

## 4-H Club Outstanding Achievement Award Application

The Outstanding 4-H Club Achievement Award honors exceptional clubs that exemplify the spirit of community, leadership, and personal growth. This prestigious recognition is awarded to clubs that have demonstrated remarkable achievements in project development, community service, and youth engagement.

Eligible clubs will showcase a commitment to fostering a positive learning environment, encouraging member participation, and implementing innovative programs that promote life skills, teamwork, and leadership. Award recipients will have made significant contributions to their communities, inspired youth through mentorship, and actively engaged families in club activities.

Selection criteria include impactful project outcomes, participation in state and national events, collaboration with local organizations, and the demonstration of a strong, inclusive club culture. The award not only celebrates the hard work and dedication of club members and leaders but also inspires others to elevate their own 4-H experiences.

This award represents the highest ideals of the 4-H mission: to empower youth to reach their full potential while making meaningful contributions to their communities. Through this recognition, we aim to inspire future generations of leaders, innovators, and changemakers within the 4-H program.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- The club must be enrolled and active in the Wayne County 4-H program for the 2023-2024 program year and be in good standing with MSU Extension.
- A Club may only receive this award once every five years.
- Nominations can be submitted by anyone familiar with the club contributions and accomplishments.

### Nomination Deadline:

Nominations must be submitted to the Wayne County MSU Extension staff by **December 15, 2024**. Send nominations via email to Ashleigh Apel ([apelashl@msu.edu](mailto:apelashl@msu.edu)) or mail/drop off at 33030 Van Born Rd, Wayne, MI, 48184.

**Important:** Only completed applications will be considered. Selections will be made by the Member Recognition Planning Committee and MSU Extension staff. If no nominees meet the criteria, no award will be given. Please ensure all information is accurate.

**Nomination Criteria:**

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Leader(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

- **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of person making nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1: Club Overview**

1. **Mission Statement:**

(Provide a brief description of your club's mission and values.)

2. **Club Activities:**

(List key activities, projects, and events your club has undertaken in the past year.)

## **Section 2: Project Development**

1. **Key Projects:**

(Describe 2-3 major projects your club has completed this year. Include objectives, outcomes, and member involvement.)

2. **Innovative Approaches:**

(What innovative strategies did your club implement to engage members and enhance project outcomes?)

### **Section 3: Community Service**

1. **Service Initiatives:**

(Detail any community service projects your club participated in. Highlight the impact on the community and member engagement.)

2. **Collaborations:**

(List any partnerships with local organizations or businesses that supported your service initiatives.)

## **Section 4: Youth Engagement and Leadership**

1. **Member Involvement:**

(Explain how your club encourages member participation and leadership development. Provide examples of leadership roles taken by youth members.)

2. **Mentorship Programs:**

(Describe any mentorship or training programs established within your club to support youth development.)

## **Section 5: Club Culture**

### **1. Inclusivity and Diversity:**

(What steps has your club taken to create an inclusive environment for all members?)

### **2. Family Engagement:**

(How has your club involved families in activities and decision-making processes?)

## **Section 6: Achievements and Recognition**

1. **Awards and Honors:**

(List any awards or recognitions your club has received in the past year.)

2. **Participation in Events:**

(Describe your club's participation in state and national 4-H events or competitions.)

## **Section 7: Additional Information**

(Provide any additional information or supporting materials that may help in the evaluation of your application. This can include photos, newsletters, or testimonials from members or community partners.)

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### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and reflects the achievements and activities of our 4-H club.

**Club Leader Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your commitment to excellence in 4-H! We look forward to reviewing your application.