

To: 4-H Club Administrative Leaders

From: Kristy Oosterhouse, 4-H Program Coordinator

Learning, completing a project and recognition are important parts of the 4-H program. Recognition enhances the member's self-esteem, increases his or her motivation to learn, to become more involved in 4-H, to accept new responsibilities and set new goals. You have the opportunity to make good feelings happen in kids whom you feel have made significant achievements in 4-H by nominating them for a county award. There are many reasons for nominating a member for an award . . . anyone who you feel deserves and meets the requirements can be nominated. Remember that each person is an individual and starts at a different point. Listed below is a checklist you may want to consider:

- Would the member benefit from this award experience?
- Often times, leaders tend to nominate those who received top honors at the fair, but everyone who meets the specific requirements is eligible for the awards and often times benefits more.
- Did the member have enthusiasm for the project?
- Did the member work hard and personally develop through the project?

The award applications for the 2020-2021 program year are due at the Extension office by **September 17**. This will give ample time for nomination forms to be reviewed and award recipients selected. Award winners will be invited to and recognized at the annual Participation Celebration Banquet.

To submit nominations, do the following:

1. Determine approximately how many members in your club you wish to nominate for or which awards you would like to submit for:
 - County Medals
 - Young Achievers
 - 4-H Key Club
 - Achievement, Leadership or Citizenship
 - "I Dare You" Leadership
 - Club Community Service
 - Club Recreation
 - Outstanding Teen Leader
 - Outstanding Leader
 - Friend of 4-H

Then print the forms off the Eaton County 4-H web site at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/ under 4-H Council, pick up the appropriate number of forms from the Eaton County MSU Extension office, or instruct youth to fill out the Google Form submissions on the website. Instructions for each award are on the website, each award form, and the Google Form for each award type.

We hope to see many nominations and applications. There are many deserving 4-H members and volunteers in Eaton County. Please help us recognize their efforts and accomplishments. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

POSSIBLE PROJECT AWARD AREAS
For County Medal and Young Achievers Awards
Eaton County 4-H Youth Program

Aerospace	Electricity	Photography & Video
Agriculture	Engines, Tractors & Field Equipment	Physical Science
Automotive	Entomology & Bees	Plant Science
Beef	Environmental Stewardship	Poultry
Bicycle	Fashion Revue	Public Speaking
Biological Science	Field Crops	Rabbits
Bread	Floriculture	Robotics
Cake Decorating	Foods and Nutrition	Science & Technology
Clothing & Textile	Food Preservation	Sheep
Communication Arts	Forestry	Shooting Sports
Community Service	Garden & Horticulture	Swine
Computer Technology	Goat	Vet. Science
Consumer Education	Health	Visual Arts & Crafts
Companion Animals	Hobbies & Collections	Wildlife & Fisheries
Conservation	Horse	Wood Science
Creative Writing	Industrial Arts	
Dairy	Judging(Livestock, Dairy, Meats, or Horse)	
Dairy Foods	Knitting & Crocheting	
Demonstration	Outdoor Education & Recreation	
Dog	Painting & Drawing	
	Performing Arts (specify performance area on nomination form)	