

Due Date: **First Monday of June by 4 p.m.**

Date Received in the Extension Office \_\_\_\_\_



**Montcalm County 4-H**  
**Earl Peterson 4-H'er of the Year**  
**Application Form**



This application must be filled out accurately and completely.  
Applicants must be 14 years or older, in 4-H for at least 3 years  
and not a previous recipient of this award.

ALL PAGES OF THIS FORM MUST BE NEATLY PRINTED **IN INK**, COMPUTER GENERATED OR TYPED.

Applicants are required to participate in an interview on **the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of June**.  
Please contact the MSU Montcalm Extension office at (989) 831-7500 to schedule your interview time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be used for publicity: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION:**

- I have completed this form and certify that it is accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- We have reviewed this form and believe it to be accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Leader's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**MEDIA RELEASE**

Release for Audio, Video, Film and Photographs

All youth participants participating in this 4-H sponsored program must complete this section of the form. Participants are sometimes photographed and/or videotaped for use in Montcalm County 4-H promotional and educational materials.

I authorize 4-H to record and photograph my child's image and/or voice for use by Montcalm County's 4-H educational and promotional programs. I understand and agree that these audio, video, film and/or print images may be edited, duplicated, distributed, reproduced, broadcast and/or reformatted in any form and manner without payment of fees in perpetuity.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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### Individual Photo

Mount one sharply focused, head and shoulders photo of yourself with appropriate adhesive (do not use art corners.) The print should have a uniform light background and clearly show your facial features so that it can be used for publicity purposes.

Below the photo, please type and/or print in black, your name, age, address, city, state and zip code.

















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### 4-H Photo Section

To best show your pictures, mount them with rubber cement or photo spray adhesive. Show photos of you in a 4-H activity, such as workshops where you are in a leadership role. Use captions on your photos. Your application should have at least one photo, but no more than three pages total.





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### My 4-H Story Instructions

“Your 4-H Story” is a very important part of your 4-H'er of the Year Application. Try to convey how your participation in 4-H contributed to your self-respect and concern for others, how it has influenced you in school, in your use of leisure time and in your career plans. “Your 4-H Story” is the place to expand on facts and figures by telling what your experiences have meant to you; how they have developed and affected your confidence, your attitude and other factors. “Your 4-H Story” adds warmth and depth to your application. It should not be a re-listing of what you included in your resume.

Your story is limited to **two** double-spaced, typed or printed 8 ½- x 11-inch pages. Leave a 1 ½-inch margin on the left side and 1-inch margins on the top, bottom and right side. Type must be no smaller than a 12-point font: no photocopy reductions will be accepted.

Be creative and personal, but avoid being “cutesy.” Themes and gimmicks can be effective, or they can be overdone to the point of becoming a disadvantage to you. Have someone proofread your work before you submit it.

The following outline may help you develop “Your 4-H Story.” It is divided into parts simply to help you outline what you want to say about yourself. **Do not** identify these parts in “Your 4-H Story.”

#### **PART 1:**

Introduce yourself. Include information about your age, interests, family, where you live, where you go to school, when and why you became involved in 4-H.

#### **PART 2:**

Highlight your 4-H projects and activities, including major learning experiences, special interests and unusual situations you have encountered. Tell about how your projects grew in size and scope and some of your successes (and failures).

#### **PART 3:**

Explain how 4-H has helped you become a better leader and citizen, how 4-H has increased your interest and participation in community affairs, and what you have learned from your team or group involvement and efforts.

#### **PART 4:**

Describe how 4-H participation has helped you to feel about yourself, influenced your school and career goals and your use of leisure time. Tell about your future plans and the career you want to pursue.



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**My 4-H Story**