



# ***Awards & Scholarships***

*at the county and state levels*

*DeWitt, Macon, Piatt Counties*

***Deadline: September 15***

## **Head | Heart | Hands | Health**

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Awardees will be selected based on highest scores and allowing for one awardee per county, per award category, and per age group.

Age Groups | 8-10 year old, 11-14 year old, 15-18 year old

Scores and comments will be shared with the youth following the banquet in November.

***Online application and materials found at: [go.illinois.edu/dmp](https://go.illinois.edu/dmp)***

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## DeWitt, Macon, and Piatt County Youth Awards

*\*All 4-H Club Officer Positions will be recognized.*

**President** | Must complete the application and 4-H story.

**Vice president** | Must complete the application and 4-H story.

**Secretary** | Must complete the application and 4-H story. Submit the secretary book and all the supplemental material. The secretary's book may be typed or handwritten, but all additional sections of the secretary's book must be completed.

**Treasurer** | Must complete the application and 4-H story. Submit the treasurer book, bank statements, and all supplemental material. The audit must be completed and signed.

**Reporter** | Must complete the application and 4-H story. Submit all club reports in a binder or folder. Include copies or photocopies of the newspaper stories or press releases that appeared in the newspaper, pictures of members at any 4-H activity or event, copies of any 4-H program or flyer for a club event, and a summary sheet that tells how many stories, articles or press releases you have written during the 4-H year.

**Scrapbook/Historian** | Must complete the application and 4-H story. Submit the club scrapbook which should include preservation of the 4-H club's memories, interesting and variety of page layouts, chronological or thematic order of pages, neatness, correct spelling, and appropriate journaling on the pages.

**Recreational Leader** | Must complete the application and 4-H story.

**Greeter** | Must complete the application and 4-H story.

## Additional County Youth Awards

**Cloverbud Recognition** | Draw a picture or write about your favorite part of 4-H Cloverbuds this year. All Cloverbuds who submit an application (pages 1-2) and drawing or writing will be recognized. No 4-H Story required.

**Outstanding First Year 4-H Member** | Must complete the application and 4-H story. When applying for this award, judges will be looking for growth, new experiences, and overall participation in your first year. One member per county will be recognized.

**Accomplished Member** | For members 16-19 years old on September 1 of application year. Must complete the application and 4-H story. When applying for this award, judges will be looking for leadership, personal growth, demonstration of responsibility, awareness of issues beyond self, and overall pride for 4-H. One member per county will be recognized.





## DeWitt, Macon, and Piatt County Youth IMPACT Awards

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Youth IMPACT awards will be awarded based on points. One awardee per county, per award, per age group.

**Community Service** | Focus of your 4-H work in service to/for others. Work should focus on what you have done as an individual. Must complete the 4-H story AND this impact statement.

**Project Mastery** | Focus of your 4-H work in your primary project (ex. woodworking, photography, beef). Only one project should be included in the application and members should not submit an application in more than one 'Project Mastery' area. Must complete the 4-H story AND this impact statement.

**Communication** | Focus of your 4-H work in the art of communicating with others, including but not limited to public presentations, 4-H Ambassadors, Speaking for Illinois 4-H, television/radio interviews, etc. Must complete the 4-H story AND this impact statement.

**Personal Growth** | Focus on your own personal growth through participating in the 4-H program. This could include but not limited to growth in skills, demonstrated initiative, self-confidence, interpersonal interactions, poise, etc. Must complete the 4-H story AND this impact statement.

**Leadership** | Focus on the development of your leadership skills, including offices held, committees served on, programs led, and public presentations on behalf of 4-H. Must complete the 4-H story AND this impact statement.



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## DeWitt, Macon, Piatt County Adult Awards

*\*One awardee per county.*

**4-H Leader of the Year Award** | Anyone may nominate one or more leaders for the 4-H Leader of the Year Award. This award will go to a leader who has gone above and beyond to help our 4-H members to make the best better.

**4-H Alumni Award** | This special award is given annually to honor one or two past 4-H club members who have an outstanding record of accomplishments related to good citizenship. They do not have to have been members in your county growing up. It provides recognition to 4-H alumni whose contributions to society exemplify effective citizenship and leadership, success in their chosen careers, and a sustaining interest in 4-H and similar worthy community endeavors such as church, school, public, civic or youth activities. Members, leaders and volunteers may make nominations. Medals are provided by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

**Friend of 4-H Award** | This special award is designed to honor businesses and individuals who have contributed significantly to the local 4-H and Extension program over several years. Members, leaders, and volunteers may make nominations. A plaque will be awarded.

**4-H Family Spirit Award** | This award is designed to honor a 4-H family that encompasses the 4-H motto in everything they do. They advocate for the 4-H program and strive to better their family and community through 4-H. A plaque will be awarded.

## DeWitt, Macon, and Piatt County Club Awards

*\*One awardee per county.*

**Clover Club Challenge** | Complete one or more “BINGO” on the form to receive a club award. A BINGO may go up/down, across, or diagonal. Fill in the details to show how the club completed the action on the backside of the application.

**Citizenship Club Report** | Answer questions to explain how your club was involved in citizenship activities this year. The top clubs will be recognized.

**I Dare You Award** | This county award is leader-nominated. This leadership award was first offered in 1941 by businessman and philanthropist, William H. Danforth, who dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of service. Youth must be at least 14 years old to be nominated. 4-H members are selected for this award only once. 4-H members, who demonstrate personal integrity, lead well-rounded lives, and possess a willingness to assume responsibility should be considered for this award. Those nominated for this award should be “emerging” leaders – those youth who have the qualities and the abilities to lead, but who may not yet recognize or act on their leadership potential.



# Illinois 4-H (State Level) Youth & Club Awards and Scholarships



Illinois 4-H offers a wide range of recognition opportunities for every type of 4-H involvement! You can find all details regarding state-level awards and scholarships online at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/awards-scholarships>

## Awards:

**Illinois 4-H Experience Award for Individuals** | The Experience Award offers recognition for members who participate in activities and events. There are always lots of activities you can do as a 4-H member ranging from club to national events.

**Illinois 4-H Electricity Award** | This award recognizes 4-H members who excel in the electricity project.

**Illinois 4-H Sustaining the Future Award** | The Illinois 4-H Sustaining the Future Award was created to recognize 4-H members who have exemplified outstanding leadership within the agricultural industry. (Formerly known as the LCP Award)

**4-H Club Recognition (EXCEL – Club Award)** | 4-H Clubs that EXCEL in their work can compete for state honors in one or more specific award areas. Award areas include: Community Service, Leadership, or Project Mastery.

**Holstein-Friesian Association Award** | Members must be enrolled in the Dairy project and exhibit Holstein dairy animals at the county 4-H show.

## Scholarships:

**Illinois 4-H State Award Scholarships** | This award recognizes youth who have demonstrated and maintained a high standard of 4-H excellence and mastery during their membership tenure. All of the scholarship programs are available on a competitive basis.

**Superior Young Producer Scholarship** | The program is sponsored by the Illinois State Fair. Three \$1,000 scholarships are awarded each year in dairy; and nine scholarships are distributed among beef, sheep and swine project members. Contests are held during the Illinois State Fair. Members must compete in 3 to 4 individual segments that include: management test, skill-a-thon, judging contest, and/or meat identification or testing. Contestants must be 14 - 18 years of age to compete.





## DeWitt/Macon/Piatt County 4-H Award Application

**NOTE:** For best results with this document, please fill it out on a regular computer (not a phone or tablet) using Chrome or Firefox Browser. You will need to save the document before you start to fill it out. The 1st & 2nd pages must be typed except for the signatures, which must be handwritten. The 4-H Story may be handwritten or typed. 4-H members ages 8-18 (4-H age) are encouraged to fill out this award application. Cloverbuds are encouraged to complete the Cloverbud recognition option. Cloverbuds are not eligible for any other award categories.

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Meetings Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Meetings Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Exhibits Shown at County Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibited at State Fair Y/N? \_\_\_\_\_

### Check all that you are applying for:

- ☐ **Community Service** | Focus of your 4-H work in service to/for others. Work should focus on what you have done as an individual. Must complete the 4-H story **AND** this award story.
- ☐ **Project Mastery** | Focus of your 4-H work in your primary project (ex. woodworking, photography, beef). Only one project should be included in the application and members should not submit an application in more than one 'Project Mastery' area. Must complete the 4-H story **AND** this impact statement.
- ☐ **Communication** | Focus of your 4-H work in the art of communicating with others, including but not limited to public presentations, 4-H Ambassadors, Speaking for Illinois 4-H, television/radio interviews, etc. Must complete the 4-H story **AND** this impact statement.
- ☐ **Personal Growth** | Focus on your own personal growth through participating in the 4-H program. This could include but not limited to growth in skills, demonstrated initiative, self-confidence, interpersonal interactions, poise, etc. Must complete the 4-H story **AND** this impact statement.
- ☐ **Leadership** | Focus on the development of your leadership skills, including offices held, committees served on, programs led, and public presentations on behalf of 4-H. Must complete the 4-H story **AND** this impact statement.
- ☐ **Outstanding First Year 4-H Member** | Must complete the application and 4-H story. When applying for this award, judges will be looking for growth, new experiences, and overall participation in your first year.
- ☐ **Accomplished Senior Member** | For members 16-19 years old on September 1 of application year. Must complete the application and 4-H story. When applying for this award, judges will be looking for leadership, personal growth, demonstration of responsibility, awareness of issues beyond self, and overall pride for 4-H. One member per county will be recognized.
- ☐ **4-H Club Officer Recognition** | If you are a current club officer, please select which position you are. All officers will be recognized. Must complete the application and 4-H story.
  - ☐ President   ☐ Vice President   ☐ Secretary   ☐ Treasurer   ☐ Reporter   ☐ Scrapbook
  - ☐ Historian   ☐ Recreational Leader   ☐ Greeter
- ☐ **Cloverbud Recognition** | Draw a picture or write about your favorite part of 4-H Cloverbuds this year. All Cloverbuds who submit an application (and drawing or writing) will be recognized. No 4-H Story required.





## DeWitt/Macon/Piatt County 4-H Award Application

### Section 1: 4-H Project/Program/Activity Involvement

List your 4-H involvement. Your 4-H involvement consists of any 4-H projects, programs, activities, or events participated in within the last year of your 4-H membership. Briefly describe your participation in the last column by sharing important details such as numbers, audience, places, etc. **(Individual 4-H Show exhibits/results should not be included).**

Do not add lines to this section! Information should be prioritized from highest to lowest impact/importance.

Year:	Project/Program/Activity:	Description:
2025	<i>Ex. Cooking 201</i>	<i>Made 5 recipes; Prepared 15 meals/4 people</i>
2025	<i>Ex. Attended 4-H Memorial Camp</i>	<i>5 days of camp where I learned how to fish and rock wall climb</i>





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### Section 2: Participation in Other Community/School Activities/Events

Include your participation in sports, band/choral, school clubs, drama, other youth organizations, religious groups, etc. from the past year. You can also include any employment you've had. Briefly describe your participation in the last column by sharing important details such as skills learned, numbers, audience, places, etc.

Do not add lines to this section! Information should be prioritized from highest to lowest impact/importance.

Year:	Groups/Program/Activity:	Description:
2025	<i>Ex. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band</i>	
2025	<i>Ex. Middle School Student Council</i>	





# DeWitt/Macon/Piatt County 4-H Award Application

**4-H STORY** | Required of all applicants to be considered a COMPLETE application.

Write your 4-H Story by answering ONE or more of the prompts below. A 4-H Story should emphasize your experiences during the last year but may also speak to earlier motivations and activities that laid the foundation for the member's current involvement.

- Describe the impact your experiences in 4-H have made on you or others.
- Tell us about two skills you felt were most important in completing your 4-H project.
- How were you a leader and how did it make you feel? How do you plan to be a leader in the future?
- Describe how it felt to work with others on your 4-H projects or activities. What did you learn about yourself and others while completing your projects or activities?
- What mistakes or challenges did you face with your 4-H project or activities? How did you work through them?

### Story Requirements:

- Use a font size no smaller than Times New Roman 12 pt. for readability. Stories may be submitted on a separate sheet of paper or entered at the bottom of this page.
- 8–10-year-old members (4-H Age) should write a story with approximately 50-150 words.
- 11–18-year-old members (4-H Age) should write a story with approximately 100-250 words.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.



## DeWitt, Macon, Piatt County 4-H Awards Scoring Rubric



The purpose of our awards program is to provide an avenue for youth recognition and to provide 4-H members with an opportunity to showcase their growth, learning and reflection surrounding their 4-H participation in the past year.

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- 8-10 year old
- 11-14 year old
- 15-18 year old

Scores and comments will be shared with the youth following the banquet in November.

4-H members can earn a possible 20 points maximum.

Judging Criteria	4 (Exceeds)	3 (Meets)	2 (Progressing)	1 (not meeting expectations)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrates self-awareness and reflection</li><li>• Demonstrates leadership skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, quality communication, teamwork, and/or innovation.</li></ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrates responsibility and accountability</li><li>• Demonstrates a desire to try new things</li></ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engages others in their projects, events and/or activities using leadership skills.</li><li>• Demonstrates an awareness of issues beyond self.</li></ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrates personal growth through challenges or successes encountered throughout 4-H experiences</li><li>• Clearly communicates pride and knowledge for the 4-H clover</li></ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Story word count met (50-150 words for 8-11 year old or 100-250 words for 12-18 year old)</li><li>• Story uses complete sentences with correct spelling and grammar</li></ul>				



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4-H Leader of the Year Award



Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Years as a 4-H Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of Award:**

The DeWitt-Macon-Piatt 4-H Leader of the Year Award recognized leaders who go above and beyond to help our county 4-Hers To Make the Best Better.

**Eligibility:**

The nominee must be a current registered leader in a 4-H club located in DeWitt-Macon-Piatt Counties in Illinois.

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**Please explain in up to 200 words on a separate piece of paper why this person should be nominated for this award.**

Additional comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominator





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Citizenship Club Report**



Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members in 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members in this activity \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adult leaders \_\_\_\_\_ Number of youth leaders \_\_\_\_\_

*Please answer the following questions either in the space provided below, or on separate, attached paper, not to exceed two pages. Please put all materials for the Club Report in a folder or small binder before returning to the Extension Office.*

**YOUR ACTIVITIES:**

Describe the citizenship activities your club organized and participated in.

List the goals your club hoped to accomplish with your citizenship project.

Describe how your club went about organizing and completing the activity, including leadership roles, contacts made, etc.

Explain what your club learned from these experiences.



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Citizenship Club Report



**PROGRAM RESULTS:**

Describe how the community was impacted by your project.

Were your club's goals achieved by this project?

How did your club share the news about your project? (news stories, pictures, public presentations, etc.)

**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

Briefly describe your club's plans to continue or expand this project in the future.

What changes and/or additions would you make to improve your project's results?

**YOUR CITIZENSHIP STORY**

*You may attach up to 6 single-sided pages of information that further describe your club's experiences and accomplishments. Please put all materials for the Club Report in a folder or small binder before returning to the Extension Office.*

Youth Contact Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Contact Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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4-H Alumni Award Nomination Form



Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Former Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Yr(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)

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Volunteer 4-H leaders who are outstanding citizens, 4-H alumni, and others that can fulfill the qualifications as indicated in the judging criteria are eligible to be nominated. Members, leaders, and volunteers may make nominations. Nominations forms will be included in the leaders' end of year packet and are available on the 4-H website. Employees of the University of Illinois Extension, National 4-H Council and the Illinois 4-H Foundation are not eligible for nomination.

INSTRUCTIONS: The nominator should *attach a letter of recommendation to this form* which illustrates nominee's citizenship, leadership, career accomplishments, and personal development. The following score sheet will be used:

**Citizenship:** .....30%

As exemplified by participation in civic, church, community, school, 4-H, public service and related activities denoting concern for the welfare of others.

**Leadership:** .....30%

As exemplified by qualities of leadership and acceptance of leadership responsibilities in civic, church, community, school, youth professional, business, and related activities.

**Personal:** .....25%

Evidence of the influence of 4-H training in applicant's life and his or her continuing commitment to 4-H and its ideals.

**Career Accomplishments:** .....15%

As exemplified by accomplishments and success in chosen profession or occupation.

Nominated By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or Email \_\_\_\_\_



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4-H Family Spirit Award Nomination Form**



Nominee Names (include all family members) \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

The 4-H Family Spirit Award is designed to honor one 4-H family per county that encompass the 4-H motto in everything they do. They advocate for the 4-H program and strive to better their family and community through 4-H. Nomination forms will be included in the leaders' end of year packet and are available on the DeWitt, Macon, and Piatt County 4-H websites. A plaque will be awarded.

INSTRUCTIONS: The nominator should *attach a letter of recommendation to this form* which illustrates why this family encompasses the 4-H motto in everything they do.

Nominated By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or Email \_\_\_\_\_



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# 4-H Club BLAST BINGO



<b>B</b> elong	<b>L</b> ead	<b>A</b> dvocate	<b>S</b> erve	<b>T</b> each
Pick a club theme for the year.	Club Officers meet at the beginning of the year to plan club program.	Have a 4-H informational booth at a school or community event.	Participate in a service opportunity with another 4-H club.	Conduct a program or activity about healthy living.
Have a greeter at the door to welcome youth and families at each meeting.	Have Club Officers all switch roles for one meeting.	Members bring friends to join the club.	Club members share a talent or skill with the community.	Host a parent career night; ask parents to share about their careers.
Have a fun activity at each club meeting.	Club members take the lead on planning and carrying out a special activity.	 <b>4-H Free Space</b>	Conduct a community service project that is brand new to your club.	Tour a small business or local industry.
Participate in a fun event/ activity with another 4-H club.	A club representative joins a unit-wide committee.	Reach out to/ visit state legislators and county board members to talk about 4-H.	Seek out a community need that the club can help fulfill (i.e. food pantries, nursing homes).	Hold a club workshop led by a 4-H member.
Have some members visit another club and invite their members to a meeting.	Have experienced members mentor newer members.	Create a window display as part of 4-H Week.	Conduct a community service project.	Learn something new about the history of our county or your community.

Use this Bingo card for club innovation, new leadership opportunities, and dynamic club meetings. Win prizes for each Bingo you get!

**1 Bingo** – 4-H Clover Club:  
Certificate presented to club

**2 Bingo** – Bronze Clover Club:  
Ice Cream Party

**3 Bingo** – Silver Clover Club:  
Pizza Party

**4 Bingo** – Gold Clover Club:  
\$50 Gift Card to 4-H Mall





# 4-H Club BLAST Bingo Report



Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Bingos: \_\_\_\_\_

## Check items completed:

### YOU BELONG:

- ☐ Pick a club theme for the year. | Name theme: \_\_\_\_\_  
Activities completed relating to theme: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Have a greeter at the door to welcome youth and families at each meeting.  
Name(s) of Greeter(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Have a fun activity at each club meeting. (Attach list of fun activity by month)
- ☐ Participate in a fun event/activity with another 4-H club.  
Name of activity, date, and other club name: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Have members representatives visit another club's monthly meeting and invite their members to one of your meetings. | Name of club and months of meetings: \_\_\_\_\_

### YOU LEAD:

- ☐ Club Officers meet at the beginning of the year to plan club program. | Date of meeting: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Have Club Officers all switch roles for one meeting. | Month of meeting: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Club members take the lead on planning and carrying out a special activity.  
Name and date of meeting; number in attendance: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ A club representative joins a unit-wide committee. | Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Experienced members mentor newer members. | Names of members: \_\_\_\_\_

### YOU ADVOCATE:

- ☐ Have a 4-H booth at a school or community event. | Name and date of event: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Members bring friends to join the club. | Number of friends brought: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Reach out to/visit state legislators and county board members to talk about 4-H.  
Way(s) you reached out and who you contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Create a window display as part of 4-H Week. | Location of display: \_\_\_\_\_

### YOU SERVE:

- ☐ Participate in a service opportunity with another 4-H club. | Name of service opportunity, date, and other club name: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Club members share a talent or skill with the community.  
Name of members, talent shared and where shared: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Conduct a community service project that is new to your club. | Name activity: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Seek out a community need that the club can fulfill (i.e. food pantries, nursing homes).  
Name of need; date completed: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Conduct a community service project. | Project, date, and number of members: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### YOU TEACH:

- ☐ Conduct a program about healthy living. | Name of activity: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Host a parent career night. | Name of parents sharing career: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Tour a small business or local industry. | Name of business and date: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Hold a club workshop led by a 4-H member. | 4-H member and date: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Learn something new about the history of our county or local community.  
Name of activity or program and date: \_\_\_\_\_

**University of Illinois Extension Unit #17  
DeWitt Macon Piatt  
Friend of 4-H Award Nomination Form**



Individual or Business Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

The Friend of 4-H Award is designed to honor businesses and individuals who have contributed significantly to the local 4-H & Extension program over several years. Members, leaders, and volunteers may make nominations. Nomination forms will be included in the leaders' end of year packet and are available on the 4-H website. One plaque will be awarded per county.

Example criteria may include:

- Unselfishly donates time and talent to the benefit of the entire 4-H program.
- Is willing to share knowledge with 4-H members, leaders, and staff.
- Has a strong belief in the "goodness" of the 4-H program.
- Is honest and fair in their dealings with the 4-H members.
- Is a positive example of hard work and leadership to 4-H members.
- Has been a long-time supporter of the 4-H & Extension program.
- Contributes financially to the 4-H & Extension Program (if applicable).

INSTRUCTIONS: The nominator should *attach a letter of recommendation to this form* which illustrates the nominee's qualities and contributions to the 4-H Program.

Nominated By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or Email \_\_\_\_\_



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Nomination Form – I Dare You Award**



**Purpose of Award:**

The *I Dare You Award* was first offered in 1941 by businessman and philanthropist, William H. Danforth, who dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of leadership and service. Mr. Danforth, founder of the Ralston Purina Company, helped establish the American Youth Foundation and they offer this award opportunity to county 4-H programs.

The *I Dare You Award* recognizes those who, with a little encouragement, are ready to see themselves as leaders - young adults who are ready to take the dare. A certificate and book will be awarded.

**Eligibility:**

4-H members must be at least 14 years old and be nominated by their club leader. Members who demonstrate personal integrity, lead well-rounded lives and possess a willingness to assume responsibility should be considered for this award. Club leaders should nominate youth for this award who are “emerging” leaders – those youth who have the qualities and the abilities to lead, but who may not yet recognize or act on their leadership potential. This award can only be received once during their 4-H career. One award winner is selected annually from each county.

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe this member’s personal qualities that would make them an effective leader:**

**Please describe why you feel this member has the potential to become a leader but has not sought out or fulfilled leadership positions:**

**Any additional comments:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Leader**

