



# Berrien County 4-H Recognition Handbook

## TOP 10 REASONS TO APPLY!

- ☐ To receive recognition for your accomplishments.
- ☐ To learn and practice how to complete applications.
- ☐ Your 4-H accomplishments look good on college, scholarship, and/or job applications.
- ☐ To help build self-esteem.
- ☐ To help build confidence.
- ☐ To increase awareness of our 4-H Youth Program.
- ☐ To document your 4-H achievements.
- ☐ To meet new people.
- ☐ To broaden your horizons and experiences.
- ☐ It's fun to be recognized by your peers.

## Purpose and Eligibility

The **purpose** of this handbook is to create an awareness of opportunities and awards offered to youth and adult volunteer leaders in the Berrien County 4-H Youth Program.

To be **eligible**, members must be actively enrolled in a 4-H club that is in good standing as verified by the Berrien County MSUE Office. This includes the club's enrollment records, financial statement, Civil Rights Statement, participation in annual fund-raiser, etc. Some awards only require a nomination from the member's club coordinator. Others require recommendations and an award application. Leaders and parents are encouraged to assume an active supporting role in helping 4-H members complete their applications, but the work and applications are to be completed by the member.

Adult volunteer leaders **must** have completed the MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process and be in good standing as verified by the MSUE Office, excluding the MI Emerald Clover Society and National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Awards.

## Submission Details

Award nomination forms and applications can be submitted via:

- ✓ Faxing to 269-944-4128
- ✓ Dropping off or mailing to Berrien County MSU Extension Office (1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022)
- ✓ Electronically to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office

All submissions are due no later than

**September 22**

## For Questions Contact

Berrien County  
MSU Extension Office  
1737 Hillandale Road  
Benton Harbor, MI  
49022

Phone: 269-927-5674

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien\\_county\\_4\\_h/scholarships-awards/awards](https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien_county_4_h/scholarships-awards/awards)



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## SELECTION PROCESS

First, the purpose of the award is made known, what it does, etc. Second, requirements to qualify for the award are made known- age, years of club work, etc. Third, the applicant's information is studied- does the information meet the purpose and is the member/leader qualified? Fourth, the awards committee may request to interview applicants.

The Berrien County 4-H Awards Selection Committee may include community partner involvement depending on the award. The Awards Committee may be composed of active project and resource leaders, club coordinators, teen leaders, and staff as advisors (when appropriate), which represent our diverse, overall, 4-H community. Adult volunteer leader recognition opportunities are selected differently for each award.

- ☐ Outstanding 4-H Leader Award recipients are chosen by the Berrien County Outstanding 4-H Leaders Committee which consists of past Outstanding 4-H Leaders.
- ☐ MI Emerald Clover Society nominees are submitted to the MI 4-H Foundation for selection of inductees.
- ☐ National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award nominees are submitted to the MI 4-H Youth Development Office for state selection. State winners are forwarded for regional and national selection.

## AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All Achievement Award             | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Senior Cords             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Project Medal              | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Officer Pins             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding 4-H Member Award      | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark of Excellence Award     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Member Award | <input type="checkbox"/> State 4-H Award              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cloverbud Completion Award        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Teen Leader Pins         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding 4-H Leader Award      | <input type="checkbox"/> Emerald Clover Society Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clover Years of Service Award     | <input type="checkbox"/> Member Years of Service      |
| <i>(Increments of 5)</i>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> MI 4-H Dog Patch Program     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Club Award                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship Award                 |   |



# Berrien County 4-H Recognition Awards

## Cloverbud Completion Certificate

Presented to all Cloverbuds transitioning to full-fledged 4-H members between the 4-H ages of 7 – 8.

### Criteria:

1. *Cloverbud 4-H member who has reached the 4-H age of 8.*

<b>Application Material:</b>	Verified by Club Coordinator
<b>Award Selected By:</b>	Club Coordinator
<b>Number Selected:</b>	No limit
<b>Award Description:</b>	Certificate

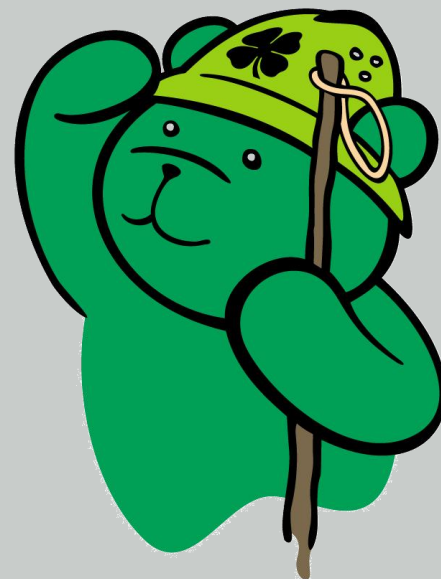
## 1<sup>st</sup> Year Member Award

This is open to 4-H members ages 5-19 that have just finished their first year.

### Criteria:

1. *Enthusiasm.*
2. *Club Participation.*
3. *Meeting attendance.*
4. *Must have just finished first year as a 4-H member.*

<b>Application Material:</b>	Verified by Club Coordinator
<b>Award Selected By:</b>	Club Coordinator
<b>Number Selected:</b>	No limit
<b>Award Details:</b>	Certificate



## FAQ

### Question:

*“Is 1<sup>st</sup> Year Member determined as their first year in 4-H or the first year in the club?”*

### Answer:

*Membership is determined by club, as a member can join multiple clubs over the course of their 4-H journey!*





# Berrien County 4-H Recognition Awards

## Citizenship Award

This is for all members. Award fosters leadership and enthusiasm amongst 4-H members.

### Criteria:

1. *Enthusiasm.*
2. *A positive youth driven involvement in club activities.*
3. *Potential for leadership skills.*
4. *Nomination from club coordinator*

<b>Application Material:</b>	Nomination Form
<b>Award Selected By:</b>	Club Coordinator
<b>Number Selected:</b>	No limit
<b>Award Description:</b>	Certificate & Ribbon

## Citizenship Award Consideration

Please consider each member as an individual in relation to the following:

- Effort put forth
- Cooperation with leaders and members
- Interest in 4-H
- General attitude
- Improvement as a person since joining the club
- Regular attendance at club and project meetings
- Performance as club officer or committee member
- Other items you deem important other than project skills

## County Project Award

The County Project Award recognizes a member for completing at least 3 years in a project.

### Criteria:

1. *Member must be 12-19 years old as of January 1 of the current year.*
2. *Medals should be presented to members with at least 3 years of experience.*
3. *Have completed a project this year for the medal nominated, except for the achievement, leadership and citizenship medals, which have no specific project.*
4. *A member may be nominated for more than one medal but can receive a county medal only once for any project. A separate form must be completed for each project for which they are nominated. A 4-H member will not be awarded more than 2 medals in a year.*

<b>Application Material:</b>	Application with Leader Consent
<b>Award Selected By:</b>	Awards Selection Committee
<b>Number Selected:</b>	No more than 4 medals per category
<b>Award Details:</b>	Project pin & certificate

## Project Categories

Project Categories can be found on resource section of this handbook.

Please note as new project areas become available the categories list will be updated. In the meantime, if your project is not listed, please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674 to inquire on project eligibility.





# Berrien County 4-H Recognition Awards

## Mark of Excellence Award – State Level

### Criteria:

1. Be a current 4-H member between ages 11 & 12
2. Write an essay that focuses on the theme “Because of 4-H I can”
3. Follow guidelines on submission form
4. Due by April 1 of current year

**Application Material:** Essay submitted by Member

**Award Selected By:** Award Selection Committee

**Number Selected:** Two (2)

**Award Details:** Medal, certificate & \$40.00 scholarship to a 4-H event.



Youth may request alternative accommodations for writing the essay, by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office.

## All-Achievement Award

The All-Achievement Award recognizes a member's leadership and experience with a project that they have completed for at least four (4) years.

### Criteria:

1. Member must be 16-19 years old as of January 1 of the current year.
2. A 4-H member will not be awarded more than two medals in a calendar year.
3. Medals should be presented to members with at least 4 years of experience in the project and must be participating in that project currently.
4. A 4-H member can only win a medal once in a project area during their 4-H career.

**Application Material:** Application with Leader Consent

**Award Selected By:** Awards Selection Committee

**Number Selected:** No more than 4 medals per category

**Award Details:** Project Medal & Certificate



County Medal and All Achievement Award winners are invited each year to apply for the MI 4-H State Award Program.



# Berrien County 4-H Recognition Awards

## Member Year Pins – Club Level

4-H Member Year pins are awarded to youth each year they are a member of their club. Member Year Pins start when a member officially becomes a member at age 8. (Cloverbuds do not receive member year pins instead they receive a 4-H Cloverbud ribbon).

### Criteria:

1. *Must be enrolled in 4-H Online and be in good standing*

**Application Material:** Nominated by Club Coordinator

**Award Selected By:** Club Coordinator

**Number Selected:** Unlimited

**Award Details:** Pin or Ribbon & certificate  
Indicate on your nomination form if your club would like pins or ribbons.

## State 4-H Award

The Michigan State 4-H awards program honors 4-H members at the state level, for their accomplishments in 4-H projects, leadership and citizenship.

### Criteria:

1. *Open to youth ages 8 – 19 years of age*
2. *For all details and application information for 4-H State Awards, please visit:*

[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards\\_scholarships/4-h\\_recognition\\_program](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program)

**Application Material:** Application

**Award Selected By:** State Awards Committee

**Number Selected:** No more than 1 in each category

**Award Details:** Scholarship, Certificate and Award

**Deadline:** April 1 of current year

## State 4-H Award Project Areas

Beef Science  
Birds and Poultry Science  
Career Development  
Civic Engagement and Service  
Companion Animal Science  
Consumer and Family Science  
Dairy Science  
Environmental Science  
Equine Science  
Food, Nutrition, Health and Fitness  
Gardening and Horticulture  
Goat Science  
Leadership  
Rabbit and Cavy Science  
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)  
Sheep Science  
Shooting Sports  
Swine Science  
Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts  
Group Award

***Members should keep in mind the recognition area they pick for state awards should reflect and emphasize the majority of their 4-H learning experience.***

*In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division will also receive a \$200 cash award; junior winners receive \$50 cash awards.*



## Berrien County 4-H Recognition Awards

### 4-H Senior Award

4-H Senior Awards are presented to 4-H members for their devotion and loyalty to the program.

**Criteria:**

1. *Plan to graduate from high school this current 4-H year.*
2. *Must have completed five (5) or more years as a member.*

**Application Material:** Verified by Club Coordinator

**Award Selected By:** Verified by MSUE Office

**Number Selected:** Unlimited

**Award Details:** Cords/sash and certificate



### Outstanding 4-H'er Award and I Dare You Award

This award is the highest county honor a 4-H'er can receive. The first and second runner up for the Outstanding 4-H'er receive the "I Dare You" Award and may apply for the Outstanding 4-H'er Award in the future if still eligible.

**Criteria:**

1. *Member must be 17 – 19 years old as of January 1 of the current year.*
2. *Must have been a member for at least six (6) years.*
3. *If necessary, the applicant maybe interviewed by the selection committee.*

**Application Material:** Application with Leader Consent

**Award Selected By:** Awards Selection Committee

**Number Selected:** No more than two (2) youth for each award.

**Award Details:** Recipients receive a watch and certificate. "I Dare" recipients receive a Cross Pen, inspirational book and certificate.

### Outstanding 4-H'er Award

Don't forget there is two ways to submit an Outstanding 4-H'er award application.

Either by submitting your record book or an application form.





# Berrien County 4-H Recognition Awards

## 4-H Club Officer Pins

4-H Club Officer Pins are presented each year to Club Officers who have completed their annual term.

**Criteria:**

1. *Must have been appointed at an official Club Meeting*
2. *Officer Positions include:*
  - *President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Reporter, Historian or Other*

**Application Material:** Nominated by Club Coordinator

**Award Selected By:** Club Coordinator

**Number Selected:** 1 pin per a role per a Club

**Award Details:** Position Pin and certificate



## 4-H Teen Leader Pin

4-H Teen Leader Awards are presented to youth who have successfully completed a Teen Leader project during the current 4-H year.

**Criteria:**

1. *Must have enrolled as a 4-H Teen Leader.*
2. *Must have completed a Teen Leader Project.*
3. *Project must have been led by the Teen Leader or group of Teen Leaders from start to finish.*
4. *Teen Leader can only receive the award for the specific project one time.*

**Application Material:** Nominated by Club Coordinator

**Award Selected By:** Award Selection Committee

**Number Selected:** Unlimited

**Award Details:** Pin/award & Certificate

### Example of

#### Teen Leader projects:

- Teaching/Instructing a project.
- Leading a workshop
- Leading a demonstration
- Mentoring another 4-H Member
- Assisting Volunteers
- Community Service Projects
- Chairing a committee
- Side walker/ lead walker





# Berrien County 4-H Recognition Awards

## Clover Years of Service

The Clover Years of Service Award recognizes 4-H Leaders for the dedication and years of service to the 4-H program every 5, 10, 15, etc. milestone is reached.

### Criteria:

1. Award to 4-H Leaders reaching 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years and more of service.
2. Must have completed annual compliance and enrollment for the current year.

**Application Material:** Verified by Club Coordinator

**Award Selected By:** Verified by MSUE Office

**Number Selected:** Unlimited

**Award Details:** Pin and certificate

## 4-H Club Award

4-H Club award recognizes a club's accomplishments as submitted and documented by the youth members. Recognition is given to three (3) clubs based on member counts as verified by the MSU Extension Office. Size breakdown: Small (0-14), Medium (15-29), and Large (30 or more).

### Criteria:

1. Club must have been registered with the MSU Extension Office for a minimum of five (5) years including the current year.
2. Application must be filled out by the Club Officers.
3. Club must provide a copy of a meeting agenda, minutes, and club highlights such as historian scrapbook.

**Application Material:** Application with Attachments

**Award Selected By:** Award Selection Committee

**Number Selected:** One (1) club in each cluster

**Award Details:** \$25.00 Gift Certificate to National 4-H Council and a certificate

### Clover Years of Service Pin Breakdown:

- 5 Years – Silver
- 10 Years – Gold
- 15 Years – Pearl
- 20 Years – Diamond
- 25 Years – Emerald
- 30 Years – Ruby
- 35 Years – Sapphire
- 40 Years – Diamond
- 45 Years – Emerald

*Recognized at State Level Each Year in addition to county:*

- 50 Years – Ruby
- 55 Years – Pearl
- 60 Years – Sapphire

*Years of service are only for active years. This means years of service do not accumulate when a leader takes a year off or does not re-enroll.*

*Eligible recipients will receive a letter notifying them of their years of service. Individuals not wishing to receive their pin can contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office.*



# Berrien County 4-H Recognition Awards

## Emerald Clover Society – State Level

The goal of the Emerald Clover Society is to identify, acknowledge and celebrate individuals who have had significant 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities.

### Criteria:

Complete details are available by visiting the MI 4-H Foundation web site at [www.mi4hfdtn.org](http://www.mi4hfdtn.org).

**Application Material:** Nomination Form

**Award Selected By:** MI 4-H Foundation

**Deadline:** January 31 of current year

## Outstanding 4-H Leader Award

This award honors two 4-H leaders each year.

### Criteria:

1. *Years of leadership (at least 10)*
2. *Other awards received*
3. *4-H committees (involvement)*
4. *Continued interest in 4-H*
5. *Meeting attendance*
6. *Willingness to help*
7. *Effectiveness as a leader*
8. *Other*

**Application Material:** Nomination Form

**Award Selected By:** Outstanding 4-H Leader Committee

**Number Selected:** Two (2)

**Award Details:** Watch, framed certificate, fall arrangement, and name engraved plate on permanent plaque

## Past Outstanding 4-H Leaders Winners!

2022	Cindy Nimtz Colleen Melendy
2021	Margie Hojara-Hadsell Julie Holtsclaw
2020	Rick Widdis Allen Metz
2019	Charity Hackett Keith Krieger
2018	John Andrasi Patti Dynes
2017	Janice Gruss Robert Lausch
2016	Rhonda Barchett Pam McCalebb
2015	Roberta Lawson Debbie Schmaltz
2014	Sue Glossinger Autumn Zick
2013	Christine Hampton Barbara Schuck
2012	Tamara Kettlehut Victoria Williams
2011	Debora Bachman Linda Shannon-Challiet
2010	Barb Clapsaddle Lucinda Henderson
2009	Wendy Monroe Tom Rossman



# Berrien County 4-H Recognition Awards

## MI 4-H Dog Patch Program

The Dog Patch Program is designed to recognize the personal achievements of individuals participation in the 4-H Dog Program. The program has been in existence since 1987 and provides youth with goals to work towards in this project area.

### Criteria:

Youth should carry a qualifying Score Sheet and Judge Signature Sheet with them to all shows. When the individual wins a class, or earns a placing listed in the requirements for the patch they are working towards, they should be sure to get the judge's signature for that class and fill in the appropriate information about that placing. Once the participant has received all the signatures that are required for that patch and have completed all the requirements they need, they can submit to the local 4-H County office.

Complete list of eligibility for each patch can be found online at: <https://bit.ly/MI4-HDogPatchProgram>

Scoresheets and judge signatures sheets can be found online at: <https://bit.ly/MI4-HDogPatchScoresheets>

**County Deadline:** September 22

### Patches Available:

1. Dog Project Patch
2. 4-H Junior Showmanship Champion Patch
3. 4-H Junior Showmanship Champion Excellent Patch
4. 4-H Pre-Novice Dog Patch
5. 4-H Beginning Novice Patch
6. 4-H Companion Dog Patch
7. 4-H Companion Dog Excellence Patch
8. 4-H Graduate Novice Dog Patch
9. 4-H Advanced Graduate Novice Dog Patch
10. 4-H Pre-Utility Dog Patch
11. 4-H Utility Dog Patch
12. 4-H Tracking Dog Patch
13. 4-H Working Dog Patch
14. 4-H Leader Dog Puppy Patch
15. 4-H Service Leader Dog Puppy Patch
16. 4-H Visiting Pet Patch
17. 4-H Beginning Agility Dog Patch
18. 4-H Intermediate Agility Dog Patch
19. 4-H Advanced Agility Dog Patch
20. 4-H Beginner Freestyle Dog Patch
21. 4-H Intermediate Freestyle Dog Patch
22. 4-H Advanced Freestyle Dog Patch
23. 4-H Freestyle Brace Dog Patch
24. 4-H Freestyle Pair Dog Patch
25. 4-H Freestyle Team Dog Patch
26. 4-H Rally Novice Dog Patch
27. 4-H Rally Intermediate Dog Patch
28. 4-H Rally Advanced Dog Patch
29. 4-H Rally Excellent Dog Patch
30. 4-H Rally Master Dog Patch
31. Cloverbud Dog Patch (Year 1, Year 2, & Year 3)



# Berrien County 4-H Recognition Resource

## Project Areas

Project areas that are eligible for county awards are listed below. Please note project areas are updated on an annual basis in September of each year, we encourage you to keep this page as up to date as possible by checking the Berrien County 4-H website → Awards page each year!

Achievement	Agriculture	Alumni	Beef	Cake Decorating	Cats	Cavy
Computer Technology	Community Service	Communications	Clowning	Clothing & Textiles	Citizenship & Civic Engagement	Child Care & Development
Consumer & Family Sciences	Cultural Engagement	Cooking	Dairy	Demonstration	Dogs	Electricity
Gardening & Horticulture	Food & Nutrition	Flowers/ Floriculture	Fashion Revue	Environmental Stewardship	Entomology & Bees	Engines, Tractor & Field Equipment
Goats	Healthy Living	Hobbies & Collections	Home Environment	Horse & Pony	Industrial Arts	Judging – Horse, Meat & Livestock
PEP	Personal Development	Performing Arts	Outdoor Education & Recreation	Money Management	Llama	Leadership
Pets	Photography & Videography	Plant Science	Poultry	Public Speaking	Rabbits	Reporting Media
Technology & Engineering	Swine	Square Dancing	Shooting Sports	Sheep	Safety	Robotics
Veterinary Science	Visual Arts	Wildlife & Fisheries	Wood Science			



**I would like my club's awards to be:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Year Awards:** \_\_\_\_\_ Ribbon or \_\_\_\_\_ Pins for award option.

Missing Names	Need to Omit

Missing Names	Need to Omit

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# Berrien County 4-H Nomination Form

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

**Club Coordinator Submitting Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior Award** – please list only the names that are missing or need to omit from the roster.

Missing Names	Need to Omit

**Club Officer Pins** – please list only the names of your club officers for the current program year.

Club Officer Position	Club Officer Name
President	
Vice President	
Treasurer	
Secretary	
Reporter/Historian	

**Teen Leader Pins** – please list all the names of youth who are being nominated for the award.

Teen Leader Name	Leader Project Description



# Berrien County 4-H Nomination Form

## 4-H Club Award Application

4-H Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of Youth Members \_\_\_\_\_

### Names of Youth Officers:

Officer Title	Member Name
President	
Vice President	
Treasurer	
Secretary	
Reporter	
Historian	
Other (If applicable)	

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper either typed or written. If written, handwriting must be legible.

1. *What projects does your club actively engage in or participate in? (Example: service project, countywide events, club events, fundraisers, etc.)*
2. *Describe your club's involvement in other events/activities?*
3. *What goals did your club set and were they achieved this year?*
4. *What is one club highlight that you are most proud of for this year?*

Include the following information with this application form:

- ☐ Current year Club meeting agenda
- ☐ Current year Club meeting minutes
- ☐ Current Club Scrapbook/historical record/Picture Collage representing club (if applicable)

(Scrapbook and historical records will be given back at the completion of the Recognition program)



# Berrien County 4-H Nomination Form

## Outstanding 4-H Leader Award Nomination

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Leadership \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Project Areas \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Committees (Past & Present) \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Awards Received \_\_\_\_\_

Points to consider (involvement at club, county and state level should be considered):

- ☐ *Years of Leadership (at least 10)*
- ☐ *4-H Committee(s) involvement*
- ☐ *Meeting Attendance*
- ☐ *Effectiveness as a leader*
- ☐ *Awards Received*
- ☐ *Continued interest in 4-H*
- ☐ *Willingness to Help*
- ☐ *Other*

Please tell us why you are nominating this person. More than one leader may write the nomination paragraph. Attach additional forms if necessary.

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# Berrien County 4-H Nomination Form

## MI 4-H Dog Patch Program Submission Form

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

**Club Coordinator Submitting Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

Club must be an active approved dog club in Berrien County 4-H to submit form. Please fill out and return to the Berrien County MSU Extension office. Please submit all judging scoresheets with this form. Scoresheets can be found online at:

Dog Patch	Quantity	Member Name(s)
Dog Project		
Jr. Showmanship Champion		
Jr. Showmanship Champion Excellent		
Pre-Novice		
Companion Dog (C.D.)		
Companion Dog Excellent (C.D.X.)		
Graduate Novice		
Advanced Graduate Novice		
Pre-Utility		
Utility		
Tracking Dog		
Working Dog		
Leader Dog Puppy		
Service Dog Puppy		



# Berrien County 4-H Nomination Form

## MI 4-H Dog Patch Program Submission Form Cont.

Club must be an active approved dog club in Berrien County 4-H to submit form. Please fill out and return to the Berrien County MSU Extension office. Please submit all judging scoresheets with this form.

Dog Patch	Quantity	Member Name(s)
Visiting Dog		
Beginning Agility		
Intermediate Agility		
Advanced Agility		
Beginning Freestyle		
Intermediate Freestyle		
Advanced Freestyle		
Freestyle Brace		
Freestyle Pairs		
Freestyle Teams		
Rally Novice		
Rally Advanced		
Rally Excellent		
Rally Intermediate		
Rally Master		
Beginning Novice		
Clovbud Year 1		
Cloverbud Year 2		
Cloverbud Year 3		



# Berrien County 4-H Nomination Form

# 4-H County Project Award Application

**Project Area:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

*This application is for an individual county project pin award. Only one project should be applied per an application. All signatures must be completed prior to submitting. List only information that relates to the project area for which you wish to be recognized.*

### Section 1: Leader Comments/Recommendation

Project Leader Comments:

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Project Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2: 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.*

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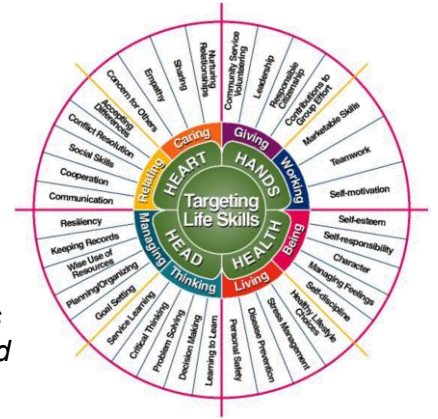
# Berrien County 4-H Nomination Form

## 4-H County Project Award Application Cont.

### Section 3: Life Skills

Choose two life skills on the life skills wheel shown on the right and describe how you have developed each life skill your 4-H project.

*Example: 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...*



### Section 3: Knowledge

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. (No more than 500 words)

*Example: 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...*



# Berrien County 4-H Nomination Form

## 4-H All Achievement Award Application

Project Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

This application is for an individual county all achievement award. Only one project should be applied per an application. All signatures must be completed prior to submitting. List only information that relates to the project area for which you wish to be recognized.

### Section 1: Leader Comments/Recommendation

Project Leader Comments:

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Project Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

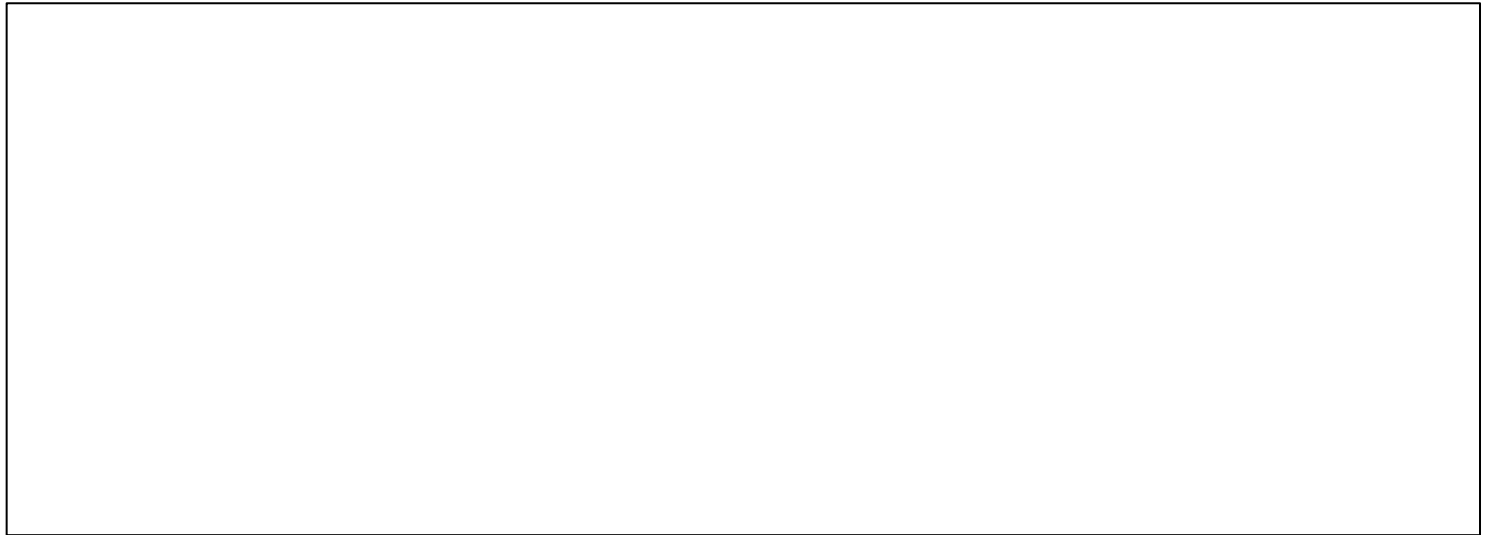
### Section 2: Leadership Experiences

Leadership means taking the lead in giving direction, planning and organizing an activity. Identify up to three (3) 4-H Leadership experiences you have had in your project area and describe their significance to your personal growth. (No more than 500 words)



## Section 3: Life Skills

*Example: 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...*



*List by year, your participation in demonstrations, community service events, countywide projects, 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.*

[illegible]



# Berrien County 4-H Nomination Form

## Outstanding 4-H'er Award Application

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

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

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

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

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

Club Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Coordinator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Application Directions:

Please fill out the top portion of this application and submit with all supporting documentation that is listed below. If you are submitting your 4-H Member record in lieu of the application, you must make sure all the information for each of the categories is included and separated by years starting with the most current 4-H year. 4-H Record books submitted and are missing information will be evaluated as is and may receive a penalty in scoring for the areas missing.

Categories are listed below for reference, please see next page in application to learn more.

- ☐ *Category 1: 4-H Participation – State, County & Club Level*
- ☐ *Category 2: 4-H Leadership*
- ☐ *Category 3: 4-H Achievements*
- ☐ *Category 4: 4-H Life Skills*
- ☐ *Category 5: 4-H Leader Recommendation Letter*

## Outstanding 4-H'er Award Application Cont.

List your participation at the county, club and state level. 4-H activities can include but are not limited to Demos/Public Speaking, Judging, Quiz Bowl, Style Review, Spring Achievement, Project Feedback Night, Community service projects, Versatility, countywide projects, connections event, Exploration Days, National 4-H Congress, CWF, Great Lakes Natural Resource Camp, etc.

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List your 4-H Leadership at the state, county and club level. 4-H Leadership includes but is not limited to: State Youth Leadership Council, Teen Leader, Teen Instructor, 4-H Leaders Council, 4-H Ambassador, 4-H Teen as Teacher, etc.

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## Outstanding 4-H'er Award Application Cont.

### Category 3: 4-H Achievements

List all your achievements at the county, club and state level related to your 4-H Projects. 4-H achievements include: Project Medals, Project Pins, Citizenship Awards, Spring Achievement Ribbons, Everhart Award, State 4-H Award, 4-H Competition Awards such as Judging Team, hippology, quiz bowl, placings. **DO NO INCLUDE** achievements outside of 4-H. Please add additional pages if needed.

Project	Year(s)	Achievement
Ex.) Crafts	1998, 1999, 2004	Completion Award

### Category 4: 4-H Life Skills

Write a short, less than 500 words paragraph explaining how you have used the life skills and knowledge gained from your 4-H Projects and activities over your 4-H journey.

Please add additional pages if you run out of room.

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# Berrien County 4-H Nomination Form

## Outstanding 4-H'er Award Application

### 5: Leader Verification & Recommendation

Please have your local 4-H Leader fill out the below portion prior to submitting your application. Applications without a Club Coordinator verification will be disqualified.

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

4-H Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please provide a brief recommendation for the individual submitting this application.

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I verify that the information on this application or inside this record book is accurate and correct to the best of my ability.

\_\_\_\_\_

4-H Leader Signature

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