



4-H County Medals & Awards

St. Joseph County



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, 2024, and have just completed their **first year** of “regular” 4-H in 2024. 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 2025): 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, 2025. 4-H Youth Council will pay for ¾ of the cost, leaving the applicant to pay **\$500.00** (total cost **\$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 18-20, 2025 - Exploration Days): 4-H Mark of Excellence Award is an award for 4-H youth between the ages of 10-11 by January 1, 2025. 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 will be selected and will represent St. Joseph County at the State Awards Celebration during 4-H Exploration Days. You MUST complete the application at the county level by January 24, 2025 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 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 Extension Office by **January 24th, 2025.**

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:

_____ Page 2

_____ Page 3

_____ 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 (9 years old & older)
- 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 (12-14 years old)
- County Award Medals (15 and older)

Date of Birth: _____ 4-H Age (as of January 1, 2024): _____

I have completed _____ calendar years of 4-H.

Name of 4-H Club(s): _____

Please check all that you have attended and indicate the year(s) attended. (Call the MSU Extension Office for participation dates if unsure.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4-H Exploration Days | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | State 4-H Award Assembly | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kettunen Center Workshops | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | State 4-H Horse Show | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | State 4-H Rabbit Show | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | State 4-H Shooting Sports | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Capital Experience | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Great Lakes Natural Resource Camp | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Citizenship Washington Focus | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4-H Goat Show | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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.

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...
