



# HILLSDALE

# COUNTY

# 4-H

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# Application



<b>Name</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>4-H Age (age as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	
<b>Grade in School</b>	
<b>Number of Years in 4-H</b>	
<b>4-H Club Name(s)</b>	

<b>Awards</b>	<b>Awards Applying For (Please mark with an X)</b>	<b>Awards Previously Received</b>
Young Persons Achievement Award		
Junior County Award Medals		
Intermediate County Award Medals		
Senior County Award Medals		
Key Club Award		
Frank Proctor Memorial Award		
“I Dare You Award” * <b>by nomination only</b>		
Susan Trausch Memorial Award for Crafts		
Susan Trausch Memorial Award for Rabbits		

<b>Scholarships</b>	<b>Scholarships Applying For (Please mark with an X)</b>
4-H Capital Experience	
4-H Council Secondary Education Scholarship	

## AWARDS

**4-H Young Person's Achievement Award:** Any 4-H member 8-11 years of age is eligible. Describe your involvement and achievements in your club and community through 4-H in your application. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H Career. Honorable Mentions will be considered. **Fill out pages 6,7 and 12.**

**Junior County Award Medals:** Any 4-H member 8-11 years of age is eligible. A 4-H member will not be awarded more than two medals in a calendar year. Members must have at least one year's experience in the project area. List specific projects (Example, Beef, Rabbits, Photography, and Foods & Nutrition). **Fill out pages 5 and 12.**

**Intermediate County Award Medals:** Any 4-H member 12-14 years of age is eligible. A 4-H member will not be awarded more than two medals in a calendar year. Members must have at least two years' experience in the project area. List specific projects (Example, Equine, Swine, Achievement, and Shooting Sports). **Fill out pages 5 and 12.**

**Senior County Award Medals** Any 4-H member 15 years and older is eligible. A 4-H member will not be awarded more than two medals in a calendar year. Members must have at least two years' experience in the project area. List specific projects (Example: Leadership, Public Speaking, Achievement and Baking). **Fill out pages 5 and 12.**

**Key Club Award** Any 4-H member 12-14 years of age and older may apply. Members must have completed three years of club work, taken at least two 4-H projects to exhibit, and served as a teen leader. Describe your involvement and achievements in your club and community through 4-H in your application. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Honorable Mention will be considered. **Fill out pages 6, 7 and 12.**

**Frank Proctor Memorial Award:** Any 4-H member who is a Junior or Senior in high school or a college freshman that is an active teen leader and/or club officer may apply. Members must have at least three consecutive years in any one project or combination of project areas. Describe your involvement and achievements in your club and community through 4-H in your application. This award is given to an overall outstanding 4-H youth. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. **Fill out pages 6,7 and 12.**

*Frank Proctor was a former Hillsdale businessperson who supported building youth leadership skills and community involvement.*

**Susan Trausch Memorial Award for Rabbits:** Any 4-H member that is 15 years and older is eligible. Members must have at least three (3) consecutive years in the rabbit project. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Sponsored by the Country Get-A-Longs 4-H Club. Application for this award **must be handwritten**. **Fill out pages 5, 10 and 11.**

**Susan Trausch Memorial Award for Crafts:** Any 4-H member 8-11 years of age is eligible. Members must have participated as a 5-7-year-old in a craft project to be eligible for this award. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Sponsored by the Country Get-A-Longs 4-H Club. Application for this award **must be handwritten**. **Fill out pages 5, 8 and 9.**

*Susan Trausch was a long-time 4-H Project and Administrative Leader for the Country Get-A-Long 4-H Club.*

### \*\*By Nomination ONLY\*\*

**“I Dare You” Leadership Award:** Any 4-H member who is a Junior or Senior in high school is eligible for this award. The award is presented as recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced personal development qualities of constructive leadership. Members must have attended at least two district and/or state 4-H events and may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Sponsored by the 4-H Council and the American Youth Foundation.

Members cannot apply for this award; a 4-H leader must nominate them.

**Club Leaders fill out pages 13 and 14.**

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**Michigan Capitol Experience (March)**: This award is for youth 4-H age 13 (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>) and up. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. 4-H Capitol Experience is an annual three-day conference that helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy. You will experience state government in action and learn how you can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists, and other resources people to learn how policy is made. Simulations and activities are incorporated to reinforce and apply what is learned about government.

\*\*\*The total cost of Capitol Experience is approximately \$385.00. Your share of the cost will be \$100.00 plus some out-of-pocket meals. The 4-H Council will cover the remaining cost (approximately \$285.00). Transportation to the event is the responsibility of the family. Participants' share must be paid prior to attending the event to the Hillsdale County 4-H Council. \*\*\*You will be notified if you win this award before the award ceremony. **Fill out pages 6,7 and 12.**

**4-H Council Scholarship**: Two scholarships at \$500.00 each will be awarded. Applicant must be currently enrolled in 4-H and have been a member for a minimum of 2 years. They must also be a graduating high school senior or currently attending a 2- or 4-year accredited college, university, business, vocational or trade school. Financial need will not be considered. Applicant shall demonstrate positive leadership by involvement in activities such as school, extra-curricular, community, work, or church activities. Applicant shall exhibit good citizenship in school and in the community. This scholarship is non-renewable. A letter of recommendation is required, it may be from a staff or administrative member of the applicant's high school, a 4-H or FFA leader, or someone related to the applicant's civic or work-related activities. **Submit a 1-page essay on the following topic: Personally define the 4-H pledge and how it applies to your 4-H experience. An interview will also be required; applicants will be contacted to set up dates and times.**

### **PARENTS:**

I am aware that my child \_\_\_\_\_ is applying for the Capitol Experience, CWF and/or the National 4-H Congress Awards trip. I am aware that these awards involve a cost for the award recipient. I have read the breakdown of the cost in the awards descriptions and understand that I must make a payment of \$100.00 for Capitol Experience; and/or a payment in January of \$400.00 for the CWF Awards Trip; and/or a payment of approximately \$400.00 in the summer for the National 4-H Congress Award if my child is selected. In addition, there are out-of-pocket expenses for each participant.

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

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Date

## 4-H Project Summary

**(Junior, Intermediate, Senior County Award Medals, SUSAN TRAUSCH MEMORIAL AWARDS)**

Write a summary of your activities and progress in up to three project areas of your choice for which you would like to be awarded a project medal. Include years involved, workshops attended, tours, project demonstrations, etc. What home activities do you do that pertain to your projects? Tell us what life skills you learned through these project areas.

## **4-H Club and Leadership Activities**

**(4-H Young Person's Achievement, Key Club, Frank Proctor Memorial Award,  
Michigan Capitol Experience)**

Write a summary of your overall club involvement, leadership activities, and the responsibilities you accepted in your club, county, and state programs. Include experiences such as club attendance, offices held, committees served on, teen leader experiences, camp counselor, etc. What have you learned from your club and any leadership role(s)?

## **Community Service Activities**

**(4-H Young Person's Achievement, Key Club, Frank Proctor Memorial Award,  
Michigan Capitol Experience)**

Tell us about your 4-H community service project(s), including your experiences and responsibilities.

**SUSAN TRAUSCH MEMORIAL AWARD  
FOR CRAFTS – (8-11 years of age)  
PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITTE**

You must also complete the County Awards Form to be considered for this award.

Please list your involvement and all projects participated in as a 5-7-year-old 4-H member. We would like to know about all the projects you completed.

**PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

What is your favorite craft project? Why? **PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

What do you like about being in 4-H? **PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

**SUSAN TRAUSCH MEMORIAL AWARD FOR RABBITS  
(15 Years and older)  
PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

You must also complete the County Awards Form to be considered for this award.

Please tell us what you have done to promote the rabbit project in your club. (Example: teen leader, workshops, and activities). **PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

What have you learned and enjoyed participating in the 4-H Rabbit Project? **PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

Please tell us about your 4-H Rabbit Project – Do you raise them for pleasure, hobby or just for Fair? How many do you typically raise? What breeds do you enjoy? **PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

## **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:**

**To be completed by your Administrative Leader, Project Superintendent, or Committee President.**

**Leaders:** Describe the members' contributions and leadership they have shown in your 4-H club. Tell us in your own words if the 4-H member is deserving of the award(s) & medals they applied for.

This 4-H member is deserving of consideration for 4-H Awards:  Yes  No

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**4-H Representative Signature**

Date

## **“I Dare You” Award Recommendation Form**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

The “I Dare You” award recognizes character and leadership qualities in young people and encourages and challenges them to have creative and purposeful lives. Qualifications include being a 4-H member who has demonstrated qualities of constructive leadership, excellence in character, and personal and social development in 4-H, school, and the community.

List 5-7 leadership roles or contributions to organizations, the year(s) involved and the responsibilities of the nominee. (Leadership Qualities)

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Explain at least two personal qualities in the nominee that makes them an effective leader or team member. (Leadership Qualities)

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What has been this nominee’s greatest contribution to the school, 4-H, and/or community in the past 2-3 years? (Mental Growth)

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Highlight an area of physical development or activity of this nominee. (Physical Habits)

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### **“I Dare You” Award Recommendation Form (Cont’d)**

What qualities do you see in the nominee that distinguishes them from their peers in areas of services, leadership, or character? (Character Excellence)

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What makes this nominee valuable in how they relate to others and deal with conflicts? (Social Relationships)

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Why do you believe this nominee is worthy or should receive this leadership award?

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Signature of Nominating 4-H Leader \_\_\_\_\_