

# Hillsdale County

## 4-H Awards Program



All Award Forms are due

**Monday, December 19, 2022**

to the MSU Extension Office.

**ANY AND ALL 4-H MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE  
AND ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**

**PURPOSE:** To create an awareness of opportunities and awards offered to youth.

**AN AWARD:** Recognition given 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 others. Two 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 the things you have achieved in the past. After you have received your award, it is time to set new goals for tomorrow.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any 4-H member. It is necessary to have the administrative leader write a recommendation and sign the awards application. The leader and parent are encouraged to assume an active supporting role in helping 4-H members complete their application.

**DUE DATE:** Monday, December 19, 2022

**WHO SELECTS:** Hillsdale County 4-H Council Awards Committee.

**4-H AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM:** January 19, 2023, at 6:00

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE HILLSDALE COUNTY 4-H AWARD FORM**

### **4-H PROJECT SUMMARY:** HAND WRITE OR TYPE

NOTE: If you are applying for county medals, please list on page 9 those projects you would like to receive a medal for.

1. Projects – Hand write a summary of up to three 4-H project areas you have been or are currently involved in. Tell us how many years you have been involved, how you have improved your skills and knowledge, and what life skills you have learned.
2. Tell us about your project activities within your club, county, and state. Tell us what county medals you have already received.
3. Tell us what county medals you would like to receive.
4. Tell us why you would like to receive these awards. I would like to be selected for these awards because...

### **LEADERSHIP 4-H ACTIVITIES:** HAND WRITE OR TYPE

1. Write a short summary of your 4-H Leadership activities. What were your responsibilities? (Example- As treasurer it is my responsibility to keep accurate financial records.) How long did you serve? Did you enjoy your leadership role? Include all levels (Example-Club, County &/or State).
2. List community service activities you have participated in.
3. List any other leadership experiences in other areas. Include any other activities you participate in outside of 4-H such as Church, FFA, school &/or other organizations.

### **MY 4-H STORY:** HAND WRITE OR TYPE

1. Tell us what you have learned and gained from 4-H, what you enjoy about your projects and what

- you hope to do in future projects. Please use ONLY the space provided!
2. Tell about your home activities that pertain to your 4-H projects. (Example: Cooking, baking, chores, etc.)

**LEADER RECOMMENDATION:** Administrative Leader must complete this section. Make sure you give this form (Leader Recommendation) to your Administrative Leader and allow her/him enough time to write a recommendation to turn into the MSU Extension Office by **Monday, December 19th**.

Good luck! If you have any questions, please contact the MSU Extension Office at (517) 439-9301.

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## 4-H AWARD PROCESS

The award process is the tool used to select county award recipients. All Hillsdale County 4-H members have the opportunity to receive one or all of the following awards during their 4-H career.

## AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

**4-H Young Person's Achievement Award:** Any 4-H member 9-11 years of age is eligible. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H Career. Honorable Mentions considered. Sponsored by the 4-H Council.

**Susan Trausch Memorial Award for Crafts:** Any 4-H member 9-11 years of age is eligible. Members must have participated as a 6–8-year-old in a craft project to be eligible for this award. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Sponsored by the Country Get-A-Longs 4-H Club.

**County Award Medals for Intermediate Age Youth:** Any 4-H member 12-14 years of age is eligible. A 4-H member will not be awarded more than two medals in a calendar year. Members must have at least two years' experience in the project area. List specific projects (Example, Beef, Swine, Achievement, and Foods & Nutrition). Sponsored by a variety of national donors and the 4-H Council. See attached list of 4-H County Medals. **DO NOT LIST BY CATEGORY.**

**County Award Medals for Older Youth:** Any 4-H member 15 years and older is eligible. A 4-H member will not be awarded more than two medals in a calendar year. Members must have at least two years' experience in the project area. List specific projects (Example: Beef, Swine, Achievement, and Foods & Nutrition). Sponsored by a variety of national donors and the 4-H Council. See attached list of 4-H County Medals. **DO NOT LIST BY CATEGORY.**

**Please note: Capitol Experience and Washington D.C. Trip are two separate awards:**

**Capitol Experience** (March 2023): This award is for youth 4-H age 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2023) and up. You must be 4-H age 14 or older when participating in Capitol Experience. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. 4-H Capitol Experience is an annual 4-day conference that helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy. You will experience state government in action and learn how you can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists, and other resource people to learn how policy is made. Simulations and activities are incorporated to reinforce and apply what is learned about government.

The total cost of Capitol Experience is approximately \$385.00. Your share of the cost will be \$100.00 plus some out-of-pocket meals. The 4-H Council will cover the remainder of the cost (approximately \$285.00). Participant share must be paid by February 13, 2023. Transportation to the event is the responsibility of the family.

**Washington D.C. Trip – Citizen Washington Focus (CWF)** (June 25-30, 2023: This award is for youth 4-H

age 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2022) and up, you must be 4-H age 14 or older when attending CWF. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career.

This is a weeklong trip to Washington D.C. to attend the Citizen Washington Focus program. The trip tentatively includes a night in Gettysburg to visit the National Museum and Civil War Battle Fields, as well as visits to the Capitol, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Presidential and War Monuments and much more.

The cost of the CWF trip will approximately be \$2,000 plus 6 meals in route and on delegate day. The Michigan 4-H Delegation will travel by charter bus to D.C. If selected, the 4-H Council will cover approximately \$1,600 of the cost. Your share will be approximately \$400 and all out-of-pocket expenses. Participant share must be paid in January 2023.

**National 4-H Congress** (late November 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia): This award is for youth 4-H age 14 years and older. NOTE: You must be 15 yrs. old by 4-H age at the time of the trip. It is to attend the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career.

The total cost of the Atlanta, Georgia National 4-H Congress trip is approximately \$1,800.00 - \$2,000.00 (which includes airfare). If selected, the 4-H Council will cover approximately \$1,600.00 of the costs. Your share will be the remainder of the fee and other out-of-pocket expenses. Participant share must be paid in the summer of 2023.

**4-H Hillsdale County Key Club Award** (*Highest award a 4-H member can receive*): Any 4-H member 15 years of age and older may apply. Members must have completed three years of club work, taken at least two 4-H projects, served as a teen leader, participated in three districts (state sponsored) and/or state 4-H events. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career.

**"I Dare You" Leadership Award**: Any 4-H member who is a Junior or Senior in high school is eligible for this award. The award is presented as recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced personal development qualities of constructive leadership. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Sponsored by the 4-H Council and the American Youth Foundation.

**Frank Proctor Memorial Award**: Any 4-H member who is a Junior or Senior in high school or a college freshman that is an active teen leader and/or club officer may apply. Members must have at least three (3) consecutive years in any one project or combination of project areas. This award is given to an overall outstanding 4-H youth. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career.

**Frank Proctor** was a former Hillsdale businessperson who supported building youth leadership skills and community involvement.

**Susan Tausch Memorial Award for Rabbits**: Any 4-H member that is 15 years and older is eligible. Members must have at least three (3) consecutive years in the rabbit project. Members may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Sponsored by the Country Get-A-Longs 4-H Club. Application for this award **must be handwritten**.

**Susan Tausch** was a long time 4-H Project and Administrative Leader for the Country Get-A-Long 4-H Club.

## 4-H County Medals

<p><b><u>Plants &amp; Animals:</u></b>  Agriculture  Aquaculture  Beef  Cats  Poultry  Dogs  Dairy  Goats  Horse  Rabbits  Sheep  Swine  Pets  Gardening &amp; Horticulture</p>	<p><b><u>Environmental Stewardship:</u></b>  Environmental Stewardship  Earth, Water, Air  Outdoor Education &amp; Recreation  Waste Management  Wildlife &amp; Fisheries  Forestry  Shooting Sports</p> <p><b><u>Communication Arts:</u></b>  Public Speaking  Demonstrations  Photography  Reporting Media  Performing Arts  Visual Arts (Crafts)</p>
<p><b><u>Consumer &amp; Family Science:</u></b>  Consumer &amp; Family Science  Child Care &amp; Development  Clothing &amp; Textiles  Consumer Education  Family Life  Home Environment</p> <p><b><u>Personal Development:</u></b>  Career Exploration  Hobbies &amp; Collections  Personal Development  Achievement  Leadership  Wood Science (woodworking)</p>	<p><b><u>Science &amp; Technology:</u></b>  Biological Science  Aerospace  Entomology &amp; Bees  Electricity  Marine Science  Industrial Arts  Plant Science (Crops)  Physical Science  Veterinary Science  Technology &amp; Engineering  Computer Technology  Engines, Tractors &amp; Field Equipment</p>
<p><b><u>Activities:</u></b>  Community Service  Fashion Revue  Judging  Citizenship</p>	<p><b><u>Health Lifestyles:</u></b>  Food &amp; Nutrition  Health Lifestyle  Safety  Bicycle</p>

**HILLSDALE COUNTY 4-H AWARD FORM**  
**To be filled out by the 4-H Member.**  
**YOU CAN HAND WRITE OR TYPE the information**

For Office Use Only

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS: \_\_\_\_\_

I have filled out my report and believe it to be correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**4-H Member Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**If you are applying for the 4-H Capitol Experience, CWF Award and/or the National 4-H Congress Award, please read and sign the following together with your parents:**

**Parents**

I am aware that my child \_\_\_\_\_ is applying for the Capitol Experience, CWF and/or the National 4-H Congress Awards trip. I am aware that these awards involve a cost for the award recipient. I have read the breakdown of the cost in the awards descriptions and understand that I must make a payment of \$100.00 for Capitol Experience; and/or a payment in January of \$400.00 for the CWF Awards Trip; and/or a payment of approximately \$400.00 in the summer for the National 4-H Congress Award if my child is selected. In addition, there are out-of-pocket expenses for each participant.

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please check (✓) all the awards that you are applying for.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Young Person's Achievement Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ Susan Trausch Memorial Award for Crafts
- \_\_\_\_\_ County Award Medals (12-14 years old)
- \_\_\_\_\_ County Award Medals (15 years and older)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Capitol Experience
- \_\_\_\_\_ Washington D.C. Trip
- \_\_\_\_\_ National 4-H Congress
- \_\_\_\_\_ Key Club Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ "I Dare You" Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ Frank Proctor Memorial Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ Susan Trausch Memorial Award for Rabbits

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (as of January 1, 2023)

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

# Of Year (s)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Exploration Days
- \_\_\_\_\_ State 4-H Awards Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ State 4-H Horse Show
- \_\_\_\_\_ Michigan Dairy Conference
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dairy Days or MI Livestock Expo
- \_\_\_\_\_ State 4-H Rabbit Show or Expo
- \_\_\_\_\_ State 4-H Goat Show or Expo
- \_\_\_\_\_ State 4-H Dog Show
- \_\_\_\_\_ State 4-H Shooting Sports
- \_\_\_\_\_ Statewide Judging or Communications Contests
- \_\_\_\_\_ Great Lakes Natural Resource Camp
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other Statewide 4-H Camps
- \_\_\_\_\_ MI 4-H Youth Conservation or Leadership Council
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Capitol Experience
- \_\_\_\_\_ Washington D. C. Trip / CWF
- \_\_\_\_\_ National 4-H Congress
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

## 4-H Project Summary

Write a summary of your activities and progress in up to three project areas of your choice for which you would like to be awarded with a project medal. Include years involved, workshops attended, tours, project demonstration or workshop teaching others about your project, etc.? What home activities do you do pertaining to your projects? Tell us what life skills you learned through these project areas.

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List all County medals and awards received so far.

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List County medals & awards you would like to receive.

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I would like to be selected for these awards because...

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## 4-H Leadership Activities

Write a short summary of your leadership activities and the responsibilities you accepted in your club, county, and state program. Include experiences such as offices held, committees served on, teen leader experiences, camp counselor, etc. What have you learned from your leadership role(s)?

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## Community Service Activities

Tell us about your 4-H community service projects including your experiences and responsibilities.

[illegible]

Other Leadership / Community Service activities you have participated in outside of 4-H:

[illegible]

## My 4-H Story

**Please see instructions – DO NOT add extra pages.  
Do Not use “your” name in your story.**

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**SUSAN TRAUSCH MEMORIAL AWARD  
FOR CRAFTS – (9-11 years of age)  
PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

To be considered for this award you must also complete the County Awards Form.

Please list your involvement and all projects participated in as a 6-8 years old 4-H member.  
We would like to know about all projects you completed. **PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

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What is your favorite craft project? Why? **PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

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What do you like about being in 4-H? **PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

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**SUSAN TRAUSCH MEMORIAL AWARD FOR RABBITS**  
**(15 Years and older)**  
**PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

To be considered for this award you must also complete the County Awards Form.

Please tell us what you have done to promote the rabbit project in your club? (Example: teen leader, workshops, and activities). **PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

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What have you learned and enjoyed about participating in the 4-H Rabbit Project? **PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

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Please tell us about your 4-H Rabbit Project – Do you raise them for pleasure, hobby or just for Fair? How many do you typically raise? What breeds do you enjoy? **PLEASE NEATLY HAND-WRITE**

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**LEADER RECOMMENDATION:**

**Your Administrative Leader MUST complete this.**

**Make sure you give this entire “County Awards” form to your administrative leader to look over in plenty of time for them to write a recommendation and return to the MSU Extension Office by Wednesday, December 15, 2021.**

**Leaders:** Describe the member's contribution and leadership they have shown in your 4-H club. Tell us in your words if the 4-H member is deserving of the award(s) & medals they applied for.

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This 4-H member is deserving of consideration for 4-H Awards: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

4-H Administrative Leader Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

This page will be removed after the awards selection process.

Please fill out & return to the MSU Extension Office  
by **Monday, December 19, 2022**

