



Boone County 4-H Award Application



Instructions

Age 8-18

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
- 4-H Story (one 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.

4-H Story:

You will need to write a 4-H story for each of the projects that you want to apply for an award in. For example, if you applying in photography and swine you will write one story for photography, and one for Swine. In addition, if you are applying for an Outstanding Member Award (Achievement) then you will also need a 4-H Story on your overall 4-H experience. *Please be sure each 4-H story is labeled with the project name.*

What is important in the 4-H Story? The story is where you will want to share details about your project or 4-H career. It should include information on how 4-H and your project work have helped you personally and your family. How has it affected your future? Do you want to continue to learn about a subject area or has what you learned helped you in a career choice? How have you used what you have learned in school, other organizations, your job, or everyday life? Be sure to make it personal! The reader should feel like they know you by the time they finish reading your story. You can tell your story using straight facts, or demonstrate creativity.

Boone County 4-H Awards Cover Page

Name: _____ Club _____ T-shirt size _____

4-H Age (age as of previous year Sept. 1): _____ 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 with 4-H Stories.

____ 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*

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. Please email the photo as a jpeg to mmirwin@illinois.edu.



**Don't forget to attach your 4-H story
to the application!**

**Remember, 1 story for each area you
are applying for an award in.**