may win this award once in each division. Completed two or more years in the project area and must have completed 4-H project activity during the year being nominated. Within the divisions of the fair book, member completed projects in:

Livestock	2 different species <b>OR</b>
Small Animal	3 different species <b>OR</b>
Horse	2 different styles of riding <b>OR</b>
Home Arts	4 different project areas



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**County Medals:** Member must be 4-H age 8 to 19. Completed two or more years in the project area and must have completed 4-H project activity during the year being nominated. Members may win a county medal for a project area only once. Members may be nominated for no more than two award medal categories. One medal will be awarded for every ten forms received per category, and only to those who the committee decides has made significant accomplishments in that area. Information given on the application should *only* be for the project medal applying for and youth must have completed a 4-H project in this category in Clare County 4-H. Youth who win a County Medal Award will be automatically nominated for the State 4-H Award in the corresponding category.

## County Medal Award Categories:

Beef Science	Diary Science	Plant Science
Biological Science	Environmental & Earth Science	Rabbits & Cavy Science
Birds & Poultry Science	Equine Science	Sheep Science
Civic Engagement	Goat Science	Swine Science
Communications & Expressive Arts	Shooting Sports	Technology & Engineering
Companion Animal Science	Healthy Lifestyles	
Consumer & Family Science	Leadership & Personal Development	

**4-H Leader of the Year:** Must be a 4-H Leader for five or more years. Must be or have been an active member of an association or council for at least one year during their experience. Leaders may win this award once. Up to two awards will be given yearly. **A letter of recommendation must be included with this nomination.**

**4-H Parent of the Year:** The nominee **cannot** be a 4-H leader. Must be a parent or guardian of a 4-H member. Must have helped at the fair in the Milk Booth during the current year. Parent(s) or guardian(s) may win this award once. **A letter of recommendation must be included with this nomination.**

**The Sherry E. Landon 4-H Family of the Year:** Sherry E. Landon loved everything about 4-H and especially loved seeing all of the families getting involved in the program together. This award will be given to a dedicated 4-H family in memory of Sherry E. Landon. Family must have one or more youth that have been an active member for two or more years. Throughout the whole 4-H year, the family should work together as a unit to support the 4-H program through a variety of outlets including but not limited to, volunteering for and on behalf of the program, promoting the program in a positive manner and by being actively involved in 4-H. A family household can win this award once. **A letter of recommendation must be included with this nomination.**

**4-H Alumni of the Year:** Need to be a current or past 4-H leader or volunteer. Must be a former 4-H member. This person is contributing to the county program as a leader, resource person, council member, committee member, or in some other way that makes a significant impact on a part of the county program. **A letter of recommendation must be included with this nomination.**

**Friend of 4-H Award:** Open to businesses, organizations, or individuals who have contributed in goods, service, or monetary support to the total Clare County 4-H program. Exceptions are: Market livestock buyers and those who contribute to an individual 4-H club. Those eligible for the award are on-going supporters of the 4-H program in the county. Exceptions to this could be made by 4-H Council, if circumstances warrant. Business and individuals may win no more than once every five years. Up to two awards will be given yearly. Winners will be invited as guest to the 4-H Awards Ceremony and we be presented with a plaque. **A letter of recommendation must be included with this nomination.**

**4-H Club of the Year:** Must currently be a Clare County 4-H club for at least two years. Must have five or more members from three different families. Must have held business meetings where officers run part or all of the meeting. Some members of the club must have participated in a 4-H community service project. The club must have participated in special activities outside of the club related to 4-H. The club must have helped at the fair and in the Milk Booth or Baby Barn. **A letter of recommendation must be included with this nomination.**

**4-H Ambassador:** Youth must be 4-H age 8 to 19 during the upcoming 4-H year and ambassadorship is awarded in the following age categories: 8-11, 12-15, and 16-19. Ambassadors spend the 4-H year representing Clare County 4-H in various formats including attending parades and community events, reciting the pledges at 4-H events, serving as a master of ceremony during the 4-H Fall Awards Celebration, and other responsibilities as they arise. Youth nominated to be an ambassador will receive an application and will schedule an interview with a panel of judges who will ultimately decide who will receive the title of 4-H Ambassador(s).



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Name of Person Making Nominations: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: You may attach additional pages if necessary*

Complete and return by Friday, August 22, 2025 to the Clare County MSU Extension Office

225 W. Main St. Harrison, MI 48625

**\*\*Youth may be nominated for many different awards; however, each youth is eligible to win only two (2) awards.**

**Youth nominated for an award will be sent and application to fill out and return\*\***

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## Hustle Award (non-competitive)

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| 1. Name: _____ | Club: _____ |
| 2. Name: _____ | Club: _____ |
| 3. Name: _____ | Club: _____ |
| 4. Name: _____ | Club: _____ |

## Rookie of the Year (1<sup>st</sup> year in 4-H)

### Age 8 to 11

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|----------------|-------------|
| 5. Name: _____ | Club: _____ |
| 6. Name: _____ | Club: _____ |

### Age 12 to 15

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|----------------|-------------|
| 1. Name: _____ | Club: _____ |
| 2. Name: _____ | Club: _____ |

### Age 16 to 19

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| 1. Name: _____ | Club: _____ |
| 2. Name: _____ | Club: _____ |

## Accomplishment Award (age 8 to 11, 2 or more years, 2 or more projects)

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| 1. Name: _____ | Club: _____ |
| 2. Name: _____ | Club: _____ |

## Excellence Award (age 12 to 14, 2 or more years, 2 or more projects)

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| 1. Name: _____ |
| 2. Name: _____ |

## Overall Achievement Award (age 15 to 19, 3 or more years, 3 or more project areas)

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| 1. Name: _____ |
| 2. Name: _____ |

## 4-H Key Club Award (age 15 to 19, 3 or more years of club work)

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| 1. Name: _____ |
| 2. Name: _____ |



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**I Dare You Award** (High School Junior or Senior, 5 years of club work, 3 project areas, 3 or more project areas, 3 different multi-county or regional 4-H events and/or at two state events, teen leader within club, Attended at least one 4-H Council and one 4-H Association meeting)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior of the Year** (Completed senior year of high school at the time of the award. 4 years of 4-H club work, 3 project areas, 1 multi-county or regional 4-H events and 1 state event, 1 4-H Council and one 4-H Association meeting)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp and Recreation** (age 8 to 19, 2 or more years in this project area)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dedication Award** (age 8 to 19, Letter of Recommendation)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Division Awards** (age 8 to 19)

Livestock (2 species)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Small Animal (3 species)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse (2 riding styles)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Arts (4 project areas)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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**County Medal Awards** (age 8 to 19, 2 or more years in the project area and completed during nomination year as a 4-H project)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Area: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Area: \_\_\_\_\_

**Leader of the Year** (Leader for 5 or more years, must be or have been an officer, superintendent, or active member of an association or council for at least 1 year, letter of recommendation)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent of the Year** (Cannot be a leader, parent or guardian of a 4-H member, helped in the Milk Booth, letter of recommendation)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Sherry E. Landon Family of the Year** (Family household can win once, letter of recommendation)

1. Names of Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Names of Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H Alumni of the Year** (current or past 4-H leader or volunteer, former 4-H member, leader, resource person, council member, committee member, or in some other way that makes a significant impact on a part of the county program, letter of recommendation)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friend of 4-H Award** (Open to businesses, organizations and individuals, letter of recommendation)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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**4-H Club of the Year** (current club for at least 2 years, 5 or more members from 3 different families, letter of recommendation)

1. Club: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H Ambassadors** (application and interview required from youth)

Age 8-11

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age 12-15

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age 16-19

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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