

2025

Livingston County 4-H

Awards Program

Timeline for the 2025 Livingston County 4-H Awards Program

Award Forms Deadline October 17th, 2025 - 5pm

Awards Ceremony November 8th, 2025 - 5pm

- **4-H Clover Bud Awards**
- **4-H Incentive Awards**
- **4-H Junior Achievement**
- **4-H County Medal Awards**
- **Special 4-H County Medal Awards**
- **4-H Key Club Awards**
- **4-H Leader Service Awards**
- **4-H Special Service Awards**



Guidelines for Livingston County 4-H Awards Program

General Livingston County 4-H Award Rules:

1. For a member to be considered for a 4-H county award, their award form must be filled out completely and include all signatures. Forms that are incomplete will not be considered by the 4-H Awards Committee.
2. Awards forms returned past the deadline will not be eligible for 4-H awards.
3. Members of all ages must fill out their own award forms.
4. Once members have been nominated by their 4-H leader or have self nominated, they will need to request an award application from 4-H Staff or get it off of the website at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/livingston/livingston_county_4_h.
5. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to follow the guidelines and deadlines for each award area.



4-H Cloverbud Award

1. Completed one or more years of 4-H.
2. Clover Buds must be 5-7 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
3. A Clover Bud can win this award only once.
4. Clover Buds must fill out their own award forms.
5. Nominee should complete the enclosed form in ink, fillable PDF, or google forms survey.
6. Make sure that nomination forms are returned by the deadline. Remind your 4-H members to return their forms on time too.



4-H Incentive Award

Senior, Intermediate, Junior

1. 4-H Incentive Awards are designed to give recognition to 4-H members with limited 4-H experience.
2. 4-H members eligible for County Medals are not eligible for Incentive Awards.
3. Nominees for Incentive Awards must have completed one year and not more than two years in
4. 4-H
5. 4-H ages for Incentive Awards, as of January 1 of the current year, are:
Junior 8-11 years of age Intermediate 12-14 years of age Seniors 15-19 years of age
6. Members are limited to one award per age group.
7. Nominee should complete the enclosed form in ink, fillable PDF, or google forms survey.
8. Make sure that forms are returned by the deadline. Remind your 4-H members to return their forms on time.

4-H Junior Achievement Award

1. 4-H Junior Achievement Awards are designed to recognize the outstanding 4-H accomplishments of Juniors (8-11 years of age as of January 1 of the current year).
2. Nominees for Junior Achievement Awards must have completed more than three years in 4-H and not qualify for the Junior Incentive Award.
3. Members can only win this award once.
4. Nominee should complete the enclosed form in ink, fillable PDF, or google forms survey.
5. Remind your 4-H members to return their forms on time.



4-H County Award Medals

1. 4-H members ages 12-19 years as of January 1 of the current year are eligible for 4-H County Awards Medals.
2. A 4-H member may be nominated in no more than two county medal areas per year.
3. County Award Medals are 4-H project oriented awards except in Achievement, Leadership, Citizenship and Community Service areas – see Special Recognition guidelines for members who are eligible for these award areas.
4. 4-H members must have completed two or more years in the project. Member may receive county medals in various projects, but only one per project area.
5. Once a member has won the 4-H Key Club Award, they are no longer eligible for County Award Medals.
6. Nominee should complete the enclosed form in ink, fillable PDF, or google forms survey.
7. Remind your 4-H members to return their forms on time.



4-H County Awards Medals Special Recognition

Many older youth can be recognized for their 4-H experiences past the project level in:

Achievement

- Total 4-H Accomplishments

Teen Leadership

- Recognizes Leadership Ability

Citizenship

- Club and Community Participation

Community Service

- Helping Others in the Community

Using the same County Award Medal Guidelines, the 4-H Award Committee encourages 4-H leaders to nominate older 4-H members in these county award areas.

4-H Key Club Award

1. Key Club is the highest county 4-H Award a member may receive and is based on total years of 4-H activities and experiences.
2. Members must be 15 years of age or older as of January 1 of the current year.
3. Members must have completed three calendar years of 4-H.
4. Member must have completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas.
5. The Key Club form is about points and brief essay questions that focus on the 4-H members' involvement in the 4-H program.
6. Encourage members to review their applications with leaders and 4-H staff prior to the due date, so they have time to make corrections/additions. Sometimes members forget or don't realize what may be included on the application and they could potentially miss out on points.
7. A 4-H leader will need to write a short statement and sign the members award form. The award form and the leader's comments will be returned to the member.
8. Remind your 4-H members to return their forms on time.

Please note - the 4-H Key Club award is not available as a google forms survey. All Key club applications must be typed or handwritten.



4-H Special Service Award

1. The 4-H Special Service Award is designed to recognize sponsors, businesses, parents, grandparents, or anyone who has made major contributions to our 4-H program with dollars, time and/or material.
2. Nomination essays can be written and submitted by a 4-H member, parent or 4-H leader.
3. Up to two award recipients will be chosen.
4. Special Service Awards will be presented at the awards reception in November.
5. Forms can be completed in ink, fillable PDF, or google forms survey.



4-H Leader Service Award

1. Must have been a 4-H leader for two or more years.
2. Can be nominated by a 4-H club, parent, 4-H member, staff or another 4-H leader. Please write a brief essay describing why they should be awarded this prestigious award.
3. Leaders may win this award only once every ten years.
4. Up to two leaders may be selected each year.
5. Leader Service Awards will be presented at the awards reception in November.
6. Forms can be completed in ink, fillable PDF, or google forms survey.

State Awards

The State Awards Program is an in depth, project-oriented program for older 4-H members. The program is conducted at the county, regional and state levels and is very competitive with other 4-H members from across the state. All state award applicants who win regionally must attend 4-H Exploration Days.

Timeline for the State Awards Program

November-March

Prepare State Award Application

April

Award Application due

June

4-H State Award delegates attend Exploration Days



County Awards Timeline

Livingston County 4-H Award Timeline for 2025

Now!

Leaders should have identified and contacted members they feel should apply

October 17th - 5pm

4-H County Awards forms due by email or in person from 4-H member to 4-H Staff – Kat VanDouser (krollkat@msu.edu) by 5:00pm

Late October

Awards Committee will convene to select 4-H County Award winners

November 8th - 5pm

Award Recognition Reception