

# **Van Buren County 4-H Awards Handbook**

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**The Michigan 4-H Mission Statement**

Michigan 4-H Youth Programs is a youth development program that involves volunteers in providing positive, experiential, educational opportunities for and with youth. Our mission is to create environments, through collaboration, that build strong, healthy youth who are proactive in a complex and changing world.

**Purpose**

To create an awareness of opportunities and awards to the youth in the Van Buren County 4-H Youth Program. More specific information is available upon request from the MSU Extension Office located at 801 Hazen Street, Suite D, Paw Paw MI 49079, 269-657-8213.

Dear 4-H Member:

Welcome to the wonderful world of 4-H!

You will find in this booklet full of information about the many 4-H awards, scholarships, trips and other activities that are available to you!

We hope you will enjoy your participation in 4-H! If you have any questions about any of the programs in this booklet, ask the Key Leader of your 4-H club or contact the 4-H staff at the Extension Office.



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# **4-H Member & Leader Awards**

# Member Completion Awards

Year-end awards are presented to 4-H members who actively participate in their club throughout the year. Criteria for receiving a completion award is determined by each individual club.

These awards can be presented to 4-H members in a variety of ways. Some clubs give out the awards at a 4-H Family Night so the parents are there to see their son/daughter recognized. This is also a great time to thank the 4-H project leaders. Other clubs have an end-of-the-year pizza party and give out the awards at that time. In some clubs, the teen leaders plan a 4-H awards party for the club.

## Awards for Junior Members (Ages 5-7)


- 1<sup>st</sup> year member receives - Jr. Member certificate with 4-H clover sticker*
- Green & White 4-H clover pin*
- Additional years receives - Green & White 4-H clover stickers*

## VAN BUREN COUNTY

### JUNIOR MEMBER

(for 4-H members under 9 years of age)


# Certificate of Achievement




1 Year \_\_\_\_\_

HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED PROJECT WORK IN THE 4-H PROGRAM

PROJECT	YEARS	LEADER
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____




3 Year \_\_\_\_\_



2 Year \_\_\_\_\_

4 Year \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H KEY LEADER

\_\_\_\_\_  
EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH AGENT

**Awards for 4-H members (Ages 8-19)**












*1<sup>st</sup> year member receives -*

*4-H member certificate with gold seal*

*Bronze 4-H Clover pin*

*Personal 4-H Record Book*

*Additional years member receives - Gold seals*

	<b>VAN BUREN COUNTY</b>			
1 Year _____		7 Year _____		
	<b>4-H MEMBER</b>			
2 Year _____	<b>Certificate of Achievement</b>	8 Year _____		
				
3 Year _____		9 Year _____		
	HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED PROJECT WORK IN THE 4-H PROGRAM			
4 Year _____	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>YEARS</b>	<b>LEADER</b>	10 Year _____
	_____	_____	_____	
5 Year _____	_____	_____	_____	11 Year _____
	_____	_____	_____	
6 Year _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____	4-H Key Leader	_____	Extension 4-H Youth Agent	

# Member Graduation

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Seven year old members will receive a graduation certificate during the fall 4-H Youth Awards Ceremony. Upon graduation, they will no longer be a junior member or Cloverbud. (See section on 4-H Award Ceremony).

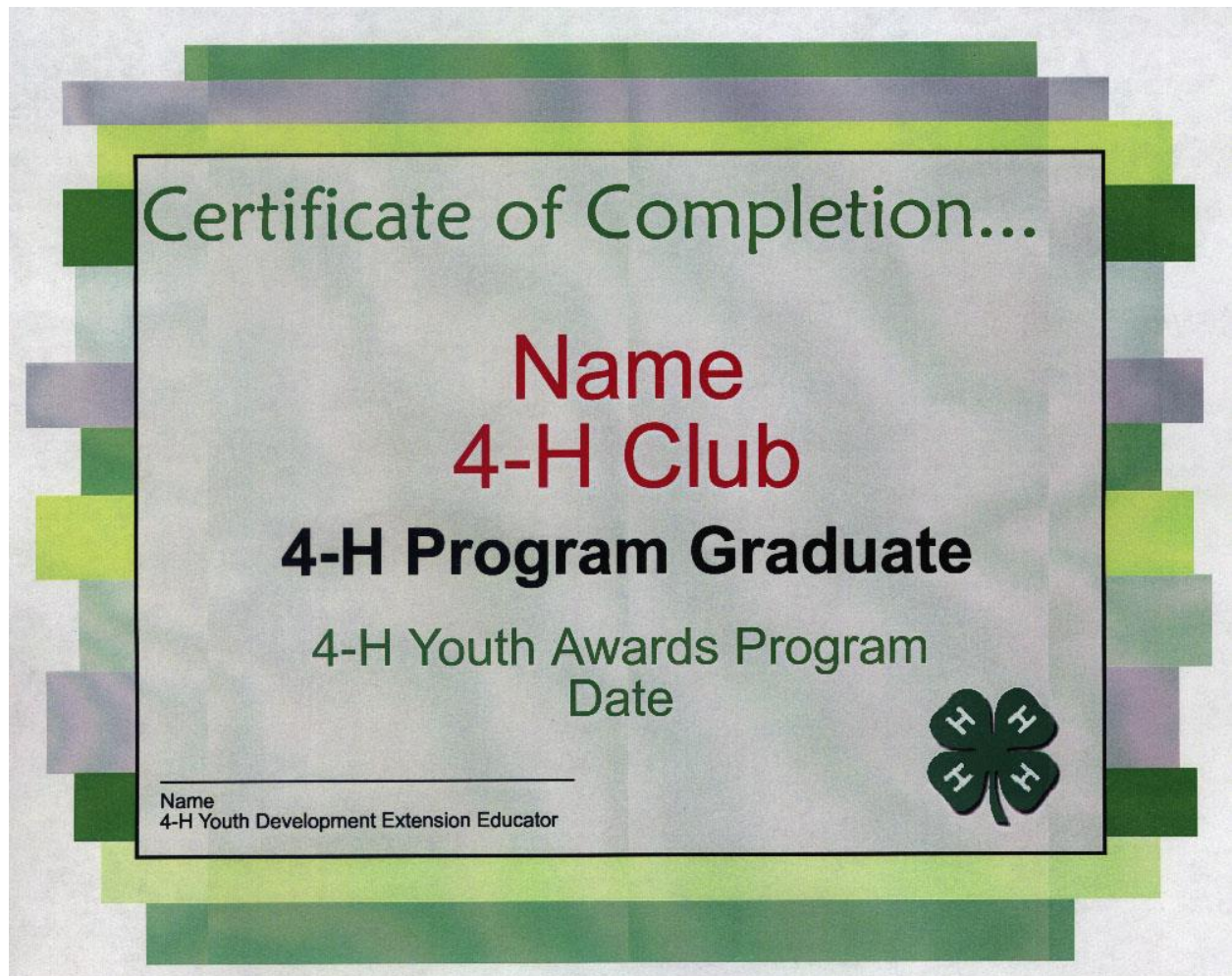




# **Regular Member Graduation** (last year in 4-H)

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A Regular Member Graduate is a 4-H member who has completed their last eligible year in 4-H.




Certificate of Completion...

**Name**  
**4-H Club**

**4-H Program Graduate**

4-H Youth Awards Program  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
4-H Youth Development Extension Educator



# Teen Leader Awards

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A Teen Leader is a 4-H member between the ages of 13-19 who has served in a leadership role in their local 4-H club and/or the county 4-H program and is registered as a teen leader and submitted by their Key Leader. Examples of teen leader activities include being a club officer and/or assisting a project leader.

First year teen leaders are presented with a “Teen Leader” pin during the Fall Youth Award Ceremony. All teen leaders also receive a certificate each year.



# 4-H Adult Leader Awards

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Van Buren County 4-H Leaders are recognized for years of service (1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, etc.) at an annual 4-H Leaders Banquet held each fall. Leaders receive the following certificates and pins for each five years of service.

1 <sup>st</sup> Year -	Bronze Clover
5 <sup>th</sup> Year -	Silver Clover
10 <sup>th</sup> Year -	Gold Clover
15 <sup>th</sup> Year -	Pearl Clover
20 <sup>th</sup> Year -	Diamond Clover
25 <sup>th</sup> Year -	Emerald Clover
30 <sup>th</sup> Year -	Ruby Clover
35 <sup>th</sup> Year -	Sapphire Clover
40 <sup>th</sup> Year -	Five-point Diamond Clover
45 <sup>th</sup> Year -	Emerald Clover
50 <sup>th</sup> Year -	Large Ruby Clover

## Sample Certificate:



# County Medals

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**Who Selects:** Members from the community form the committee. They can be 4-H staff from other counties, school employees, or just ordinary citizens not directly or indirectly involved in Van Buren County 4-H. All names are taken off of the application and replaced with a number.

**Award Definition:** An award recognition is given to an individual who has made a specific accomplishment. In many program areas, the award is also an opportunity to learn. This adds a dimension of responsibility to the individual and to others. There are three important things to remember about awards:

1. It is an honor to receive an award. It is honorable to accept and carry out the responsibility of the award.
2. An award is recognition of things that you have achieved in the past. After you have received your award, you must set new goals for tomorrow.
3. Travel opportunities will give the member a chance to grow and to learn new skills.

**Who is Eligible:** Members must be actively enrolled in a 4-H club that is in good standing. The member must also be in good standing. Leaders and parents are encouraged to assume an active supporting role in helping the 4-H member complete their applications, but the work and applications are to be completed by the member. There may be specifics for each award.

- 4-H members may be nominated for a county medal by their project leader, key leader or may nominate themselves. All nominations must be sent to the key leader to review and approve.
- A 4-H member may not apply for more than seven county medals. The maximum of seven does not include Achievement, Leadership or Citizenship.

## **Requirements for County Medal Awards:**

- Must be at least 12 years old by January 1 of current year
- Must have completed two years in the project
- Must not have previously received a County medal in that project area
- Application form must be completely filled out and signed by both the project leader and the key leader

County medals are not necessarily awarded to a member who received a trophy or best of show ribbon at the fair. A 4-H member does not need to exhibit at the fair to be considered for a county medal. Instead, this award is intended to honor the 4-H member who has actively participated in the project and was willing to assist others when help was needed.

The following are a few of the qualities 4-H leaders are asked to look for when nominating youth for a county medal:

- Actively participated in project
- Has a good attitude
- Worked to the best of their ability
- Willingness to help others

# County Medals (cont.)

To be considered for a County Medal, the award nominee's score must be at 70% or above of the total points available.

**Deadline:** Check with your Key Leader

Applications may be acquired from Key Leaders, Project Leaders or from Michigan State University Extension. The member is responsible for completing the "4-H Award Application" (*see sample in appendix*) and obtaining the signatures of their project and key leaders.

The completed applications will be reviewed by the Awards Selection Committee. One or two 4-H members in each project may be selected to receive a county medal at the Awards Program. A 4-H member may not receive more than five county medals each year. This does not include Achievement, Leadership and Citizenship.

The following is a list of the categories that County Medals may be awarded in. If nominations are received for projects that are not listed below, the Awards Committee will decide if a county medal will be presented.

<b>County Medals in 4-H Project Areas</b> ( <i>but not limited to these, contact the Extension office for more information</i> )
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Agriculture	Foods & Nutrition ( <i>Specify</i> )	Personal Appearance ( <i>Specify</i> )
Art ( <i>Specify: Painting, Drawing</i> )	-Cake Decorating	-Buymanship
Beef	-Candy Making	-Crochet/Knitting
Bird Study	-Cooking/Food Prep.	-Modeling
Cats	-Outdoor Cooking	-Personalization
Cavies	-Food Preservation	-Personal Grooming
Clowning	( <i>canning/freezing/drying</i> )	-Sewing
Collections	Forestry	Photography
Computers	Gardening or Horticulture	Poultry
Crafts ( <i>Specify – i.e. baskets</i> )	Goats	Rabbits
Dairy	Health/Safety/First Aid	Rocketry
Demonstrations/Public Speaking	Horse Lovers	Rocks & Minerals
Dogs	Horses	Sheep
Draft Horses	International	Swine
Entomology	Needlework ( <i>crossstitch, embroidery, etc.</i> )	Veterinary Science
Field Crops	Performing Arts	Wildlife
Folkpatterns or Geneology		Wildflowers
		Woodworking
		Writing

<b>County Medals in Achievement, Leadership and Citizenship</b>
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<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Leadership</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>
<i>Takes personal initiative to go above and beyond 4-H project work.</i>	<i>Must be a teen leader for a minimum of 2 years.</i>	<i>Involved in a project to benefit others.</i>
<b>Examples:</b>	<b>Examples:</b>	<b>Examples:</b>
- An older member who takes what they learned in 4-H and starts a small business	- Lead a 4-H project	- Organize a community beautification project. (i.e. Flower planting or trash pick-up along highway)
- A member who receives recognition outside of 4-H for an outstanding accomplishment that resulted from their 4-H project work.	- Be a 4-H club officer	- Help plan a food drive
	- Chair a committee	- Assist with an election
	- Assist in planning a county 4-H activity	

# 4-H Key Club Award

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The 4-H Key Club award is presented to 4-H members from throughout Michigan. It recognizes youth who have actively participated in the 4-H program. The award is based on total points earned by participating in 4-H activities. Approximately two to five Key Club awards are presented each year. Selections will be made by the 4-H Awards Committee. The Key Club award is presented during the fall Youth Awards Ceremony and can be received one time per youth.

## **Requirements for the Key Club Award:**

- Reached 15 years of age by the beginning of the Club year
- Completed 3 calendar years of club work as of January 1 of the current year.
- Completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas.
- Completed a Teen Leadership project.
- Participated in 3 district (state sponsored) and/or State 4-H events.

**Deadline:** Check with your Key Leader.

# “I Dare You” Award

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The “I Dare You” Award recognizes 4-H members for excellence in character, balanced personal development and leadership abilities. The award is sponsored by the American Youth Foundation. The award is presented to not more than two 4-H members per county each year. It is presented at the Fall Youth Awards Ceremony and can be received one time per youth. Selections are made by the 4-H Awards Committee.

## **Requirements for the “I Dare You” Award:**

- Reached 16 years of age by October 1 of the current year
- Has completed five years in 4-H
- Has demonstrated leadership ability at the club level
- Has been active in 4-H and other youth programs (school, church, community, etc.)
- Has completed the 4-H Achievement Summary (see appendix)

**Deadline:** Check with your Key Leader

# Outstanding 4-H Member

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**Selection Process:** Applicable members must be 15-19 years old with a minimum of two completed years in the Van Buren County 4-H program. (*See sample application in appendix*).

Up to two youth will be awarded the honor of being the “Outstanding 4-H Member” each year. They must complete an application, which will follow with an interview. 4-H members are selected based on 4-H involvement, leadership qualities, community service initiatives and evidence of a citizenship commitment. The well-rounded individuals in the 4-H program, school, community and/or youth groups will be the best candidates.

**Term of Duty:** Outstanding 4-H Members” serve from October through the September following the 4-H Leaders’ & Youth Awards.

Each member chosen at the “Outstanding 4-H Member” shall receive a sweatshirt, two t-shirts and a name badge.

**Chaperone:** A 4-H volunteer must be present with the “Outstanding 4-H Member” at all events they participate in.

**Duties and Responsibilities:** When awarded this role, members will be expected to represent 4-H throughout the year at various community events such as the Van Buren Youth Fair, parades and media requests, as well as any other venues that promote 4-H. The Outstanding 4-Her has been fairly self-guided, this is a leadership role.

Members are requested to complete the following:

- Participate in a parade representing 4-H
- Attend a community service organization meeting to promote 4-H
- Attend as many Van Buren County 4-H Leaders’ Association meetings as possible (Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 p.m. No meeting in July or December)
- Attend a 4-H clubs meeting that is not their own
- Attend a board of commissioners meeting
- Be interviewed on a radio show to promote 4-H or the fair
- Submit a letter to the editor or write an article in a local newspaper promoting 4-H\*
- Attend a county committee meeting (LLC, SMAC, DAC, Horse Council)
- Perform duties at the Van Buren Youth Fair AND complete a still exhibit to promote what you have completed as "Outstanding 4-H Member"
- Go to a community event and promote 4-H
- Talk to a state representative, legislature or government or attend a local township meeting
- Promote National 4-H week to others
- Assist during the Van Buren County 4-H Youth Awards and Ceremony and promote your experiences through a speech.

# Outstanding 4-H Member (cont.)

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A sample schedule of duties may include, but not limited to with variance in schedule:

October: Promote National 4-H week to others

November: Talk to State Representatives, legislature or government or attend a local township meeting

December: Participation in a holiday parade representing 4-H

January: Attending a service organization meeting to promote 4-H

February: Attend a 4-H club meeting, not their own

March: Attend a County Board of Commissioners meeting

April: Be interviewed on a radio show to promote 4-H

May: Submit a letter to the editor or write an article in a local newspaper promoting 4-H\*

June: Attend a county committee meeting (4-H Leaders' Association, LLC, Horse Council, SMAC)

July: Perform duties during the Van Buren Youth Fair

August: Submit a letter to the editor or write an article in a local newspaper promoting 4-H\*

September: Assist at the Van Buren County 4-H Leaders and Youth Awards

\*Topics to be written or talked about are selected by the youth with assistance from the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator to ensure appropriate materials.

**Deadline:** Check with your Key Leader



# Club Officers

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Club officers play a key role in the function of a 4-H club. It is a great responsibility and commitment and these individuals will be recognized at the 4-H Youth Awards with a certificate.

## Michigan 4-H Awards Program

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All 4-H members, ages 13-19, are eligible to apply for a State Award in the category of their choice.

A 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member. 4-H State Award winners become part of an elite group of 4-H youth who have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in learning, leadership, and service. The purpose of this awards program is to provide 4-H youth a learning opportunity where they can receive recognition while developing important life skills. Through the experience, members apply skills in communication, organization, and self-motivation.

A select number of 4-H State Award applicants are invited to attend the prestigious 4-H State Award Recognition Event held during 4-H Exploration Days as State Award delegates. 4-H State Award delegates are selected through an application process that showcases their knowledge, skills and experiences in their chosen 4-H project area. Participation in the State Awards Program helps all applicants develop workforce preparation skills such as communication, time management, goal setting, and record keeping.

Recognition for 4-H State Award winners include a plaque and cash award. The program recognizes 4-H members in 19 project areas in both junior (13-15 years old) and senior (16-19 years old) age divisions, as well as a group award area (13-19 years old).

## Mark of Excellence

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The 4-H Mark of Excellence Award is a division of the 4-H State Awards Program for 11 and 12-year-old 4-H members.

To enter, a 4-H member writes an essay on the theme, "Because of 4-H I can ...". Essays are submitted to the local county MSU Extension office by February 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youths' essays as their representatives and submit those names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee.



## Section Two

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# 4-H Program Opportunities

## **An Excellent Adventure**

An Excellent Adventure is an all day educational program designed for 4-Her's 9-12 years of age by January 1 of the current year. Hands-on sessions are taught by volunteer 4-H adult and teen leaders and MSU Extension staff members.



### **Camp Kidwell**

Camp Kidwell is a 4-H sponsored camp located on Eagle Lake near Bloomingdale. It is a wonderful camp that offers day-camp for younger campers and full-week camping experiences for older campers. Campers stay in heated cabins, enjoy archery, canoeing, hiking, horseback riding, sports, swimming, and campfire fun.

## **Capitol Experience**

Capitol Experience is a 4-H program for members in Freshman-Senior high school years. If selected, the member will travel to Lansing, staying in a hotel for the 3-½ day intensive workshop on Michigan government. Members have the opportunity to meet and spend time with their local legislators, as well as tour several government-based agencies. Members select an area of interest to follow throughout the workshop and job-shadow a mentor for one day.



### **Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)**

Citizenship Washington Focus consists of a one-week trip to Washington, D.C. for 4-H members ages 15-19. Participants will explore government and youth issues through educational field trips, learning games, and active discussions.

Participants stay at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, with program highlights including the Washington D.C. metropolitan area (Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National Cemetery, Kennedy Center, and Washington National Cathedral) and historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Participants must be aged 15-19 and have been in 4-H for two years.

## **Exploration Days**

4-H Exploration Days is an annual state youth conference attracting nearly 3,000 youth participants and chaperones to MSU in June. Participants stay and eat in the dorms at MSU; they travel on specially arranged buses across campus to attend educational workshops. Members can take advantage of the pool and sporting facilities on campus, as well as attend a dance for participants. The highlight of Exploration Days is the State Award announcements. Participants must be 12 years of age by January 1 of the current year to attend.



### **Foreign Exchange Programs**

The 4-H experience offers opportunities for foreign exchange with a variety of countries. Members usually travel to foreign countries for a one-month period in the summer and stay with host families. Families also have the option of hosting a foreign exchange student in their home for one to two months, or longer, depending on which program is chosen.



## Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp

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The Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp is a six-day camping experience held in August at Camp Chicagami in Presque Isle, Michigan. This camp is unique from other general camps in that it focuses on the natural resources of Michigan and the understanding of related careers, such as marine biology. In addition to the general camping activities, campers also can take part in fishing, snorkeling, sailing, bird watching, lighthouse tours, and community service projects. Participants learn about wildlife/forestry, Great Lakes coasts, charter fishing, geology, and lakes and wetlands.

## Kettunen Center Training Workshops

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The Michigan 4-H program has its own training facility, Kettunen Center, in Tustin, Michigan, near Cadillac. It is a marvelous facility located in the woods with regular buildings that serve as dorms and training facilities. Members and project leaders can attend weekend workshops at the Kettunen Center with costs varying per program. In the past, subject areas have included:

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|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| *Arts/Crafts       | *Folkpatterns  | *Rabbits/Cavies     |
| *Beef              | *Foods         | *Sheep              |
| *Cats              | *Goats         | *Shooting Sports    |
| *Clothing/Textiles | *Horses        | *Swine              |
| *Dairy             | *International | *Veterinary Science |
| *Dogs              |                |                     |



## National Congress

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4-H National Congress takes place in November annually in Atlanta, Georgia. Selected participants fly into Atlanta and partake in a wonderful, weeklong conference including workshops, activities, and formal dinners. National Congress is a wonderful opportunity to meet and network with 4-H members from across the country, sharing project ideas and camaraderie.

## State to State Exchange

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Participants travel to another state or they host youth from another state. In the past, 4-H youth from Michigan have hosted 4-H members from Minnesota and Pennsylvania. Van Buren County youth have traveled to Hawaii and San Francisco.



## Van Buren Youth Camp

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Van Buren Youth Camp is a camp located near Bloomingdale. It is a wonderful camp that offers day camp for younger campers and full-week camping experiences for older campers. Campers stay in cabins and enjoy archery, canoeing, hiking, horseback riding, sports, swimming, games, skits, folk dancing, singing and campfire fun.

## Van Buren Youth Fair

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The Van Buren Youth Fair is held in July at the fairgrounds in Hartford. This is an event where participants receive ratings and premiums for their submitted projects.





# **4-H Event Scholarships**

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The 4-H Leaders' Association is an organization that includes representatives from all 4-H clubs in Van Buren County. One of the goals of the Leaders' Association is to make it possible for members and leaders to attend 4-H events by offering financial scholarships.

Funding for these scholarships are made possible through 4-H fundraising efforts, in addition, to donations received from local organizations and individuals. A family must participate in the countywide fundraiser for the 4-H members and volunteers from that family to be eligible for scholarships through the Leaders' Association.

You must be a registered active 4-H member/leader to be eligible for scholarships.

Scholarships are available for the following 4-H programs and events:

- Camp Kidwell
- Capitol Experience\*
- Citizenship Washington Focus\*
- Exploration Days
- Great Lakes Natural Resource Camp
- National Congress\*
- Van Buren Youth Camp
- 4-H Adult & Teen Leader Workshops (*Application is on line or available at the Extension office. To be considered, application must be complete and turned into the Leaders' Association. Consideration will be made at a regular business meeting.*)

In addition, the 4-H Leaders Association subsidizes An Excellent Adventure and 4-H Volunteer and Youth Awards. As new programs and events become available, additional scholarships will be considered by the 4-H Leaders Association.

Your support of fundraising efforts is very important as the 4-H program in Van Buren County continues to grow!

\*Must be 4-H members for 2 years.

The selection process for the positions available for the Citizenship Washington Focus program is as follows:

1. Applications forms will be sent to all eligible 4-H members.
2. 4-H members must complete the CWF application, provide written responses to the questions and submit to the Extension Office by deadline with deposit.
3. All applicants meet with an interview panel for a brief interview.
4. Based on the application and interview, 4-H members will be selected to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus trip.



## Section Four

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# 4-H College Scholarships

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Criteria for selection of state and national 4-H scholarships:

- Outstanding achievement in 4-H
- Broad range of 4-H experiences and project involvement
- 4-H involvement in local, county, regional, state and national levels
- Leadership and citizenship contributions both inside and outside 4-H
- Number of years in 4-H
- Thoroughness in completing application requirements
- Neatness of application
- Scholastic excellence
- Financial need (applies to only selected scholarships)

*Note: The following information is subject to change. Contact the Extension Office for current guidelines and application forms.*

## **Van Buren County 4-H Scholarship**

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The Van Buren County 4-H Leaders Association offers four college scholarships (\$1000.00 each) to Van Buren 4-H members.

### **Eligibility:**

- Youth must be a current high school senior, college freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior or graduate student.
- All applicants must be a current 4-H member.
- A person may not receive this award, more than twice.

Check with your Key Leader for deadline.

## **Van Buren County Large Livestock Scholarship**

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The Van Buren Youth Fair Large Livestock Scholarship is available to a student attending the first year of college and/or an institution of higher learning who can meet the following requirements:

- Must be a graduating senior in high school becoming a first year student in college or a first year student in a higher education program.
- Must be active the last three (3) consecutive years in large livestock projects at the Van Buren Youth Fair.

## **State 4-H Scholarships**

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### **Michigan State University 4-H Scholarship**

4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application by November 1 of their senior year. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of the university and be accepted to MSU.

\$2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. A minimum of four scholarships are given annually.

## **Michigan State University - Michigan 4-H Foundation Scholarships**

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The Michigan 4-H Foundation offers scholarships to attend Michigan State University. There is no separate application process for these awards scholarships – recipients are selected from the MSU 4-H Scholarship applicant pool above. Current scholarships include:

Sigma Alpha Sorority 4-H Scholarship

Award amount: \$1,000

Lowell and Carol Spike Memorial 4-H Scholarship

Award amount: \$1,000

## **Michigan Rabbit Scholarship**

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Current 4-H members who will be enrolled in higher education, which includes community college, university, or trade school. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years.

\$500 per scholarship, up to four scholarships are given annually

## **Pre-College Scholarship**

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Students in 8th, 9th or 10th grade following their MSU pre-college program involvement (such as 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, 4-H Renewal Energy Camp, 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp or 4-H Capitol Experience). Students will be invited to apply by their county MSU Extension 4-H staff for 4-H Exploration Days or the pre-college program director for 4-H GLNRC, Renewable Energy Camp, 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp and 4-H Capitol Experience.

\$2,000 applied toward the student's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student. (Scholarship recipients are not guaranteed admission to MSU and must meet admission requirements upon submitting the MSU application as an incoming undergraduate.)



# **4-H Awards Programs**

# 4-H Leaders' & Youth Banquet

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Each year the Van Buren County 4-H volunteers and youth are recognized. All 4-H members and leaders are invited to attend.

4-H leaders who have completed one, five, ten, fifteen, etc., years of service are recognized in a brief ceremony. The program in the past has been MC'd by the Citizenship Washington Focus participants and Outstanding 4-H Members.

4-H members who complete an application for County Awards are individually recognized during the fall Youth Awards Ceremony.

The awards to be presented include:

- Jr. Member Graduation Certificates
- County Medals
- Key Club
- "I Dare You" Award
- Teen Leader Awards
- College Scholarships
- Outstanding 4-H Member
- Club Officer
- Alumni/Graduate Awards
- State Awards
- Mark of Excellence
- State Event participation

# Appendix

Sample applications. For reference only. Do not use.

Current applications should be obtained from your Key Leader or the Michigan State University Extension office.







# Outstanding 4-H Member Application



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference #1:**

**Reference #2**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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Address

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City, State & Zip

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Relationship

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Relationship

The Outstanding 4-H Member Award recognizes individuals who have actively participated in 4-H activities and served as role models to others. Many activities that enhance a successful 4-H experience include modeling good citizenship and leadership to other. 4-H'ers pledge to serve, not only their club, but also their community, their country and their world. So, any activity relating to community service or making the world a better place should be included in your application. **This completed application must be submitted to the Van Buren County MSU Extension office on or before the first Friday in August.**

View this application as developing skills you use when applying for a job, college or scholarships in the future. Neatness, spelling and grammar will contribute to your overall score. Good luck, and have fun!

*I understand that if I am selected as Outstanding 4-H member, I will be required to participate in activities at the Van Buren Youth Fair each evening. I will participate in 4-H events throughout the year when I am able.*

*I personally have prepared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my 4-H experiences.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*I have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct. I understand the commitment for my child at the Van Buren Youth Fair.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*I have reviewed this application and believe it to be accurate.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Key Leader Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Spelling, grammar and neatness -20 points**

### **A. 4-H Leadership Experience: -20 points**

Leadership means taking the lead in giving direction, planning and organizing an activity. Effective leadership depends on giving help to and receiving help from others, but helping is a supportive role, not leadership.

Identify at least three 4-H leadership experiences you have had and describe their significance to your personal growth and development. (Essay, no more than 500 words.)

*One of the most significant leadership experiences I have had in my 4-H career was serving as a club officer. I have held the positions of secretary, vice president and president. The last two roles allowed me to learn parliamentary procedure and how to conduct a meeting. Being a club officer taught me how to make decisions as a group . . . .*

### **B. Citizenship and Community Service - 20 points**

Citizenship can be defined as acting with informed concern for you and for others as an individual or as part of a group. Helping and assisting are important.

Identify up to three 4-H citizenships/community service experiences you have had and describe their significance to you and your community. (Essay, no more than 500 words.)

*My favorite community service project in my 4-H club was learning about world hunger and raising funds to donate to the food bank in my community. Through this community service project, our 4-H club had a guest speaker who taught us about the issue. Our club members shared what we learned with many people in our community to raise awareness about the hunger issues locally and collect funds to meet this need . . .*

### **C. Non 4-H Experiences in School, Church or Faith Group, and Community - 20 points**

Describe how you have applied your 4-H knowledge and experiences in school and other non 4-H groups/organizations. (Essay, no more than 500 words.)

### **D. List major 4-H Projects (also list # of years in each project) -20 points**

**E. List county, state and/or national 4-H sponsored activities you have participated in.** (Examples include CWF, Expo Days, Capitol Experience) - 10 points (up to 1 page)

### **F. List how you have promoted 4-H I n Van Buren County (Do not list years.)- 10 points**

### **G. Your 4-H Story = 50 points**

Your 4-H Story is a very important part of your application. Try to convey how your participation in 4-H contributed to your self-respect and concern for others, how it has influenced you in school, in your use of leisure time and in your career plans. Your 4-H Story is the place to expand on facts and figures by telling what your experiences have meant to you; how they have developed and affected your confidence, your attitude and other

factors. Your 4-H Story adds warmth and depth to your application packet. It should not be a relisting of what you included in your resume.

The following outline may help you develop Your 4-H Story. It is divided into parts simply to help you outline what you want to say about yourself. Do not identify these parts in Your 4-H Story.

Part 1= 10 points

Introduce yourself. Include information about your age, interests, family, where you live, where you go to school, when and why you became involved in 4-H.

Part 2 = 10 points

Highlight your 4-H projects and activities, including major learning experiences, special interests and unusual situations you have encountered.

Part 3 = 15 points

Explain how 4-H has helped you become a better leader and citizen, how 4-H has increased your interest and participation in community affairs, and what you have learned from your team or group involvement and efforts.

Part 4 = 15 points

Describe how 4-H participation has helped you to feel good about yourself, influenced your school and career goals and your use of leisure time. Tell about your future plans and the career you want to pursue.

Now, have fun as you write your story!

**This application has been condensed to conserve resources. Please contact your Key Leader or the MSU Extension for a current packet.**



## PROJECT AWARD APPLICATION

Category \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Key Leader/Project Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Leader Comments (This is what will be read during the award presentation.)

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Dear 4-H Member and Leaders,

This application is for individual project awards. Only one project should be applied for per application.

View this application as developing the skills you will need to have when applying for jobs, college or scholarships in the future. Neatness, grammar and spelling will contribute to your overall point score.

The name of the applicant will not be known to the judges when evaluated by the Awards Selection Committee. Each question is assigned points and totaled. The person or persons with the most points will receive the Project Award in that category.

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## **PROJECT AWARD APPLICATION**

Spelling, grammar and neatness = 20 points

### **Section I. My Experiences in the 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Project** 20 points (No more than 2 pages)

List only information that relates to the project area for which you wish to be recognized.

#### **A. Learning Experiences**

List by year, your participation in demonstrations, teaching others, talks, exhibits, newspaper articles written, workshops, camps, judging events, field trips or other learning experiences in this project area. Include activities at the local, county and state levels. Items should relate to your main project.

20 points (Essay- no more than 500 words.)

#### **B. Life Skills**

20 points (Essay- no more than 500 words.)

Choose two life skills from the diagram on page 5 and describe how you have developed each life skill through your 4-H project.

*Through my Healthy Lifestyles 4-H project I have learned personal safety, planning/organizing, cooperation, and marketable skills. Cooking in the kitchen has taught me the importance of practicing safety including using care with hot surfaces while using the oven. I have learned safe handling of knives and sharp objects. Food safety is an important aspect of keeping safe in the kitchen...*

#### **C. Knowledge**

20 points (Essay- no more than 500 words.)

Identify up to two areas of content knowledge you have learned in your 4-H project and describe what you have learned and how you learned it.

*In my 4-H Goat project I have learned showmanship, hoof care, milk processing and nutrition. In the area of nutrition, I have learned the various feed stuffs, ration amounts and protein contents of each feed stuff...*

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# Citizenship\Leadership\Achievement Application

MUST be nominated by Key Leader or County Staff.

I would like to nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club

for a County Medal in (check one)

\_\_\_Achievement \_\_\_Citizenship \_\_\_Leadership

\_\_\_I Dare You

One thing I really appreciate about him/her is.....

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
4-H Key Leader/County Staff

Dear 4-H Member and Leaders,

Congratulations on being nominated for this very special award. Only one area should be applied for per application.

View this application as developing the skills you will need to have when applying for jobs, college or scholarships in the future. Neatness, grammar and spelling will contribute to your overall point score.

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# Citizenship\Leadership\Achievement Application

***Spelling, grammar and neatness = 20 points***

## **A. Leadership Experience**

20 points (Essay, no more than 500 words)

Leadership means taking the lead in giving direction, planning and organizing an activity.

Identify up to three 4-H leadership experiences you have had and describe their significance to your personal growth and development.

## **B. Citizenship and Community Service**

20 points (Essay, no more than 500 words)

Citizenship can be defined as acting with informed concern for yourself and others as an individual or part of a group. Helping and assisting are important.

Identify up to three 4-H citizenships/community service experiences you have had and describe their significance to you and your community.

*My favorite community service project in my 4-H club was learning about world hunger and raising funds to donate to the food bank in my community. Through this community service project, our 4-H club had a guest speaker who taught us about the issue. Our club members shared what we learned with many people in our community to raise awareness about the hunger issues locally and collect funds to meet this need . . .*

## **C. Non 4-H Experiences in School, Church or Faith Group and Community**

20 points (Essay, no more than 500 words)

Describe how you have applied your 4-H knowledge and experiences in school and other non 4-H groups/organizations.

*In my Technology and Engineering project, I learned the scientific procedure to complete my science experiment on water quality. In my school science fair, I applied the same process to complete my science fair project . . . .*

## **D. Your 4-H Story**

40 points (No more than 1,500 words)

Your 4-H Story is a very important part of your awards packet. Try to convey how your participation in 4-H contributed to your self-respect and concern for others, how it has influenced you in school, in your use of leisure time and in your career plans. Your 4-H Story is the place to expand on facts and figures by telling what your experiences have meant to you. Your 4- H Story adds warmth and depth to your application packet.



**Part I** - Introduce yourself without using your name. Include information about your age, interests, family, where you live, where you go to school, and when and why you became involved in 4-H.

**Part II** - Highlight your 4-H projects and activities major learning experiences, special interests, and unusual situations you have encountered.

**Part III** - Explain how 4-H has helped you become a better leader and citizen, how 4-H has increased your interest and participation in community affairs, and what you have learned from your team or group involvement and efforts.

**Part IV** - Describe how 4-H participation has helped you to feel good about yourself, influenced your school and career goals and your use of leisure time. Tell about your future plans and the career you want to pursue.

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# APPLICATION FOR MICHIGAN 4-H KEY CLUB AWARD

(Please Print)

Date Submitted \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Number, Street or Road \_\_\_\_\_

R.F.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

## BASIC REQUIRMENTS:

A 4-H Member is eligible who has:

- Reached 15 years of age by the beginning of the Club year (October 1 of the previous year.)
- Completed 3 calendar years of club work as of January 1 of the current year.
- Completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas.
- Completed a Teen Leadership project.
- Participated in 3 district (state sponsored) and/or State 4-H events.
- Been recommended by his local leader.

The above activities give you 50 points. You must earn at least 125 additional points to give a minimum of 175 points to be considered. The 4-H Key Club Award may be given to 1/2 of one percent of the total county membership. If more than 1/2 of one percent qualify for the award, those with the highest scores will be honored.

Now complete the remainder of this application using your "Member's Personal 4-H Record," 4-H bulletin: 1192

<b>Work reported should include the present year:</b>	<b>Applicants Fill-in</b>	<b>Total Pts.</b>
1. Calendar years in 4-H work <i>(2 points for each year beyond 3 years)</i>	No. years _____	= _____
2. Projects carried <i>(1 point for each year, each project)</i>	No. years _____	= _____
3. Projects followed through for 3 or more years <i>(5 points per project)</i>	No. projects _____	x 5 = _____
4. Calendar years of Teen Leadership <i>(2 points for each year beyond 1 year)</i>	No. years _____	= _____
5. Offices held in local or county 4-H club <i>(2 points for each)</i>	No. held _____	x 2 = _____
6. Served as Junior Camp Counselor or Assistant Counselor <i>(5 points for each year)</i>	No. years _____	x 5 = _____
7. Active participation on a 4-H committee; local, county or state <i>(1 point for each committee)</i>	No. comm _____	x 1 = _____
8. Carried county responsibilities (County Achievement, County Fair, Leader Training meeting, etc) <i>(5 points for each assignment)</i>	No. events _____	x 5 = _____
9. Participation in radio or television 4-H program <i>(3 points each time)</i>	No. events _____	x 3 = _____
10. News story you have written that was published <i>(2 points for each)</i>	No. stories _____	x 2 = _____
11. Participation in county promotion programs (National 4-H Week, mall, bank or school display, etc.) <i>(5 points for each event)</i>	No. events _____	x 5 = _____
12. Talk or report given before a group, not 4-H, on some phase of 4-H work <i>(5 points for each)</i>	No. talks _____	x 5 = _____
13. Member of a county older youth organization (Service Club, Teen Leaders, etc) <i>(5 points, add 2 for each year of membership)</i>	No. years _____	= _____

<b>Work reported should include the present year:</b>	<b>Applicants Fill-in</b>	<b>Total Pts.</b>
14. Present speech or demonstration program:		
-Your Club <i>(2 points each time)</i>	No. times _____ x 2 =	_____
-County, District or other <i>(5 points each year)</i>	No. times _____ x 5 =	_____
-State <i>(10 points each year)</i>	No. times _____ x 10 =	_____
15. Participation in judging program:		
- Your club <i>(2 points each time)</i>	No. times _____ x 2 =	_____
- County contest <i>(5 points each year)</i>	No. times _____ x 5 =	_____
- State contest <i>(10 points each year)</i>	No. times _____ x 10 =	_____
16. Attend state workshop, event or training (Youth Exploration Days, Capital Experience, Livestock Expo, Kettunen Center, KBS, Tollgate, etc) <i>(10 points each year, each event)</i>		
	No. times _____ x 10 =	_____
17. Participation in Share-the-Fun Festival, demonstration, 4-H chorus event:		
- County <i>(5 points for each year)</i>	No. events _____ x 5 =	_____
- District or State <i>(10 points for each year)</i>	No. events _____ x 10 =	_____
18. Teen Leader school, safety, recreation <i>(5 points for each event)</i>		
	No. events _____ x 5 =	_____
19. Participation in out-of-state trips (Interstate Exchange, Citizenship Short Course, National 4-H Congress, etc) <i>(5 points for each trip)</i>		
	No. events _____ x 5 =	_____
Total Points Pages 2 and 3		_____
Points, Basic Requirements from Page 1		+50
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		_____

20. Write a brief statement of how you have benefited from your 4-H program.

21. Write a brief statement of what you have done to help others in 4-H work.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Total Points \_\_\_\_\_  
Member

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Leader

**COUNTY AWARDS COMMITTEE:**

This committee reviews the application for neatness, accuracy and completeness of the report and the benefits derived from and contributions made to the club programs by the applicant.

Comments: Benefits (Section 21)	1-15 points	Points
_____		_____
_____		

Comments: Contributions (Section 22)	1-15 points	Points
_____		_____
_____		

Committee Points (Section 21-22) \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Signed - County Awards Committee

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Youth Development  
Michigan State University Extension