

## JOEL JAMES 4-H MEMORIAL AWARD (Revised 2006)

### History

Gladwin County resident, Joel James, was an avid horseman and raised many horses. He liked to see kids have a good experience with horses, so he loaned his horses out to kids in the county. He made sure kids were able to haul their horses to the county fair and to horse shows. He loaned out his tack and he helped kids monetarily. His niece, Beth Wolpert, of Gladwin wanted to recognize her uncle's generosity by giving this award in his honor to an outstanding 4-H Horse member. A plaque is given to the individual and his/her name is engraved on a larger plaque which is hung in the fairgrounds horse arena announcers stand. This started in the year 1983 and continues to be supportive by the Gladwin County 4-H Horse Leaders Association.

Requirements:           Age:           Must be 16 on January 1

Must be an outstanding 4-H member who:

1. Does well in school academically
2. Has actively participated in the community, school, church and other organizations
3. Has demonstrated leadership skills
4. Is currently enrolled and active in the Gladwin County 4-H Horse Program

Nominations:           Letter recommendation must be submitted by a registered 4-H Horse Leader, to the MSU Extension office by the deadline announced. Examples of the requirements should be cited and defined and reflect the past years in 4-H and other accomplishments.

Selection Committee: The committee will be made up of three (3) 4-H horse leaders, who have not submitted a nomination, selected by the total group of 4-H horse leaders and the Extension 4-H staff person. If all leaders submit nominations, the 4-H Youth Staff person will appoint the committee at the annual 4-H Horse Leaders meeting in September with consensus of the leaders.

Award Presentation: 4-H Fall Awards Banquet

Award:                   A name-plate will be engraved with the winner's name and year on it and will be added to the large plaque displayed at the horse arena announcer stand.

The 4-H'er receiving this honor will be given an engraved plaque with their name and year on it. To be furnished by the 4-H Horse Leaders Association. Members can receive one time only.

