



# 4-H County Medals & Awards

## St. Joseph County



### Activities:

Community Service  
Fashion Revue  
Judging

### Animals & Plants:

Agriculture  
Aquaculture  
Beef  
Cats  
Dairy  
Dogs  
Gardening & Horticulture  
Goats  
Horse  
Poultry  
Rabbits  
Sheep  
Swine

### Communication Arts:

Demonstrations  
Performing Arts  
Photography  
Public Speaking  
Visual Arts (Crafts)

### Consumer & Family Science:

Child Care & Development  
Clothing & Textiles  
Consumer & Family Science  
Consumer Education  
Family Life  
Home Environment

### Environmental Stewardship:

Environmental Stewardship  
Earth, Water, Air  
Forestry  
Outdoor Education & Recreation  
Shooting Sports  
Three R's  
Wildlife & Fisheries

### Health Life Styles:

Bicycle  
Food & Nutrition  
Health Lifestyles  
Safety

### Personal Development:

Achievement  
Career Exploration  
Citizenship  
Hobbies & Collections  
Leadership  
Personal Development

### Science & Technology:

Aerospace  
Biological Science  
Computer Technology  
Electricity  
Engines, Tractors & Field Equipment  
Entomology & Bees  
Industrial Arts  
Marine Science  
Physical Science  
Plant Science (Crops)  
Technology & Engineering  
Veterinary Science  
Weather  
Wood Science (woodworking)

**4-H Enthusiast Award:** A special award to honor 4-H members for their 4-H enthusiasm. Awarded to members who are 9 years old or older by January 1, 2025 and have just completed their **first year** of “regular” 4-H in 2024. Do you love 4-H and enjoy helping with your clubs activities? Apply for the 4-H Enthusiast Award.

**Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) (June/July, 2025):** CWF is a unique citizenship education program utilizing the Nation’s Capital as the classroom. Applicant must have an interest in government/citizenship and may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Number selected may vary each year and interviews may be scheduled. Your 4-H age needs to be 15 by January 1, 2025. 4-H Youth Council will pay for ¾ of the cost, leaving the applicant to pay **\$500.00** (total cost **\$2,000.00**). Applicants must complete the essay prompt for this award. Limit of two (2) winners per year.

**4-H Mark of Excellence Award (June 18-20, 2025 - Exploration Days):** 4-H Mark of Excellence Award is an award for 4-H youth between the ages of 10-11 by January 1, 2025. For the St. Joseph County Awards Form, complete an essay focusing on the theme of “4-H Beyond Ready...” All essays must be 200-400 words. Please do not include graphics or pictures in your essay. Two winners will be selected and will represent St. Joseph County at the State Awards Celebration during 4-H Exploration Days. You MUST complete the application at the county level by January 24, 2025 to be eligible, regardless of the State Awards deadline.

**4-H Key Club Award:** Any 4-H member 15 years old or older by January 1, 2025 is eligible. Members must have completed at least three years of club work, have taken at least two different 4-H projects, served and completed as a teen leader this year. Applicants must complete the essay prompt for this award. A 4-H member may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Limit of two (2) winners per year.

# St. Joseph County 4-H Award Form

To be filled out by the 4-H member.

Applications are due to the Extension Office by **January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**Please neatly print all information (in ink or type). Also available online in a fillable form.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Completed application checklist:

\_\_\_\_\_ Page 2

\_\_\_\_\_ Page 3

\_\_\_\_\_ All pages / essays specific to the award I am applying for

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Member signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please check all that you are applying for:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Enthusiast Award (9 years old & older)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship Washington Focus (15 to 19 years old)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mark of Excellence Award (10 & 11 years old)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Key Club Award (15 to 19 years old)
- \_\_\_\_\_ County Award Medals (12-14 years old)
- \_\_\_\_\_ County Award Medals (15 and older)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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. (Call the MSU Extension Office for participation dates if unsure.)

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| _____ 4-H Exploration Days              | _____ |
| _____ State 4-H Award Assembly          | _____ |
| _____ Kettunen Center Workshops         | _____ |
| _____ State 4-H Horse Show              | _____ |
| _____ State 4-H Rabbit Show             | _____ |
| _____ State 4-H Shooting Sports         | _____ |
| _____ Capital Experience                | _____ |
| _____ Great Lakes Natural Resource Camp | _____ |
| _____ Citizenship Washington Focus      | _____ |
| _____ 4-H Goat Show                     | _____ |
| _____ Other                             | _____ |

### **4-H Enthusiast Award**

*Prompt: On this paper, please write 3-4 sentences to tell us a little bit about your first year in 4-H and why you are excited for next year.*

**Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)**

*Prompt: In 500 words or less, use your own words to define Civic Engagement and why it is important to build skills in this area.*

### 4-H Mark of Excellence Award

*Prompt: Please write an essay ( 00 words ) that focuses on the theme “4-H Beyond Ready...”*

## **4-H Key Club Award**

*Prompt: In 500 words or less, describe how your time in 4-H has helped you to develop life skills that will carry into other aspects of your life.*







