

# Citizenship\Leadership\Achievement Application

MUST be nominated by Key Leader or County Staff.

I would like to nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club

for a County Medal in (check one)

\_\_\_\_Achievement \_\_\_\_Citizenship \_\_\_\_Leadership

\_\_\_\_I Dare You

One thing I really appreciate about him/her is.....

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
4-H Key Leader/County Staff

Dear 4-H Member and Leaders,

Congratulations on being nominated for this very special award. Only one area should be applied for per application.

View this application as developing the skills you will need to have when applying for jobs, college or scholarships in the future. Neatness, grammar and spelling will contribute to your overall point score.

The name of the applicant will not be known to the judges when evaluated by the Awards Selection Committee. Each question is assigned points and totaled. The person or persons with the most points will receive the Project Award in that category.

This completed application must be submitted to the Van Buren County MSU Extension office or a pdf emailed to [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu) on or before June 1 at 5:00 p.m.

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***Spelling, grammar and neatness = 20 points***

## **A. Leadership Experience**

20 points (Essay, no more than 500 words)

Leadership means taking the lead in giving direction, planning and organizing an activity.

Identify up to three 4-H leadership experiences you have had and describe their significance to your personal growth and development.

*One of the most significant leadership experiences I have had in my 4-H career was serving as a club officer. I have held the positions of secretary, vice president and president. The last two roles allowed me to learn parliamentary procedure and how to conduct a meeting. Being a club officer taught me how to make decisions as a group . . . .*

## **B. Citizenship and Community Service**

20 points (Essay, no more than 500 words)

Citizenship can be defined as acting with informed concern for yourself and others as an individual or part of a group. Helping and assisting are important.

Identify up to three 4-H citizenships/community service experiences you have had and describe their significance to you and your community.

*My favorite community service project in my 4-H club was learning about world hunger and raising funds to donate to the food bank in my community. Through this community service project, our 4-H club had a guest speaker who taught us about the issue. Our club members shared what we learned with many people in our community to raise awareness about the hunger issues locally and collect funds to meet this need . . .*

**C. Non 4-H Experiences in School, Church or Faith Group and Community**

20 points (Essay, no more than 500 words)

Describe how you have applied your 4-H knowledge and experiences in school and other non 4-H groups/organizations.

*In my Technology and Engineering project, I learned the scientific procedure to complete my science experiment on water quality. In my school science fair, I applied the same process to complete my science fair project . . . .*

## **D. Your 4-H Story**

40 points (No more than 1,500 words)

Your 4-H Story is a very important part of your awards packet. 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. Your 4- H Story adds warmth and depth to your application packet.

**Part I** - Introduce yourself without using your name. Include information about your age, interests, family, where you live, where you go to school, and when and why you became involved in 4-H.

**Part II** - Highlight your 4-H projects and activities major learning experiences, special interests, and unusual situations you have encountered.

**Part III** - 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 IV** - Describe how 4-H participation has helped you to feel good 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.

Have fun as you write your story!