

Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H presents...

Top 4-H'er



Will it be a King or Queen?

Macomb County Top 4-H'er



Purpose:

The purpose of the Macomb County Top 4-H'er Program is to give 4-H youth members, ages 12 through 19, the opportunity to grow and progress in their personal knowledge of 4-H history and vision. As a Top 4-H'er, you will become **the** role model for other members in your club and community as you promote Macomb County 4-H.

Once a Top 4-H'er, always a Top 4-H'er. You will become part of an elite alumni!

Who is a Top 4-H'er?

A Top 4-H'er is a self-motivated, enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H using the skill, knowledge and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H with fellow members, area residents, community leaders, elected officials and non 4-H youth. A Top 4-H'er serves to strengthen the 4-H program through public relations. They are knowledgeable of 4-H, passionate and active in 4-H!

Qualifications to apply for Top 4-H'er:

- Any Macomb County registered 4-H member 4-H age (as of January 1) 12-19
 - 4-H members 4-H age (as of January 1) 12-14 are classified as intermediate
 - 4-H members 4-H age (as of January 1) 15-19 are classified as seniors
- At least two years 4-H experience

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Responsibilities of King or Queen Selected:

- Reach the public with the 4-H story and raise awareness to non 4-H communities.
- Promote and assist with annual 4-H programs, events and activities.
- Participants must be available during Armada Fair week to assist with the monitoring of the 4-H exhibit building, Cloverbud judging, and teen clerking during Sunday judging.
- Participants must be available for pictures & media and interviews before and after fair opening ceremonies.
- Follow the designated dress code: While functioning in the capacity of a candidate for Top 4-H'er, participants should dress neatly (unwrinkled and unstained clothing) and respectable. Attire should be appropriate for the event they are attending. For example, khakis and 4-H polo/T-shirt are acceptable at most events. Unacceptable attire includes clothing that exposes undergarments or excessively exposes the body (such as cropped, low-cut or extremely tight shirts, tube tops, short shorts, excessively baggy or extreme low-rise pants), conveys a violent, offensive, obscene message or image, or promotes the use of an illegal substance.
- Present a positive role model respect yourself and others, exhibit a leadership role and act in a mature, responsible, and professional manner

How is a Top 4-H'er selected?

1. An evaluation of his/her completed portfolio (200 points)
2. A scheduled interview (100 points)
 - Interviews will take place during the first week of August at a place and time to be determined.

The Top 4-H'er will be announced during Armada Fair. All participants will be awarded medallions based on their rubric score.

Top 4-H'er:	Platinum medallion, Yellow Lanyard, Crown or Tiara
Excellent (score of 270-300):	Gold medallion, Blue Lanyard
Good (score of 240-269):	Gold medallion, Red Lanyard
Fair (score of 210-239):	Gold medallion, White Lanyard
Participation (score of 0-209):	Gold medallion, Green Lanyard

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How to apply for Top 4-H'er:

1. Download Program Portfolio and guidelines found on Macomb County 4-H Web site or by contacting Macomb County MSU Extension.
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/macomb/4-h/fairs/armada-fair>
2. Submit completed portfolio to MSU Extension office by July 1
3. In addition to submitting portfolio to MSU Extension office, applicants' club leader must submit fair entry form by July 1 <https://armadafair.org/4hffalivestocksale>
4. Return completed portfolio to the office, MSU Extension-Macomb County, 4-H Youth Development 21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 12, Clinton Twp., MI 48036. Or email completed portfolio to: Macomb.4H@macombgov.org

Portfolio guidelines:

- All submissions must be typed using single space, Times New Roman 12 point font. Font color must be black.
- Margins must be 1 inch on all sides
- Sections must be completed: a) within the page limit, b) in the order listed in the portfolio instructions chart, c) identified with the Section Header listed.
- Sections should be in descriptive paragraph form or bullets, depending on the instructions for each section.
- Include an individual photo on the portfolio cover page, as the photo will be used in the Top 4-H'er display in the Exhibit Barn.

Must be received by 5:00 pm on July 1

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Portfolio Cover Page

NAME:

BIRTHDATE:

4-H AGE (as of Jan 1):

4-H CLUB(s):

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY AND ZIP:

PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Insert participant's picture

4-H Member Signature: _____

I have reviewed this packet and believe it to be accurate.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

4-H Club Leader Signature: _____

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Portfolio Instructions Chart:

Section Header	Page Limit	Description	Check List
Portfolio Cover Page (5 points)	1 page	Included in this packet	
SECTION A: 4-H Events and activities (In paragraph form) (20 points)	Intermediate: ½ page Senior: 1 page	List and describe 4-H events and activities you have participated in at the club, county, state or national level.	
SECTION B: 4-H Community Service (In paragraph form) (15 points)	Intermediate: ½ page Senior: 1 page	List and describe your 4-H community service projects. Indicate the impact of community service activity/project and your role	
SECTION C: 4-H Leadership Experience (In paragraph form) (20 points)	Intermediate: ½ page Senior: 1 page	List and describe your 4-H leadership experience with most recent experiences listed/described first. Include elected positions held. Identify activities which you planned, organized, taught or led. Also include things you have done to promote 4-H such as writing articles for a newsletter, presentations, speeches, or a promotional display.	

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<p>SECTION D: 4-H Awards and Recognition (In bullet form) (15 points)</p>	<p>Intermediate: ½ page</p> <p>Senior: 1 page</p>	<p>List significant awards and indicate year recognition received, with most recent awards listed/described first.</p>	
<p>SECTION E: 4-H Projects (In paragraph form) (20 points)</p>	<p>Intermediate: ½ page</p> <p>Senior: 1 page</p>	<p>4-H projects you have been involved in, both past and present. Include the number of years involved in each project area.</p>	
<p>SECTION F: Personal Impact of 4-H (In paragraph form 35 points)</p>	<p>Intermediate: 1 page</p> <p>Senior: 2 pages</p>	<p>Describe how 4-H has influenced/impacted your life and what you have learned from your involvement in 4-H. Include photos of your 4-H experiences with captions.</p>	
<p>SECTION G: Vision for Macomb County 4-H (In paragraph form) (20 points)</p>	<p>1 page</p>	<p>As Top 4-H'er, what changes and improvements would you strive to achieve for Macomb County 4-H?</p>	

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Portfolio Score Sheet

Name: _____

	Possible Score	Participant's Score
Format <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black, single space Times new roman 12 point font • 1" left margin and 1" top, bottom & right margins • Appropriate length • Identified by Section Headers and in order listed 	15	
Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling	10	
Content		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio Cover Page, including Photo 	5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section A: Events & Activities 	20	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section B: 4-H Community Service 	15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section C: 4-H Leadership Experience 	20	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section D: 4-H Awards & Recognition 	15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section E: 4-H Projects 	20	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section F: Personal Impact of 4-H/My 4-H Photos 	35	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section G: Vision for Macomb county 4-H 	20	
General Appearance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall impression • Readability 	25	
Total	200	

Comments:

Judge's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Interview Score Sheet

Name: _____

	Possible Score	Participant's Score
Appearance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Followed designated dress code Appropriately groomed/neat 	10	
First Impression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greeting & Introduction Handshake 	10	
Responses to Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge relayed Experiences described & matched portfolio Clear & organized Shared appropriate experiences, both 4-H & non 4-H Quality of information 	40	
Communication Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper grammar Appropriate volume Concise Confident Sincere 	40	
Total	100	

Comments: _____

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