



Local teens earn special state 4-H awards

To be selected for a state 4-H scholarship is quite an honor, as the competition is steep. University of Illinois Extension, Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit is proud to announce that four local 4-H members were selected to receive \$1,000 career achievement scholarships as well as one 4-H Sustaining the Future Award.

Local career achievement scholarship winners include:

- Hannah Johnson, Fulton County, category Personal Growth
- Emma Salverson, Peoria County, category Healthy Living & Nutrition
- Jorgi Dupureur, Tazewell County, category Creative & Performing Arts & Communications
- Lauren Haas, Tazewell County, category STEM & Robotics

4-H Sustaining the Future Award winner:

- Ashleigh Janssen, Tazewell County

The [Illinois 4-H Foundation](#) provided forty-five \$1,000 scholarships to young adults across the state. The [scholarships](#) were awarded to five Illinois 4-H members in each of the nine focus categories and were based on merit and a demonstrated standard of 4-H excellence.

"These youth exhibit excellence and mastery in these interest areas," says [Lisa Diaz](#), University of Illinois Extension assistant dean and 4-H director. "These awards celebrate the hard work, dedication, growth, and leadership these youth have exhibited."

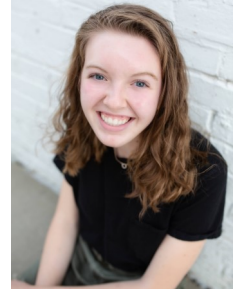
Scholarship applicants wrote essays that showcase how their time in 4-H has impacted them. The local winners pointed out important points from their 4-H experience such as growing in leadership and communication skills, providing new friends, trying new things, and being exposed to areas for college majors and future careers.

The 4-H Sustaining the Future Award winner, Ashleigh Janssen, received her honor by exemplifying outstanding leadership within the agriculture industry and demonstrating a desire to remain engaged. This award was sponsored by [Illinois Farm Bureau](#) and [Affiliates Youth Education in Agriculture Committee](#). Ashleigh has been invited to attend the [Premier 20 Leadership Conference](#) in April, as part of her recognition.

These five exceptional young ladies have a combined 42 years of 4-H experience. They have been active members and served in various leadership roles within their clubs, as well as at county, unit, and state-wide events. Along with their impressive 4-H careers, all five have remained active in other organizations. Congratulations to Hannah, Emma, Jorgi, Lauren, and Ashleigh for continuing "to make the best better."



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