

## Michigan 4-H State Awards Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many years' experience does a 4-H member need in order to apply for 4-H State Awards?
  - a. Mark of Excellence--11 & 12 year old members may apply; do not need prior years of 4-H membership to apply. Can apply their first year in 4-H.
  - b. Individual State Awards--Junior (13-15) and Senior (16-19) applicants must have 3 or more years of 4-H membership in order to apply. Years of membership may include the present year (2 completed + current year) as they will have their 3rd year nearly completed by Exploration Days in June. Past years of membership ensures that members have enough 4-H experiences to draw upon in writing their application.
  - c. Group Awards--13-19 year olds do not need prior year of 4-H membership to apply; they can apply their first year in 4-H. We know that 4-H group membership is fluid--there may be different people in the group each year, which can affect the dynamics of the group. The group application should be based on the current group members' experiences.