



Boone County 4-H Award Application



Instructions

Age 15-18

Award applications are not required, but rather away for 4-H youth to be recognized for the work they have done throughout the 4-H year. *We encourage **ALL** 4-H'ers to apply for awards.* Many of the project areas have special awards which may include trophies, plaques, cash prizes, or other award of donor's choice.

The following will make up a completed award application:

- Boone County 4-H Award Cover Page
- Application with Sections 1-3
- Attach answers to the two Essay Questions (one set of essay questions for each area applying for an award in)

Please note: The application Sections 1-3 cannot be changed. Please do not adjust columns, margins, or lines. If you have more information than will fit in the allotted space, you will need to prioritize and just include the most important items. This part of the application is based on the past 3 years and covers your 4-H project work, club activities, county events and activities, and all state and national events as well.

Essay for 4-H'ers age15-18:

General Essay Instructions:

- The response to each essay should include a 250to 550 word narrative included on separate pages.
- Essays should emphasize activities in the last three years, but may also speak to earlier motivations and experiences that laid the foundation for the member's current involvement.
- Include the Award Area in the title of the essay (i.e. Communications Essay #1; Project mastery – Photography Essay #2).
- Remember, if you are applying in more than one area you need a set of essays for each area and if you are applying for an Outstanding Award (Achievement) then you need a set of essays describing your overall experience and impact.
- Please use a font size no smaller than Times New Roman 11 pt. for readability.
- Each essay is worth 50 points.

Essay 1: Excellence in Mastery Essay:

Explain how you have mastered or excelled in the award area. This should not be a listing of awards received. This can include, *but is not limited to*:

- Describing skills developed in the area
- What you have accomplished by using those skills to teach others
- How you have given back to your community
- Demonstrated leadership
- Extended applications of learning
- Goals set and how they were achieved, etc.

Essay 2: Impact Essay:

Describe the impact your experiences in the award area have made on you and/or others.

This can include, *but is not limited to*:

- The impact of community service projects on your community
- Results of teaching or mentoring youth in various subject matter areas
- Impact of a specific project area on your family relationships
- Effects of overcoming challenges
- Impact on your future goals, etc

2019 Boone County 4-H Awards Cover Page

Name: _____ Club _____

Age as of September 1, 2018: _____ Number of years in 4-H, including this year: _____

1. Boone County Project Honor Awards:

Please circle each award(s) you are applying for. Please write a story or complete the two essays for each award area circled. For example...If you apply for Achievement, Dairy, Community Service, and Visual Arts, you will need to write 4 stories or 4 sets of essay questions, depending on your age. See the award application for more information.

- Achievement or Outstanding 4-H Member
- Aerospace
- Agriculture
- Beef, Outstanding Beef Exhibitor
- Bicycle
- Cat
- Cavy
- Citizenship
- Clothing, Clothing & Textiles Award
- Communications (Creative Writing & Journalism)
- Community Service
- Computer Science
- Consumer Education
- Crops, Soil & Water Conservation Award
- Dairy, Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor, Illinois Holstein-Friesian Assoc. Award
- Dog, Dog Award
- Electricity, Electricity Achievement Award
(*must include EEC Award Application*)
- Engines & Tractors, Tractor Safety Award
- Entomology & Beekeeping
- Environmental Stewardship & Natural Resources Award
- Food & Nutrition, Food & Nutrition Award
- Forestry
- Gardening & Horticulture, Horticulture Award
- Goats, Goat Award
- Healthy Living
- Hobbies & Collections
- Horse, Outstanding Horse Exhibitor, Most Improved Youth in the Equine Division, Phyllis Van Brocklin Memorial Award, Judy Lee Memorial Award
- Industrial Arts (Welding)
- Interior Design
- Judging
- Leadership
- Outdoor Education & Recreation (Camping)
- Performing Arts (Theater Arts)
- Pets
- Photography & Video, Photography Award
- Physical Science (Geology, Geospatial)
- Poultry, Poultry Award
- Public Speaking, Public Presentation Award
- Rabbits, Rabbit Award
- Sheep, Outstanding Sheep Exhibitor
- Swine, Swine Award
- Technology & Engineering (Robotics, 3-D Printing, and Drones)
- Veterinary Science, Veterinary Science Award
- Visual Arts, Visual Arts Award (includes Food Decorating and Scrapbooking)
- Wildlife & Fisheries, Sportfishing Award
- Wood Science, Woodworking Award

*** PLEASE NOTE---The above list awards available is subject to change based upon the availability of sponsors.

2. Boone County Outstanding 4-H Member Awards:

- * You can only receive each of these awards one time.
- * First year member, Jr. Member, Pre-Teen and Mid Teen application require Award Applications with 4-H Stories.

____ First Year Member, ages 8-11

____ Jr. Member, ages 9-10

____ Pre-Teen, ages 11-12

____ Mid Teen, ages 13-14

- * 4-H'er of the year, Don Paulson Award and I Dare You Awards require an Award Application and written responses to two essay questions. See award application for more details.

____ 4-H'er of the Year, ages 15-18

____ Don Paulson Award, ages 15-18

____ I Dare You, ages 15-18 – must include a one-page letter of recommendation from 4-H leader

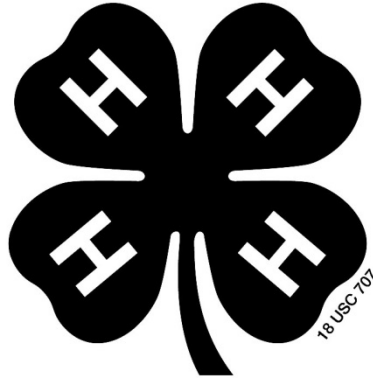
Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Special Opportunity -- During National 4-H Week, the local newspaper, Belvidere Daily Republican, publishes a special 4-H insert. 4-H'ers stories should be submitted by email to the Extension Office to be considered for publication in the newspaper. Please include a picture to go with your story. Stories and pictures will be chosen at the discretion of the newspaper staff.



**Don't forget to attach your TWO essays
to the application!**

**Remember, you need to attach a set of
essay questions for each area you are
applying for an award in.**