

September 2019

Dear Licking County 4-H Teen Member:

Well, it's that time again. The Licking County 4-H program is preparing to recognize its most active and involved members through the Licking County awards selection process. With this letter I invite you to consider applying for one or more of the wonderful opportunities that are available to you. *Award Pins, Scholarships, Trips, Oh My! =)*

How do you know if you're eligible? Good question! If you are a current 4-H member who will have passed your 14th birthday (but not yet passed your 19th birthday) by January 1, 2020 you are considered to be eligible for these opportunities. However, in order to compete for awards selection and recognition, you must complete and submit an Ohio 4-H Achievement Record Form.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FORM. Think of this as your 4-H resume! This packet of materials allows you to compete for county and state recognition, as well as the opportunity to be selected to attend any one of a variety of state and national camps and conferences. The materials are available online at our county website (www.licking.osu.edu / 4-H Youth Development / Member Resources). All awards applications must be received in the Licking County Extension office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 18th. I encourage you to allow adequate time to complete the application both completely and correctly. Finally, be sure that you, your parent and your advisor sign your application.

4-H COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP. If you are a current Licking County 4-H member who has been enrolled in 4-H for five or more consecutive years and are either a high school senior during this 2019-2020 school year or are currently enrolled in a collegiate program, you are eligible to apply for this tremendous scholarship opportunity. The 4-H Committee will be awarding up to \$2,000 in scholarships to selected applicants. You may obtain application materials from our website or by stopping by the Extension Office. All scholarship applications are due October 18th and must include a completed Achievement Record Form. *NOTE: Members who have completed their final year in 4-H during the 2019 project year are still eligible to apply for this scholarship.*

...AND DON'T FORGET YOUR INTEREST INVENTORY! September is also the time to be filling out your Licking County 4-H Interest Inventory! The Interest Inventory is an online survey that lists several teen activities that will be offered in 2020, and allows you to mark the ones of interest to you. Then, once applications and materials become available for those activities for which you indicated an interest, we'll automatically send them to you! This is a GREAT way to insure that you don't miss out on upcoming leadership opportunities! Details will come to you via email, our weekly 4-H Blog email, and can also be found at www.licking.osu.edu > 4-H Youth Development > Member Resources.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Extension office.

Sincerely,



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