



# 4-H County Medals & Awards

## St. Joseph County

### (All Ages)



#### Activities:

Community Service  
Fashion Revue  
Judging

#### Animals & Plants:

Agriculture  
Aquaculture  
Beef  
Cats  
Dairy  
Dogs  
Gardening & Horticulture  
Goats  
Horse  
Poultry  
Rabbits  
Sheep  
Swine

#### Communication Arts:

Demonstrations  
Performing Arts  
Photography  
Public Speaking  
Visual Arts (Crafts)

#### Consumer & Family Science:

Child Care & Development  
Clothing & Textiles  
Consumer & Family Science  
Consumer Education  
Family Life  
Home Environment

#### Environmental Stewardship:

Environmental Stewardship  
Earth, Water, Air  
Forestry  
Outdoor Education & Recreation  
Shooting Sports  
Three R's  
Wildlife & Fisheries

#### Health Life Styles:

Bicycle  
Food & Nutrition  
Health Lifestyles  
Safety

#### Personal Development:

Achievement  
Career Exploration  
Citizenship  
Hobbies & Collections  
Leadership  
Personal Development

#### Science & Technology:

Aerospace  
Biological Science  
Computer Technology  
Electricity  
Engines, Tractors & Field Equipment  
Entomology & Bees  
Industrial Arts  
Marine Science  
Physical Science  
Plant Science (Crops)  
Technology & Engineering  
Veterinary Science  
Weather  
Wood Science (woodworking)

**4-H Enthusiast Award:** A special award to honor 4-H members for their 4-H enthusiasm. Awarded to members who are 8 years old or older by January 1, 2025, and have just **completed their first year** of "regular" 4-H. Do you love 4-H and enjoy helping with your club's activities? Apply for the 4-H Enthusiast Award.

**Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) (TBA June/July 2026):** CWF is a unique citizenship education program utilizing the Nation's Capital as the classroom. Applicant must have an interest in government/citizenship and may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Number selected may vary each year and interviews may be scheduled. Your 4-H age needs to be 15 by January 1, 2026. 4-H Youth Council will pay for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the cost, leaving the applicant to pay  $\sim \$500.00$  (total cost  $\sim \$2,000.00$ ). Applicants must complete the essay prompt for this award. Limit of two (2) winners per year.

**4-H Mark of Excellence Award (June 17-19, 2026 - Exploration Days):** 4-H Mark of Excellence Award is an award for 4-H youth between the ages of 10-11 by January 1, 2026. For the St. Joseph County Awards Form, complete an essay focusing on the theme of "4-H Beyond Ready..." All essays must be 200-500 words. Please do not include graphics or pictures in your essay. Two winners may be selected and will represent St. Joseph County at the state Awards Celebration during 4-H Exploration Days. Youth are only eligible to receive this award one time. You MUST complete the application at the county level by January 30 to be eligible, regardless of the State Awards deadline.

**4-H Key Club Award:** Any 4-H member 15 years old or older by January 1, 2025, is eligible. Members must have completed at least three years of club work, have taken at least two different 4-H projects, served and completed as a teen leader this past 4-H year. Applicants must complete the essay prompt for this award. A 4-H member may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Limit of two (2) winners per year.

# St. Joseph County 4-H Award Form

To be filled out by the 4-H member.

Applications are due to the MSU Extension Office by **January 30, 2026**.

NOTE: There will be an ice cream social to recognize all award winners on March 15, 2026, in the Centreville Elementary School Gymnasium (190 Hogan St., Centreville, MI 49032).

**Please neatly print all information (in ink or type). Also available online in a fillable form.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Completed application checklist:

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All pages / essays specific to the award I am applying for

**I have filled out my report and believe it to be correct.**

4-H Member signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that you are applying for:

- 4-H Enthusiast Award (8 years old & older, first year only)
- Citizenship Washington Focus (15 to 19 years old)
- Mark of Excellence Award (10 & 11 years old)
- Key Club Award (15 to 19 years old)
- County Award Medals (8-11 years old)
- County Award Medals (12-14 years old)
- County Award Medals (15 and older)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age (as of January 1, 2026): \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ calendar years of 4-H as of the end of 2025.

Name of 4-H Club(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please check all that you have attended. Indicate the year(s) you attended and which show/contest, if applicable.

- 4-H Exploration Days \_\_\_\_\_
- State 4-H Award Assembly \_\_\_\_\_
- Summer 4-H Camp \_\_\_\_\_
- State 4-H Show  
(Horse, Rabbit/Cavy, Dog) \_\_\_\_\_
- State 4-H Contest  
(Including Conferences, Workshops, Quiz Bowls, Judging, Skillathon, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- State 4-H Shooting Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Capital Experience \_\_\_\_\_
- Great Lakes Natural Resource Camp \_\_\_\_\_
- Citizenship Washington Focus \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 4-H Enthusiast Award

*Prompt: On this paper, please write 3-4 sentences to tell us a little bit about your first year in 4-H and why you are excited for next year.*

## Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

*Prompt: In 500 words or less, use your own words to define Civic Engagement and why it is important to build skills in this area.*

## **4-H Mark of Excellence Award**

*Prompt: In 500 words or less, write an essay focusing on the theme  
“4-H Beyond Ready...”*

## 4-H Key Club Award

*Prompt: In 500 words or less, describe how your time in 4-H has helped you to develop life skills that will carry into other aspects of your life.*

## County Project Medal Awards Form

Project Area Applying For: \_\_\_\_\_  
Complete Sections A-E for the project area noted above.

## Section A: Project Activities

Number of years in 4-H project: \_\_\_\_\_ Were you in the 4-H project in 2025? \_\_\_\_\_ In 2024? \_\_\_\_\_

List project related activities on local, county, state and national level.

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## **Section B: My 4-H County Medal Story**

Briefly explain what you have learned or how you have benefited from this project area and why you applied for this award.

### **Section C: Community Participation:**

List your participation in church, school, and other youth organizations.

## Section D: 4-H Leadership:

List all 4-H leadership responsibilities you have accepted in your club, county and state programs. Summarize your experiences and indicate the level at which the events were conducted (i.e. club, county, or state).

**Section E: 4-H Accomplishments (non-project related):**

Write a brief summary of what you have accomplished outside this project area so far in your 4-H career. Include special community club activities/projects, community service, helping at the fair, fundraising, Exploration Days, trips, conferences, workshops, etc.