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Oliver Jar

NAME

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BIRTHDATE

Cat lovers 4-H Club

CLUB

3

YEARS IN 4-H

Member Certification

I personally have prepared this application and certify that it accurately and truthfully represents my work.

Oliver jar

Signature

09-09-2023

Date

Parent/Guardian Certification

I personally have reviewed this application and certify that it accurately and truthfully reflects the member's work.

Amy Jar

Signature

09-09-2023

Date

Leader Certification

I personally have reviewed this application and certify that it accurately and truthfully reflects the member's work.

Jane Doe

Signature

09-11-2023

Date

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Summary of Total Accomplishments

Officer Positions Held

Treasure **2014-2015**

Federation Secretary **2014-2015**

Vice President **2015-2016**

Federation President **2015-2016**

President **2016-2017**

Federation Vice President **2016-2017**

Ambassador President **2016-2018**

Ambassador Youth Leader **2016-2018**

Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team Reporter **2017-2018**

Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team Secretary **2018-2019**

4-H Committees Served On

Float Committee **2013-2017**

4-H Farm Ag Expo **2013-2017**

Federation Food stand **2014-2017**

4-H scheduling committee **2014-2017**

Awards Night Committee **2015-2017**

Scholarship Committee **2015-2016**

Activities committee **2015-2017**

Facebook Committee **2015-2017**

Budget planning Committee **2015-2017**

Other Activities Committee **2015-2016**

Nutrition Committee **2015-2016**

New State 4-H Teen Conference Planning Committee **2015-2017**

Architecture Committee **2016-2017**

Workshops Committee **2016-2017**

Alumni Initiative Committee **2017- 2018**

Dance Decorations Committee **2016-2018**

Dance Food Committee **2016-2018**

Expansion and Review Committee **2016-2018**

Ambassador Float Committee **2018**

Illinois 4-H Foundation Recognition Committee **2018**

General sessions Committee **2017-2018**

Theater Workshop Committee **2017-2018**

Food, nutrition, and health Committee **2018-2019**

Random Committee **2018-2019**

4-H Participation

Club

Will County Fair Flowers **2013-2014, 2015-2017**

Helped with the 4-H food drive **2014-2018**

Talent show at the nursing home **2014-2015**

Nursing Home Bingo **2015-2016**

Instructed a cookie decoration workshop **2016**

County

Will County 4-H Livestock Judging contest **2013-2014**

Will County Fair food booth **2013-2017**

Jr. Superintendent **2013-2015**

Superintendent **2015-2017**

Volunteered at the Robotics show **2014-2016, 2018**

Mc'd the county Foundation Pork Chop dinner **2014-2018**

Federation ice cream social **2014-2015**

Poultry Judging **2014-2015**

Will County 4-H Federation **2014-2018**

Will County 4-H Ambassador **2015-2018**

Will County 4-H Youth Ambassador Leader **2018-2019**

Multi-County/Unit

Unit 9 Council Meeting **2015-2018**

State

Speaking for IL Training **2014-2015**

Legislative Connections **2014-2017**

Youth Leadership Team **2015-2018**

State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest **2014-2015**

State Fair Project Assistant **2016**

Illinois State 4-H Youth Foundation Board of Directors **2017- 2019**

New State 4-H Teen Leadership Conference **2017**

Spoke about 4-H at a Nascar Race in a Sponsors Tent **2017**

4-H Road Trip **2017**

Illini Summer Academies Chaperone **2018-2019**

Junior Leadership Conference Chaperone **2020**

National

Rockets to the Rescue **2014-2015**

Motion Commotion **2015-2016**

National Youth Science Day Drone Kit **2016-2017**

National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest **2015-2016**

National 4-H Conference **2015-2016**

National 4-H Congress **2017**

International

4-H Awards

Home and Family pin **2014-2015**

Food, Nutrition, and Health pin **2014-2015**

Environment and Natural Resources pin **2014-2015**

Achievement pin **2014-2015**

Certificate of progress **2014-2015**

County 4-H blue award Achievement **2015-2017**

I Dare You Award **2015-2016**

Leadership Achievement Award **2015-2016**

Animal science pin **2015-2016**

Youth In Action Award **2015-2016**

Henry A Merkel Memorial Citizenship Award **2016**

Premier 20 Award **2017**

County 4-H Blue Award Animal Science **2016**

Special Leadership Achievement Award **2016**

State 4-H Award **2017**

Emerald Award Winner **2017**

State 4-H Key Award Winner **2017**

Legacy of Leadership Scholarship Winner **2018**

The Frances Memorial Award **2018**

Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship **2019**

Community Involvement

Dance **2013-2017**

Helped host a math team contest at my school **2013-2015**

National Honor Society (NHS) **2014-2017**

National Honor Society Secretary **2016-2017**

Environmental Club **2014-2017**

Math team **2014-2017**

Volunteered at the local Animal Shelter **2014-2015**

Freshmen Mentor **2016-2017**

Art Club **2016-2017**

Volunteered at Benteen Elementary **2017**

Collegiate 4-H Member **2017- 2021**

Collegiate 4-H Vice President **2018-2019**

Collegiate 4-H President **2019-2021**

4-H House Sorority **2017-2019**

4-H House Sorority Assistant Secretary **Spring 2018**

4-H House Dad's Weekend Committee **Fall 2017**

4-H House Mom's Weekend Committee **Spring 2018**

4-H House Etas Bake Committee **Fall 2018**

Etas Bake **2017-2018**

Collegiate FFA **2017-2018**

Collegiate FFA Secretary **2018**

Collegiate FFA Treasurer **2018**

Ag Ed Club **2017-2018**

Collegiate Farm Bureau **2017-2020**

Illini Bass Fishing Club **2018-2019**

Illini Bass Fishing Club Secretary **2018-2019**

University of Illinois State Extension Advisory Council **2018- 2021**

Horticulture Club **2019-2021**

Pi Alpha Xi **2021-2023**

Pi Alpha Xi Vice President **2021-2022**

Pi Alpha Xi Social Chair **2022-2023**

TEACH OUTDOORS **2017- current**

TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship Committee **2020-current**

U of I Master Gardner **2021- current**

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Hunter Safety Education Instructor **2021- current**

Illinois Department of Natural Resources B.O.W Instructor **2022-current**

Work Experience:

I have worked on the University of Illinois Poultry Research Farm from February 2018- May 2019. Then I work at the State 4-H office, I started there in February of 2019 to December 2020. From January 2021-April 2021, I was a Pre-service Agriculture Education Teacher at Mahomet-Seymour High School. From April 2021-July 2021, I worked as 4-H Extra Help in the Kankakee County Extension Office, then from July 2021-February 2023 I was the 4-H/Youth Development Extension Program Coordinator in Kankakee County, and from February 2023 to current, I am the 4-H/Youth Development Extension Program Coordinator in Will County.

What do you consider your strongest personal asset?

I think my strongest personal asset is my ability to be a leader.

What three adjectives describe you best?

Hardworking, determined, and confident

What is your greatest personal accomplishment? Describe what you achieved and why you are proud of it.

One of my biggest goals in life is to make a difference. During the summer of 2016, I feel that I was able to accomplish this goal. I am extremely involved in the 4-H program, and see the

power of youth. I wanted to give something back to the Will County 4-H program, to kind of say thanks for all the support they have given me. Over the summer I started the Will County 4-H Youth Ambassador Program. It is a program for 4-H teens from all over Will County to demonstrate and grow their leadership skills. I started this program from scratch with the help of an adult leader and Extension Staff. I came up with a program plan to present to the county, made applications, reviewed and accepted members, created a training, and then taught the training. The group is now up and running. We had a total of 15 members, with more who want to join next year, and have talked to over 1,000 people about the 4-H program in our first year. Now that I have graduated from the 4-H program, I have taken over as the adult leader. I am proud to have created a program that is going to affect the lives of 4-Hers to come.

Is there anything else you would like for someone writing a recommendation to know about you?

I have graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Leadership, Education, and Communications (ALEC) with a minor in Horticulture from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I currently am enrolled, once again in the ALEC program working towards a Masters of Science.

Project Plan

(a project plan should be filled out for each project you enrolled in this 4-H year, add additional plans as needed)

Name of Project: Rabbits

The number of years in the project: 3

What did you do, make, or exhibit this year in this project area?

This year I made a poster for animal science that showed the results of an experiment I did to see what types of treats my rabbits liked most. I also showed my rabbits in the 4-H Rabbit Fun Show and at the County 4-H Show.

What did you learn in this project this year?

I learned how to prepare for showing rabbits. My rabbits preferred apples to bananas. I show my results on a board at the county 4-H show and received a class "A" rating.

What are your plans to continue in this project next year? Why or why not?

I plan to continue next year in this project because I enjoy raising and showing rabbits. My goal for next year is to show in the showmanship class.

What ratings or awards did you receive on this project?

Received an "A" rating in animal science and care at Summer Show.

Received Reserve champion at the fun show.

Won Reserved showmanship at the county rabbit show. **2015-2016**

List all of your inventory (supplies/ equipment on hand or animals used to start your project):

- 4 rabbit cages
- 4 water bottles
- 4 food bowls
- 4 mini rex rabbits (2 female and 2 males)
- Arm guards
- Grooming brush
- Grooming table
- Show cage

My 4-H Story

On this page, please write your 4-H Story. (You can add additional pages if needed)

Prompts (if needed):

- *What did you do this 4-H year? What was your favorite activity?*
- *Why are you in 4-H? How did you get involved?*
- *What does 4-H mean to you? Why is 4-H important to you?*

Wow. That is honestly all I can think of to say about my last year as a 4-H Member. This last year I may not have focused as much on my project areas as I have in the past, but I got to explore so many amazing opportunities.

This year in 4-H, I focused on a few main projects. These projects included, Cooking 401, Visual Arts, Interior Design, Leadership, Food Preservation, and Citizenship. I enjoyed working on these projects this year and am extremely happy with how they placed at the County 4-H Show and the State Fair.

This 4-H year was a year of transition for me. This year I was a freshman at the University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign, studying Agricultural Science Education. I knew it was going to be hard to stay involved in my 4-H club back home while being away at school, but I was up for the challenge, after all, 4-H is the reason I am at this college studying this major. My freshmen year, I initiated into the 4-H House Cooperative Sorority on Campus. I served as the Assistant Secretary for the Spring Semester. I also participated in our houses two main philanthropy events, Etas Bake and Eurich Tournament. I also served on both the Dad's and Mom's weekend Committees. My Freshmen year I also became a member of the Collegiate 4-H group on campus, which I am currently the Vice President of.

While being involved in 4-H at school, I didn't let it stop me from being involved at home. I still attended my 4-H club food drive, county fair flower planting, Ag Expo, and 4th of July parade. I made it to as many club meetings and events that I possibly could. I was still involved in my County Federation, however I only made it to one meeting this year, I still volunteered in the Food Booth at fair. I managed to remain very active in the County Ambassador program I started in 2016. I served as the President and Youth Leader of this club this last year and made it to every event.

I continued to serve on the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team this year, including serving as the Reporter of this team. I also continued my work as the Youth Representative on the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors. I had many great opportunities given to me this year between these two groups. A few of them include sharing my 4-H Story at a NASCAR Race, showing younger 4-H members around the University of Illinois Campus at the State 4-H Road Trip, being a chaperone at the ILLINI Summer Academies, teaching a workshop at a leader training in Rockford, and my favorite of all, being able to teach a leadership training at the All State 4-H Extension Staff Annual Meeting. Of course, I had other experiences and events I was able to attend throughout the year, but these are just a few of my favorites.

This year in 4-H, I also had the opportunity to attend the National 4-H Congress. This was an amazing experience, and I am so thankful to of had the opportunity to go.

Attending National Congress had been a goal of mine for a while, so being able to achieve it was an amazing feeling. I was also named a Legacy of Leadership Scholarship Winner. Being a recipient of this scholarship was a huge honor for me as I have only been in the 4-H program for five years.

My 4-H experiences are ones that I will never forget. I'm trying hard to smile because it happened and not cry because it's over. The friendships and connections I've made in 4-H will last me a lifetime. The skills I've learned through this amazing program are ones I'll always use.

I'm sure you're probably wondering where I'm planning on going from here, after all you've watched me grow up for the last five years of my life. I have had such an amazing 4-H journey that I want to work with 4-H youth for the rest of my life and give back to the program that has given me so much. I am working towards my bachelors in Agricultural Science Education with the intent of being an Ag Ed Teacher. I plan on teaching for a few years while working towards my masters. After achieving my masters, I want to become a Youth Development Educator. In the meantime, I plan on signing up to be an Assistant Leader for the Will County 4-H Youth Federation and working closely with the Ambassadors. What can I say, once a 4-H member always a 4-H member, and I intend on bleeding green until the day I die.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped to get me to where I am today. I couldn't have done this without all of the constant love, support, and encouragement from my leaders to extension staff, to club members, to volunteers and everyone in between. I know my record book can be a lot to read through and grade but thank you for taking the time to do it, and for letting me show off my 4-H accomplishments that I am very proud of.