

Licking County 4-H Teen Awards & Opportunities Workshop

Create an Award-Winning Form:
Tips & Helpful Hints



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Why should I...

- Be recognized for your work
- Earn trips, scholarship, and other awards
- Compile useful information for completing collegiate forms and scholarship applications



Opportunities are available at two levels...

County and State

Guidelines and opportunities will vary among counties, depending upon support.



Licking County 4-H Opportunities...

- Ohio 4-H Conference
- Leadership: Washington Focus
- Shooting Sports Education Camp
- State 4-H Leadership Camp
- CANOPY: Forestry & Wildlife Camp
- Ohio Sea Camp
- Citizenship: Washington Focus



Ohio 4-H Conference

- Held at the Columbus Convention Center (Columbus, Ohio).
- One day conference specifically for teen and adult leaders across Ohio.
- Provides training and information in a variety of subject matters.
- Great opportunity for teens to choose from sessions that focus on youth topics of interest.



Leadership: Washington Focus

- Held in Washington D.C.
- A 4-H leadership program for youth who will be entering the 9th grade.
- CWF helps you to understand how your leadership skills impact those around you, and the events in which you are involved.
- The program uses our nation's capital as a classroom to teach appreciation for, understanding of, and involvement in, leadership.



Shooting Sports Education Camp

- Held at CanTERS Cave 4-H Camp (Jackson, Ohio)
- State-wide camp caters to those youth involved in the shooting sports projects and is absolutely packed with hands-on learning and experience.
- Certified adults lead all sessions and focus on safety and education.



State 4-H Leadership Camp

- Held at 4-H Camp Ohio (St. Louisville, Ohio).
- An exciting, fun, challenging, learn-by-doing leadership development experience.
- Leadership campers plan, conduct and evaluate the program themselves!
- Campers gain ideas to strengthen their local and county programs.



CANOPY: Forestry & Wildlife Camp

- Held at FFA Camp Muskingum in Carroll County
- Five-day camp experience for those interested in natural resource topics
- Activities focus on dendrology, forest ecology, silviculture and wildlife management.



Ohio Sea Camp

- Held at Kelleys Island 4-H Camp
- State-wide conference for youth ages 15 to 18.
- The goal is to acquaint participants with one of Ohio's most important natural resources: Lake Erie!
- Participants get their feet wet while learning marine-related skills, crafts and activities.



Citizenship: Washington Focus

- Held in Washington, D.C.
- A 4-H leadership program for youth ages 14-19 from across the country.
- CWF helps you to understand how your actions can make a difference.
- The program uses our nation's capital as a classroom to teach appreciation for, understanding of, and involvement in, government issues.



State 4-H Opportunities

- Scholarships
- State Junior Fair Board
- National Dairy Conference
- OTA Local Government Award
- Project Area Awards



Scholarships

- There are many scholarships available to high school seniors, and additional scholarships available for those current and former 4-H members who are already college students.
- Member can apply for various opportunities through one form!
- Scholarships may be tied to project areas, county of residence, or college of choice.



State Junior Fair Board

- The Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board is comprised of outstanding individuals from each of the youth organizations represented at the Ohio State fair.
- They serve to strengthen and help coordinate fair activities each year.
- Two 4-H teens are selected annually to serve a two-year term.



National Dairy Conference

- Held in Madison, Wisconsin.
- At least two delegates are selected each year.
- Provide outstanding dairy cow members with opportunity to practice new skills, observe new techniques, meet new people, share ideas, and give them the means to go back to their communities and enhance the understanding of dairy projects.



OTA Local Government Award

- Recognizes teens actively involved in supporting Ohio Township Association (OTA) officials and their local government work.
- Two teens are selected annually.
- Focuses on rewarding teens who choose to get involved in local government.



State Project Awards

National 4-H Congress

- Held in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Ohio's state project area award winners attend this premier event.
- It is through this program that the nation's most outstanding 4-H club members are brought together to learn from one another and share in both fun and educational programs to further develop their leadership skills and abilities.



Ohio All-In-One Achievement Record



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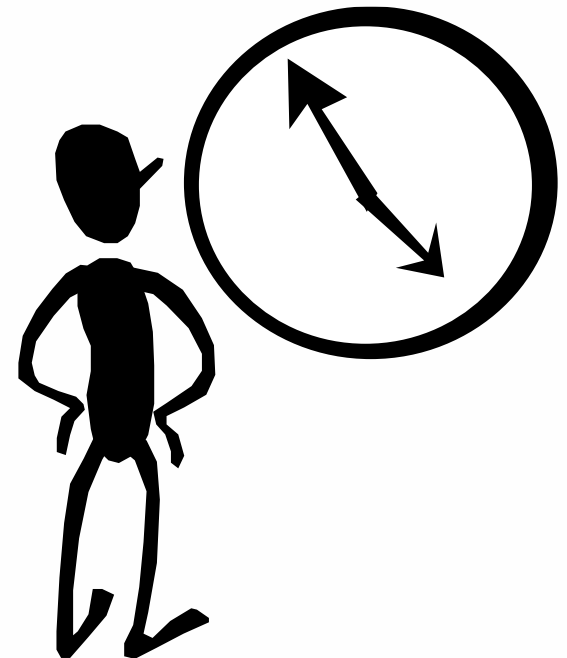
Where do I start...

- Make a rough draft
- Break down into sections
- Brainstorm – talk to your 4-H advisor
- List possible items for each section
- Decide on a method of organizing information
 - Categorize
 - Order by dates



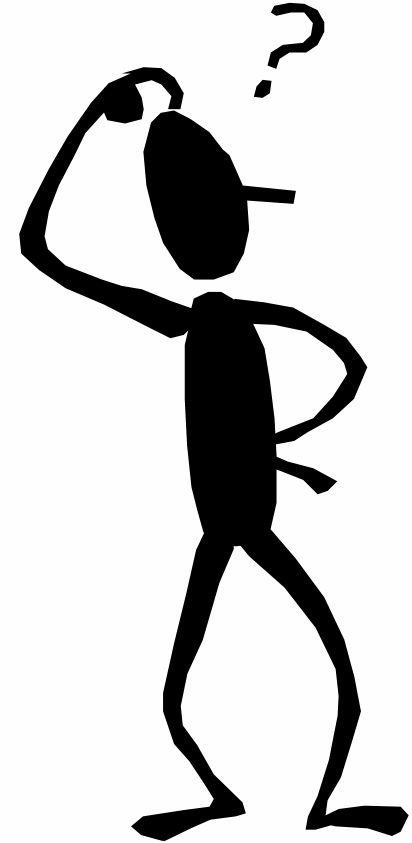
Make it easy...

- Keep records from year to year
- Continue adding to your form each year (write down EVERYTHING!)
- Don't forget about the small events that may apply
- **START EARLY!!!!!!**



What's next...

- List items in their particular section
- Do not list items more than once worded exactly the same (combine years)
- Look at better ways to word your listed items (this REALLY makes a difference)



Keeping records can be simple...

<u>AAA</u> <u>Record Form</u>		Name: _____
		Year: _____
		Club: _____
<u>Category</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Notes</u>
A) 4-H Work (projects and/or program areas)		



Keeping records can be simple...

My 1st year in 4-H was _____

Club: _____

Advisors: _____

Projects completed: _____

Project summary (grade, placing at project review, placing at fair, etc.) _____

What I learned this year: _____

Offices held this year: _____

Community Service projects I worked on (both related to 4-H and others): _____

Committees I served on: _____

Contests I participated in: _____

Awards I received during this year: _____

Other accomplishments (participated in livestock skillathon and/or project reviews, attended camp, served as camp counselor, honor member, honor club, scholarships received, leadership given):



Keep in mind...

- Use and follow state designed Achievement Form
- Be as neat as possible – this increases chances of winning
- Do not use clip art, drawings or italic print
- Don't add additional pages, except for 4-H Story and Photos... follow published guidelines
- Do not go outside of set lines and margins



Keep in mind...

- Compile information by year and project on another sheet of paper – most significant is best to be used
- Where appropriate, include hours, dollars, numbers, and numbers of donations (it shows detail)
- Avoid using non-descriptive verbs such as attended, assisted, or helped – refer to available list of verbs for more choices



Keep in mind...

- Avoid the overuse of **BOLD** type
- Use the same font size throughout the entire application
- All Achievement Records **MUST BE** typed
- Members should not include OPEN class activities with their 4-H work unless it is actually considered to be 4-H project work
- Remember that FFA activities may not be listed under any category other than Non-4-H Experiences



Achievement Form Sections

- 4-H Work
- 4-H Participation
- Major 4-H Honors
- 4-H Community Service/Citizenship
- 4-H Leadership:
 - Volunteer/Promotional
 - Office/Committee
- Non 4-H Experiences in School, Church & Community
- 4-H Story
- Project Photos



4-H WORK

- Report of completed 4-H projects
- Knowledge gained from project work
- Skills gained (build upon one another)
- Project investments (purchases, savings, profits)
- Show strength by project area



4-H PARTICIPATION

- Contributed to 4-H meetings, presented information, led an activity
- Participated in an out-of-county (or state) event or camp
- Participated in 4-H Camps
- Participated in junior fair royalty programs
- Created a club booth
- Participated in fund raisers (candy, flowers, etc.)
- Received training for a club office



MAJOR 4-H HONORS

- Project awards of any kind
- County award pins / certificates
- Trips (county, state, national)
- Scholarships
- Fair-related awards and recognition (4-H)



4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE / CITIZENSHIP

- Club community service efforts
- Volunteering with a county 4-H activity (clinics, camps, programs, fair, etc.)
- Donating items for programs / events
- Individual community service as a representative of 4-H club or project work (donating eye glasses, story books to daycare center, assisting in soup kitchen)

*Be sure to point out your investment / contribution:
include hours volunteered, items collected, etc.!*



LEADERSHIP: VOLUNTEER / PROMOTIONAL

- Served as a camp counselor, taught sessions at camp
- Serve on Junior Fair Board / Food & Fashion Board
- Newspaper articles or radio promotions
- Facilitated 4-H CARTEENS program
- Recruited new members through local member recruitment program
- Mentored younger members
- Assisted with local business promotion (i.e. TSC Paper Clover Campaign)



4-H LEADERSHIP: OFFICE / COMMITTEE

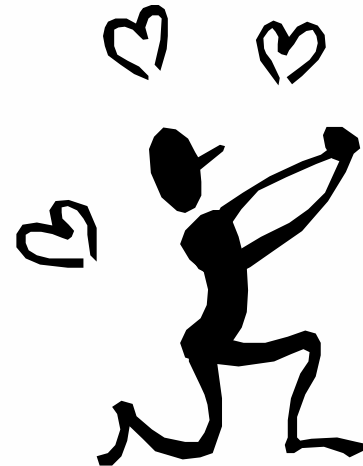
- Served as a club officer
- Club committee involvement
- County committee participation (4-H Committee, species committees, etc.)
- Junior Fair Board / Food and Fashion Board / Junior Leader officer or committee member

Define responsibilities when possible.



NON 4-H EXPERIENCES

- School
- Church
- Music / Dance / Sports
- Open Class activities
- Other youth organization involvement (FFA / Scouts / Grange, etc.)



MY 4-H STORY

- How has 4-H benefited or impacted my life...
- Vast array of experiences
- Show growth
- Demonstrate degree of participation
- Community service



Suggestions for story strength...

- Find a memorable experience that appears in your Achievement Record and focus your story on this experience
- Create an outline for story flow
- Conclude with a “future plan”
- Tell what you’ve learned through 4-H



PHOTO PAGE

- You want to choose only a few photos. No fewer than four or five should be used. There is no maximum number, but use common sense. Do not do a collage of photos - it just isn't professional.
- The photos that you choose should represent your entire tenure within 4-H project work. Choose a few from your younger years, and a few that are recent. Just be sure that the photos that you choose relate **DIRECTLY** to the project area that you are applying to receive recognition.



PHOTO PAGE

- You want the judge to be able to see the photos clearly, and color is best if possible. You can either have reprints made, or simply have color copies made of original photos.
- Remember to label photos so that the judge will understand what is being done in the photo. It is important that they realize what the award was that you were presented, or how old the member was that you were mentoring, or that you are feeding a flock of animals that you have purchased and cared for yourself.



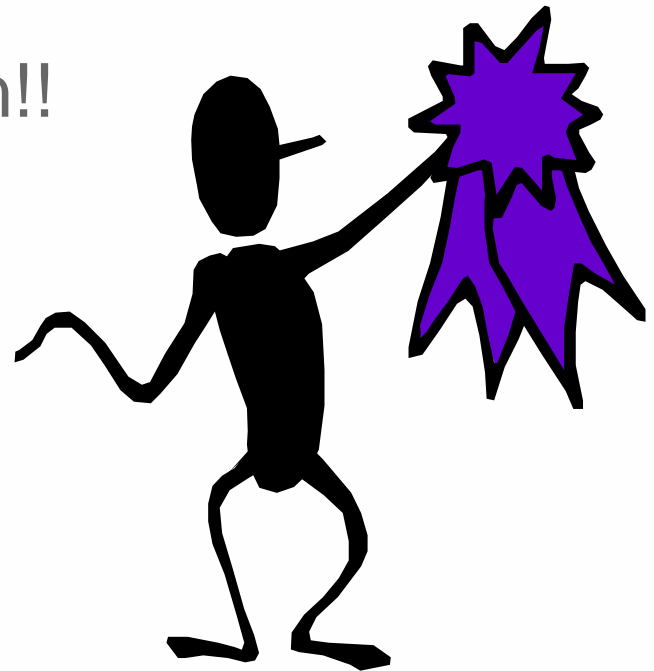
PHOTO PAGE

- There are obviously a number of ways that are appropriate to arrange photos on the photo page. Just be sure that they are displayed neatly, in color, with labels, are easy to see (not too dark, too bright, or blurry), and that they relate to your 4-H project work.
- Do not include photos that depict you doing Girl Scout / Boy Scout / FFA / etc. Remember that we want your photo page to portray your accomplishments and growth through 4-H Youth Development programs.



Finishing up...

- Double-check the guidelines
- Check spelling
- Proof read your application!!
- Proof read, again!!!!



Who can help me?

- Parent
- Advisor
- 4-H Youth Development Staff
- Peers who have been successful
- County 4-H Committee members
- English teacher
- ...



Resources...

- Licking County 4-H Website...
 - <https://licking.osu.edu>
 - 4-H Youth Development
 - Teen Opportunities
 - » Forms / PowerPoint Presentation / Record Keeping Documents / Helpful Materials / Sample Forms / etc.



Licking County Process...

- **County Awards Selection** (October 2021)
 - Selection made by County 4-H Committee members
 - Pin (initial recognition)
 - Certificate (additional recognition)
 - Awards presented in November at Banquet
- **State Awards Selection** (February 2022)
 - Selection made by Ohio 4-H Professionals
 - State Awards Banquet (May / June 2022)
 - National 4-H Congress (November 2022)



Licking County Process...

- If you're selected at the county level for project awards:
 - Achievement Records are returned at banquet
 - Seek suggestions for improvement; review and strengthen
 - Due back to Extension office mid January
 - Processed and submitted to State...



Licking County Process...

- If you're selected at the county level for trip awards:
 - Recognized at banquet
 - Contacted in February with event details
 - Trip deposit due in March
 - Typically 25% of trip cost, with a few exceptions
 - 4-H Committee covers balance of cost
 - Extension Office submits your registration / fees



**...now that you know,
what's stopping you?
YOU CAN DO IT!**



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