

KALAMAZOO COUNTY 4-H AWARDS HANDBOOK



AWARDS HANDBOOK RECOGNITION, EXHIBITING, OPPORTUNITIES

The purpose of the Awards Handbook is to create an awareness of all opportunities and awards offered to adults and youth in the Kalamazoo 4-H program.

Recognition in 4-H is the acknowledgment and affirmation of the personal growth of an individual or group.

Awards are things we give persons or groups to symbolize their recognition. In many project areas, the award is an opportunity to learn.

Recognition is a key aspect of youth and volunteer development. When used effectively and appropriately, it encourages and supports learning in all parts of our lives. It is broader than competition but can include competitive aspects. The 4-H recognition framework includes opportunities for recognition based on participation, progress towards goals, standards of excellence, peer competition and cooperation. This framework acknowledges young people for their continuing development of life skills, as well as project accomplishments. It rewards volunteers for providing effective leadership in the area of positive youth development.

Types of 4-H awards and recognition are as follows:

4-H Pins: 4-H membership pins are available through leader's council for each year youth have completed. These are to be given at the discretion and by community club leaders at a time of their choosing.

Ribbons & Exhibiting at the Kalamazoo County Fair

Purple (Special Exhibit), Lavender (Meritorious), Blue (A), Red (B) and White (C) ribbons are awarded to 4-Hers who exhibit their projects at the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair. The grades are assigned on a competitive basis. During the judging process judges select some special 4-H awards which are presented at Fall Achievement. The Fair Council also pays premiums (cash) to members for exhibiting their projects and, therefore, making a contribution to the fair program.

Awards Selected by completing a Member Award Record Book

- **Who Nominates:** Self-nomination. Many awards are selected by 4-Her's completing a County Award Nomination Form and their Member Award Record Book, both are available at <http://canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo4H> , from your Community Club Leader or the 4-H office. Your Community Club Leader must sign nomination forms. Books will be due to the MSU Extension 4-H office by September 1 of each year.
- **Who Selects:** The Awards Committee selects all winners unless otherwise noted. The Awards Committee is composed of adults from the Kalamazoo County Leaders Council.
- **How is the Selection Made:** First, the purpose of the award is made known. Second, the standards of the award are made known (age, years of club work, etc.). Third, the applicant's information (which is contained in the member's record book and should include project record sheets, personal story and any other relevant information) is studied and evaluated.
- **How are the Awards Presented:** The Fall Achievement Program is held in the fall each year.

AWARDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Name & Description	Nominated by and when	Selected by	Number Selected	When Presented
AWARD OF THE CLOVER Leader pins are presented to all leaders who have served 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or more years of leadership			All that qualify	Fall Achievement
ALUMNI RECOGNITION Honor given to a former 4-H member who is now a 4-H leader in Kalamazoo County.	Leaders & members, Fall	Awards Committee	Varies	Fall Achievement
LEADER MERIT AWARD This award is presented to 4-H leaders who have done an outstanding job in the county 4-H program.	Leaders & members, Fall	Awards Committee	Varies	Fall Achievement
FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD This award is presented to individuals, civic groups or businesses that have supported the Kalamazoo 4-H program.	Leaders & members, Fall	Awards Committee	Varies	Fall Achievement
KETTUNEN CENTER/EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS Leaders Council offers reimbursement for all 4-H sponsored education held at the Kettunen Center and will consider other leader training on an individual basis. Request for expenditures of over \$125.00 must be brought to Leaders Council Executive committee before the meeting date.	Self, 2 weeks before workshop	4-H Office	Varies	Throughout the year

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS (Using Member Award Record Books)

Name and Description	Nominated By	Selected By	Number Selected	When Presented
<p><u>KALAMAZOO COUNTY FARM BUREAU AWARD</u> – Award based on quality of work, completeness of records, exhibits and achievement. Must have 3 years of 4-H experience including current year. Must be minimum of 12 years old. Limit two per year and may not repeat in same area.</p> <p>ANIMAL SCIENCE BEEF CLOTHING & TEXTILES CROPS DAIRY FLOWER GARDENING FOOD & NUTRITION FOOD PRESERVATION GOATS HORSES POULTRY RABBITS SHEEP SHOOTING SPORTS SWINE TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING TEEN LEADERSHIP VEGETABLE GARDENING</p>	Self & Member Award Record Book	Award Committee	One in each project area	Fall Achievement
<p><u>ONE DAY AWARDS TRIP</u> Outstanding 4-H members have the opportunity to attend a one-day educational trip that they help to plan (8-11 years old)</p>	Self & Member Award Record Book	Awards Committee	6	Fall Achievement
<p><u>ONE DAY AWARDS TRIP</u> Outstanding 4-H members have the opportunity to go on an overnight all-expense paid trip that they help to plan (12-14 years old)</p>	Self & Member Award Record Book	Awards Committee	6	Fall Achievement
<p><u>ONE OVERNIGHT TRIP</u> Outstanding 4-H members have the opportunity to go on an overnight trip for 1 night, 2 days on an all-expense paid trip that they help to plan. (15-18 years old)</p>	Self & Member Award Record Book	Awards Committee	6 even years	Fall Achievement
<p><u>HORSE SPECIAL AWARDS</u></p>	Self, Record Book, application	Awards Committee	One jr. One Sr. one time only	Fall Achievement

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS (Using Member Award Record Book)

Name and Description	Nominated By	Selected By	Number Selected	When Presented
<p><u>COUNTY MEDALS</u> Medals of honor are presented to member in listed areas. Must have one year in project and be currently enrolled. Limit two per year. May receive each medal once in each age group (8-11) and (12-19).</p> <p>ACHIEVEMENT AGRICULTURE ARTS & CRAFTS BEEF BICYCLE CAKE DECORATING CATS CAVY CITIZENSHIP & CIVIC EDUCATION CLOTHING & TEXTILES COMPUTER SCIENCE CONSUMER EDUCATION DAIRY CATTLE DEMONSTRATIONS DOGS ENTOMOLOGY & BEES FASHION REVIEW FOOD & NUTRITION FOOD SCIENCE GARDENING/HORTICULTURE GOATS HEALTHY LIVING HERPETOLOGY (reptiles) HORSE LEADERSHIP MENTORSHIP MONEY MANAGEMENT OUTDOOR EDUCATION & RECREATION PERFORMING ARTS PETS PHOTOGRAPHY POULTRY PUBLIC SPEAKING RABBITS ROBOTICS SAFETY SHEEP SHOOTING SPORTS SWINE TECHNOLOGY/ENGINEERING VETERINARY SCIENCE WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES WOOD SCIENCE</p>	<p>Self & Member Award Record Book</p>	<p>Awards Committee</p>	<p>1 per age group (8 -11 years old and 12-19 years old)</p>	<p>Fall Achievement</p>

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MICHIGAN KEY CLUB Awarded to ½ of 1% of the previous year’s county enrollment. Members must be 15 years of age or older.	Self, Record Book and special application	Awards	2	Fall Achievement
“I DARE YOU” A book, certificate and gift presented to members 15 years or older that have been of outstanding service to and express concern for others.	Self & Member Award Record Book	Awards Committee	2	Fall Achievement
4-H LEADERS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP – Each year the Kalamazoo 4-H Leaders Council presents to several graduating seniors a \$500 scholarship toward further educational advancement.	Self & Member Award Record Book	Awards Committee And Executive Board	6	April
4-H CLUB AMBASSADORS Assist 4-H office with special events, assist leader’s council with Fall Achievement, handing out ribbons and other educational opportunities during the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair. (12-19)	Self by application	Club members	2 from each club chosen by November leaders council meeting each year	
STATE 4-H AWARDS Individuals and clubs compete for outstanding achievement awards in project areas.	Self by application	State 4-H Awards Committee	20-individual /group awards	During Exploration Days
MARK OF EXCELLENCE Essay contest on yearly theme for 12 to 13-year-old 4-Hers.	Self	4-H Staff	2 per county	During Exploration Days
MSU PRE-COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP 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). See MSU website	Self	MSU	MSU final decision	Freshman year at MSU
4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AT MSU Awarded on outstanding achievement in 4-H, application, and scholastic excellence. See MSU website	Self	State Staff	MSU final decision	Before school starts in the fall
4-H CAMP KIDWELL – youth 8-14 must register on the Camp Kidwell website by the stated deadline. Youth will receive a \$30.00 sponsorship	Self	Kalamazoo County Leader’s Council	5 per year	Sponsorship will be paid when a copy of registration form turned in to Leaders council
EXPLORATION DAYS SCHOLARSHIPS – Over 250 action packed learning sessions held on MSU campus, 11-19 years of age. No quota on the number of youth who can attend, up to 40 youth may receive a partial scholarship from the Kalamazoo Leaders Council	Self	Self	No quota on number of youth who attend	Scholarships are awarded in June – registration to attend ends in April

AWARDS GIVEN AT FALL ACHIEVEMENT: SELECTED BY JUDGES AT FAIR

Citizenship/club awards

- Outstanding 4-H Officer Display
- Outstanding Record Book (8-11 year old & 12-19-year-old)
- Outstanding Club Community Service Project
- Leader's Council Outstanding Club Award
- Leader's Council Member Award Record Book Participation Award

Arts & Crafts

- Creative & Original Craft (8-11 & 12 – 19 years old)
- Creative & Original Art

Creative Writing

- Excellence in Writing (8-11 & 12 – 19 years old)

Dairy Project

- Outstanding Dairy Exhibit

Flowers

- Best of Show in Flower Gardening
- Best Wildflower Notebook

Food & Nutrition

- Best of Show Food & Nutrition
- Best of Show Food Preservation
- Outstanding Work in Candy Making
- Outstanding Cake Decorating

Goat Project

- Outstanding Goat Educational Exhibit

Knitting/Needlecraft/Clothing & Textiles

- Outstanding Knitting
- Outstanding Needlecraft
- Outstanding Clothing Construction
- Best of show in Fashion Review

Ornithology

- Outstanding Achievement in Bird Study

Passport

- Outstanding Work in Passport Project

Photography

- Most Creative Photograph (8-11 years old & 12-19 years old)
- Outstanding 3 Photo Exhibit (8-11 years old & 12-19 years old)
- Outstanding Black & White Photo (8-11 years old & 12-19 years old)

Shooting Sports

- Outstanding Gun & Hunter Exhibit
- Outstanding Archery Exhibit

Sports

- Outstanding Sports Exhibit (8 – 11 years old & 12 – 19 years old)

Vegetable Gardening

- Best Variety Vegetable Basket

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