

OCTOBER 2016

4-H NEWSLETTER



RETURNING MEMBERS—It's time to re-enroll in 4-H!

Please return to <https://mi.4honline.com> to re-enroll and submit payment to the Hart MSUE office ASAP, especially if you are in a market project.

Your 4-H enrollment makes you eligible for 2016/2017 Local, State and National 4-H opportunities. It will also keep you on the mailing list for this newsletter and e-mails with program updates.

Your **PROJECT** application (for market animals or horses) is a separate Oceana County form. These applications get you signed up for a specific project within 4-H.

Please be timely in submitting your annual enrollment fee, \$10.00 per youth (maximum of \$30.00 per family) payable to **Michigan State**



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Participating in 4-H projects teaches Life Skills

LIFE SKILLS

A skill is a learned ability.

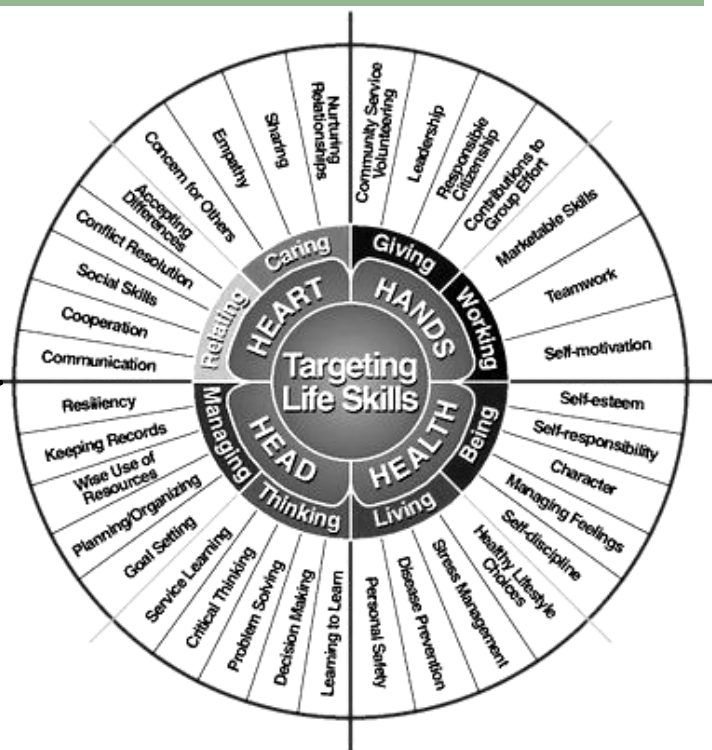
Life Skills are those competencies that assist people in functioning well in the environments in which they live.

4-H staff and volunteers are concerned with helping youth become competent in the life skills that will prepare them for transition to adulthood.

4-H focuses on developing skills that are healthy and productive for both youth and their communities.

**HOW DID YOU DEVELOP
LIFE SKILLS THROUGH
YOUR 4-H PROJECT LAST
YEAR?**

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS



MARKET ANNUAL MEETINGS

LARGE MARKET ANNUAL MEETING:

Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Shelby Cafetorium at Shelby Middle School.

If you are a member of the Large Market Animal project, or are moving up to a large animal, please make every effort to attend. Checks will be distributed, elections will be held, project rules and changes will be reviewed and applications to participate will be available to pickup. If you are picking up a check from the auction, remember to bring your signed buyers slip. **No slip = no check.** If you can not make the meeting or forget your buyer's slip, you may pick your check up in the office anytime after the meeting.

We are looking for youth to run for the Market Livestock Committee. We need YOUTH NOMINEES for beef, swine and sheep. Anyone that is interested from any of these project areas needs to let us know so we can add you to the ballot. Market Livestock usually has 6 meetings a year. Serving on the committee allows you to have your voice heard regarding decisions impacting your animal project and also the market livestock program as a whole. We are also in need of ADULT VOLUNTEERS (parents, leaders or business reps). ***If you are interested please call us at 873-2129 or email vanberg2@anr.msu.edu***

This meeting counts as 1 non-club point for market livestock members. Make sure to sign in!

SMALL & JUNIOR MARKET ANNUAL MTG.

Monday, October 24th at 6:30 p.m.
Hart Community Center, 407 State Street
(across from the MSUE office in Hart)

We will review fair statistics and rule changes, elect committee members and distribute checks. Remember that you must have your signed buyer's slip in order to pick up your check. **No slip = no check.** If you can not make the meeting, or forget your buyer's slip, you may pick it up anytime after the meeting.

The Small Market Animal Committee is seeking ADULT VOLUNTEERS (parents or leaders) interested in running for the committee. We also need YOUTH NOMINEES from beef, poultry and rabbits and/or goats to run for committee spots. There are usually 4-6 meetings a year. Serving on the committee is your opportunity to have your voice heard when decisions are made about your project, the auction, etc. ***If you are interested in being added to the ballot please call us at 873-2129 or email vanberg2@anr.msu.edu***

This meeting counts as 1 non-club point for small/junior market members (it does not count for large market). ***If you are moving up to Large Market this year, you will want to make sure to attend their meeting as well.***

OUR Motto



To make the best BETTER.

*****Remember that the MSU EXTENSION STAFF is here to support the Committees. You as committee members, and the officers of these committees, make the rules, guidelines, etc. that the 4-H program enforces. If you want a say in what is happening in YOUR programs, get your name on the ballot!*****

STEER WEIGH-IN & TAG RECORDING DATE

The steer weigh-in takes place in the Beef Building at the Oceana County Fairgrounds. It will be held on **Sat., Dec. 3rd** from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Your steer will be weighed to get your starting weight, tag number scanned & picture taken. If you personally can not attend, you must inform the office of the name of your sibling or parent bringing the animal in your absence. This is worth 1 non-club point for steer and feeder calf members.



LARGE MARKET PROJECT RULE CHANGES & CLARIFICATIONS

Following are the project rules changes voted on by the Market Livestock Committee for the 2016/2017 4-H year.

Project changes and/or clarifications

1. #8 in the lamb project, regarding ear tag requirements, will be changed to:

All 4-H Market Livestock lamb project animals will be required to have an Oceana County 4-H ear tag, and a MDA required Scrapies tag, placed in their animal's ear. The 4-H tag will be provided to the leaders from the Extension Office. For those members registering two animals, you will be required to get your second tag from the Extension Office prior to the June 1st deadline. All lambs are required to have a Scrapies tag in their ear which should have been provided at the time you purchased your lamb. It is preferred to have a Scrapie's tag in one ear and the 4-H tag in the other. All ear tags, breeds and pictures must be turned into the Extension Office by Thursday, June 1, 2017. NO EXCEPTIONS!

2. #13 in the lamb project will be changed to read:

No rams will be allowed in the market project. Wether and ewe lambs with docked tails are eligible for 4-H market classes. A wether is a completely castrated male. Animals with testicles, portions of testicles, or yearling teeth will be disqualified from the 4-H market livestock lamb program. Short scrotum, cryptorchid, or ram lambs are not eligible as 4-H market lambs.

3. # 12 Swine project will be changed to read:

Barrow and gilt market hogs are eligible for 4-H market classes. A Barrow is a completely castrated male. Animals with evidence of staginess, testicles, incomplete castration, or with late castration will be disqualified from the 4-H market livestock lamb program. No boars will be allowed in the 4-H Market Project.

4. Regarding *replacement animals for sheep & swine* the rules will have the wording added:

"All pictures, ear tags and breeds for replacement animal must be on file at the MSU Extension Office no later than August 1, 2017. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the Market project. Those raising two animals, you may elect to have the "backup" animal as your replacement animals and would need to notify the MSU Extension Office, in writing, of this decision by August 1, 2017.

5. Steer & Lambs.

If an RFID , or Scrapies tag, falls out you need to contact the MSU Extension Office with the new number, no later than two weeks prior to Fair.

6. Non-Club/Club Points:

#6 the word slick will be removed

#12 the words "if held" will be added

#17 will be changed to read: Volunteer to **work** at Grace Adventures Ride For The Ranch April 22, 2017
Added at #29—Attend an out-of-area judging event, coordinated by your leader, to learn more about your market project.

Because of this numbers 29-33 will be renumbered as 30-34.

MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT SIGNUP

Market Livestock Animal Signups will be held **Saturday, November 12, 2016**. You must have your applications to participate filled out with **ALL** signatures. Applications will not be accepted if missing any signatures.

If you can not make it, you may have a parent, sibling or grandparent submit your forms. If you fax or mail your application, it will be accepted in the order which received beginning Monday, the 14th.

The order of sign ups this year will be:

SWINE: 8:00-8:30 A.M. (including Little Buddy)

LAMB: 8:30-9:00 A.M. (including Little Buddy)

BEEF: 9:00-9:30 A.M. (including Little Buddy)

(must be 4-H age 10 or older to participate in the Steer or Little Buddy Steer program)

As always, project enrollments are first come, first served. There are limited stalls/pens at the Fair.
(60 swine, 36 lambs, 48 steer)

4-H ENROLLMENT

You need to complete your 4-H enrollment PRIOR to Market signups.

This is done online at mi.4honline.com.

The enrollment fee (\$10/ youth, \$30 maximum for families, scholarships available) **MUST BE PAID** in order to complete your enrollment.

Your enrollment fee is not refundable. *You are enrolling in 4-H*, there is no guarantee of getting into the market project of your choice.

NEW MICHIGAN 4-H CURRICULUM

Youth Business Guide to Success: Make the Most of Your 4-H Market Animal Project

What does it cost to raise a market animal? How can raising a market animal teach positive financial management? What does learning how to present and market have to do with an animal project?

Most young people in 4-H market animal projects are focused on basic animal science, care and management. But market animal projects also have the potential to teach youth valuable life skills.

Through this curriculum, youth will gain knowledge about marketing and advertising their products. Participants will also explore and practice production, management and distribution skills. In addition, it provides a venue to explore what it takes to be successful in business and view the world of animal science and agribusiness as a viable career option.

Curriculum units include goal setting, record keeping, budgeting, communication (verbal and non-verbal) and marketing. These lessons help to foster important life skills such as:

- Responsibility
- Goal setting
- Planning and organizing
- Record-keeping
- Budgeting and financial management
- Problem Solving
- Decision Making
- Marketable Skills
- Teamwork
- Communication (written and verbal)

SMAA/JUNIOR MARKET SIGNUPS

The Small Market and Junior Market Project Registration signup will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 2016** following Large Market beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 10:30 a.m. You must have your applications to participate filled out with **ALL** signatures. Applications will not be accepted if missing any signatures.

A 4-H member may sign up for one animal at this time. **If you can not attend sign-ups, a parent, sibling or grandparent may submit your paperwork for you.** A 4-Her will have until March 1st to drop without penalty. Beginning March 2nd, members may sign up for a second animal if they wish, pending available space. If you drop out after March 1st, you will NOT be eligible to sell in the Small Market or Junior Markets the following year. You may request a meeting with the SMAA committee if there are extenuating circumstances.

Project Enrollments are first come, first served.

There are limited stalls/pens at the Fair.

The following are the combined project limits for SMAA and Junior Markets.

Chickens— 10	Turkeys- 6	Feeder Calf/Young Beef * —18
		<i>* you must be at least 4-H age 7 to bring your own feeder calf</i>
Rabbits— 4	Goats— 6	Ducks— 4
		Geese— 4

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SMAA/JR.MARKET PROECT RULE CHANGES/CLARIFICATIONS

#5 on page 2 of the rules will read:

"No sick animals. Per MDARD Fair & Exhibitions Requirements: livestock with clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease shall be removed from the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show or by permission of the Director, shall be isolated on the premises."

Goats: Will now read

"Must be a wether or doe under one year."

"Must be castrated (healed), and de-horned"

"Must have a 4-H ear tag & Scrapies tag" (note that tattoo has been removed and replaced with a green 4-H tag)

"Weight requirement: 50-100 pounds"

Non-Club Point List Changes for SMAA

#11 the words "if held" will be added

#16 will be changed to read: Volunteer to **work** at Grace Adventures Ride For The Ranch April 22, 2017

It will be added at #24—Attend an out-of-area judging event, coordinated by your leader, to learn more about your market project.

Because of this, numbers 24-26 will be renumbered as 25-27.

LEADER'S BANQUET

The 2016 Leader's Banquet is being held **Monday, November 7th** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the **New Era Reformed Church** At 4775 1st St, New Era, MI 49446 .

Invitations will be mailed out to those who were active leaders and resource leaders for the 2016 4-H year. This year's theme is "Pirates". We hope for a great turn out.

Thanks to Trudy Sibley, Ann Marie Overla and Diane Cole for planning, decorating and ensuring that this event is always a good time!

The Oceana County 4-H Youth Council will present a check to the Crystal Valley Care Fund for the amount of \$1,100.00 the monies they raised during the yard sale in July.

Thank you to Trudy Sibley, Kathy Carter, Karen Pankow and ALL of those who donated their time to spend the week at the Fairgrounds organizing and running this event. A special thank you to Trudy who volunteered every day to make sure this fundraiser was a success.

If you would like to help with next year's yard sale/bake sale call the Extension office to be added to the committee.



4-H MEMBER COUNTY MEDAL/AWARDS

WHO: All 2016 4-H Members and their Families

WHEN: Sunday, October 23rd at 3:00pm

WHERE: *Shelby High School Auditorium*



This year's Awards ceremony will be held in Shelby MI at the Shelby High School (641 N State St, Shelby, MI 49455). This ceremony is to recognize all 4-Hers for their completion of the 4-H year (actively participating in a 4-H club or program by attending 6 or more meetings.) You will be presented with your year pin upon entry. For those who showed outstanding achievement, there will be awards presented which include county project medals, youth awards, HDC High Point and more.

We ask that you please bring a "finger food/dessert" to share after the ceremony so we can all have some time to get to know each other better over some goodies.

We hope for a great turnout, as we have had the past few years, and we will see you all there!

We hope you all join us in celebrating the accomplishments of the 2016 4-H year!

4-H Workshops

October 15-16: Michigan 4-H Goat Workshop*

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_goat_workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin



October 29-30: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop*

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1

Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 19-20: 4-H Advisory Group Retreat*

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_advisory_group_retreat_1

Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 25-29: National 4-H Congress

<https://www.facebook.com/National4HCongress>

Atlanta, Georgia

2017

February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest*

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop*

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop*

<http://bit.ly/2ceXN18>

Kettunen Center, Tustin

**These workshops are full of information and hands on activities. If you are interested in attending, Youth Council will help you with the cost. You can share what you learned from the workshops at a club meeting, or with the Oceana County Youth Council, and the FULL amount of your registration will be reimbursed to you! If it is not affordable to put the money up in advance as required, contact the Extension Office & arrangements can be made. We want anyone that wants to attend to be able to go.*

Other 4-H Events

2017

January 28: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

June 21-23: 4-H Exploration Days

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For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>



4-H BEYOND THE BARN



Do you have a passion for science and technology?

Do you dream of being the next Steve Jobs, Mark Zuckerberg, or George Lucas? Then 4-H Tech Wizards is for you! 4-H Tech Wizards is an after-school based youth mentoring program that seeks to combat school failure and unemployment by providing planned mentoring with a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics).

A background in science or technology IS NOT required for youth or adults.
All that is required is a desire to learn and make new friends.
If interested, please contact Mason/Oceana County 4-H Tech Wizards coordinator
Aaron Myers at 231-757-4789.

Sign Up Today!!!

OC SharpShooters 4-H Club

The Oceana County Sharp Shooters, Shooting Sports Club, has a limited number of spots available. You must be 9 years old or older to participate in this club. If interested please contact Jim Gray at (231) 873-4548.

**NEW
CLUBS**

The Herd 4-H Club

The Herd will cover the care and raising of livestock, marketing livestock, photography and crafts. Contact Jenn Witteveen for details at 231-742-1208.

Dusty Chaps 4-H Club

Dusty Chaps is a new horse club in the Montague area focusing on the riding and care of horses. Contact Kaylie Payne for details at 231-750-8612.

Oceana County 4-H is seeking adult volunteers willing to assist youth in learning about:

ARCHERY

FISHING

MODEL CARS

ROCKETRY



If you know of someone willing to share their time with Oceana County youth, please put them in touch with the Extension Office at 873-2129.



4-H Scholarships and Recognition

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCEANA COUNTY 2016/2017 AMBASSADORS

We would like to congratulate our new 4-H Ambassadors

Hailey Lemmen, Katie Lemmen & Maisie Whitaker

We would also like to thank **Cody Alvesteffer, Kaylee Herrygers & Haley Mast** for a job well done representing Oceana County 4-H as Ambassadors this past year.

Recognize an important 4-H Volunteer in your life

The Oceana County 4-H Youth Council is pleased to continue recognizing the service of our volunteers and parents. Nominate the people who make 4-H so great by **October 13th!** Award Recipients will be announced at the Leader's Banquet Monday, November 2nd. Nomination Paperwork is available at the MSUE office. Contact Toni or Lori for details.

- ♦ **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** Recognition for dedication to the 4-H Program through active service.
- ♦ **SERVICE AWARD** Recognition for service to the Oceana County 4-H Programs in 2015-2016
- ♦ **MENTOR AWARD** Recognition for impact in a 4-H member's life above and beyond volunteer expectations. Must be nominated by a 4-H Youth Member.
- ♦ **HORIZON AWARD** Recognition for demonstrating successful participation in a new program area or event.
- ♦ **SPORTSMANSHIP** Recognition for exemplifying the MI 4-H definition of a good sport by demonstrating respect for animals (if applicable), respect for opponents, respect for the traditions of the sport, and respect for others.



4-H SENIORS!

Michigan Rabbit/Cavy 4-H Scholarship



Award amount: Varies, two to four given annually

Who can apply: Those who will be college freshmen in Fall 2016. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years and have financial need.

Michigan State University 4-H Scholarships

Award amount: **\$2,500 annually for four consecutive years** of full-time study at MSU. Six scholarships are given.

Who can apply: 4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application by November 1 of their senior year. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of the university and be accepted to MSU.

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_scholarships

If you would like assistance writing about your 4-H experience in a narrative form or need information regarding your participation in Oceana County 4-H programs, contact the MSU Extension office at 231-873-2129 or email cargil10@anr.msu.edu

4-H Capitol Experience—March 2017

4-H Capitol Experience is an annual 4-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. Attendees will:

- Understand the responsibilities of a citizen
- Explore different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities
- Explore various careers in public policy
- Attend bill writing session
- Have an in-depth meeting with someone in (or involved with) state government.



Simulations and activities are incorporated to reinforce and apply what is learned about government. Teens leave the conference with the charge to share what they have learned and get involved with other leaders. There are scholarship opportunities available for 4-H Capitol Experience to help pay to attend.

If you are 14 or older and interested, please speak with Lori Cargill, 4-H Coordinator, at the office or cagil10@anr.msu.edu for details regarding scholarships and the application process.

To learn more about what it's like to attend, speak with Cassie Holladay and Kaylee Herrygers about their experience as delegates in 2016!

CLOVERBUD CORNER

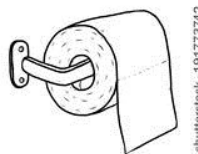
This fall, work with your Cloverbud 4-H member to practice the joy of giving.



"What Makes a "Perfect Gift?"

Fred Rogers tells a story in his book "The Giving Box" about a little girl's excitement about giving. When asked what makes her happy, this preschooler replied, "I am happy when I get mom the toilet paper when she calls from the bathroom!" Mister Rogers went on to explain that it hadn't been long since the little girls had been potty trained so helping her mother in this way was very meaningful to her.

- What is the best gift you ever got?
- Why do you think it was such a great gift?
- What is the best gift you ever gave?
- Whom did you give it to?
- How did you feel when you gave that great gift?
- Do you think that giving toilet paper to someone could ever be the perfect gift?



The definition of a perfect gift will be different for everyone. Perhaps the perfect gift is any gift that you get just when you need it most. When you see someone with a need, and you meet that need, you may be giving him or her a perfect gift.

<https://my.extension.illinois.edu/documents/257081402080208/theperfectgift13004.pdf>

The activities in this 41 page publication from the University of Illinois reinforce the 4-H Pledge and help Cloverbud youth engage in meaningful giving, service and philanthropy.

WATCH FOR UPDATES and APPLICATIONS COMING SOON FOR STATE 4-H AWARDS—AGES 12-19

You can view the many possible awards at:
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program

STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

4-H Youth ages 15-19 by January 1, 2017, apply now to serve on the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council. This is a statewide leadership opportunity that allows youth to connect with 4-H'ers across Michigan and have a voice in Michigan 4-H programs and events. Apply by November 1 online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYLC2016>

The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council is a statewide leadership opportunity for youth ages 15-19. Youth are selected for the council by application and interview with a state committee of MSUE staff. Council members are representatives of the Michigan 4-H Program promoting 4-H at various events; planning, conducting and evaluating national, state, regional, county leadership programs and serving as role models to other youth. Council terms are two years.

Qualifications: Any 4-H participant, age 15-19 by January 1, 2016 can apply for a council position. The 4-H'er must meet the age requirements listed above, must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed the previous year of 4-H work (e.g. 4-H involvement for at least 2 years). Applicants should have an interest in leadership and able to commit time to the completion of SYLC activities. Candidates should be selected by a state committee on the following basis: 40% 4-H experience; 50% personal interview; 10% recommendation by MSU Extension Staff and volunteers.

Meetings: The Council meets monthly through Zoom online video conferencing and holds at least two in-person meetings in conjunction with other state 4-H events: 4-H Teen Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular (Kettunen Center, January) and 4-H Exploration Days (MSU campus, June).

SYLC activities include: promoting 4-H through state and local activities, providing youth voice on 4-H program and curriculum development, training in public speaking, advocacy, and leadership skills. Optional opportunity to represent Michigan in attendance at National 4-H Conference, Washington DC (April 2016 or 2017).

Why would youth be interested in SYLC? SYLC members receive training on public speaking, advocacy, communication and leadership skills. SYLC is Michigan's highest youth leadership opportunity and is a goal that older youth can aspire toward. SYLC members get to broaden their network and expand their knowledge of 4-H programs beyond their counties.

There is no cost to apply. Some scholarships may be available to off-set travel expenses to attend face to face meetings and events.

How to apply: Interested youth should complete electronic survey which will serve as their application. Applicants must also select two adults, one being their 4-H Program Coordinator, to complete a reference. It will be the applicant's responsibility to distribute reference form information to their selected individuals. References will also be submitted electronically, with links being provided at the conclusion of this survey.



KAYLEE
HERRYGERS

OCEANA
COUNTY

SYLC MEMBER
SINCE 2014

**The SYLC application
window will close on
November 1, 2016.**

Selected applicants
will be contacted by
SYLC advisors to
arrange time for an
interview following
the closing date.