4-H AWARD OVERVIEW

• This packet contains an overview of awards available to 4-H members, leaders and supporters of the community.

• It is important that you pay close attention to the deadlines and specific instructions as there are different deadlines and requirements for each award area.

Outstanding Leader
Achievement, Citizenship & Leadership
Leader To Youth Award
Fair Book Honoree
Citation for Outstanding Service
Meritorious Service Award
4-H Alumni Award
4-H Club Award

We need to support those who strive for Trust and use Teamwork, Time Management, Responsibility, Leadership and Citizenship in our community.

4-H Helps our youth EXPLORE new ideas, EXPERIENCE a variety of new opportunities and friendships, and build skills designed to help them ACHIEVE success in life!

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4-H Awards and Recognition Youth Packet

Purpose:
The 4-H Advisory Council developed a 4-H Awards Program to recognize 4-H’ers who have shown growth and learned new skills through their accomplishments. Barry County 4-H Award Applications can be picked up at the Extension Office or on the Web site www.msue.msu.edu/barry. Application deadlines will be published. Turn completed forms into the Extension Office.

Leaders and parents are encouraged to assume an active, supporting role in helping 4-H members complete their application, but it is important that the members fill it out.

Who is Eligible:
- Any 4-H member age 11 through 19 is eligible to apply by filling out the appropriate form. NOTE: Award Requirement May Vary!
- In order to be eligible for an award, a 4-H member must have written recommendation from their leader included with the award application.
- Teen Leadership pin: To be eligible, a leader must register the 4-H member at the time of enrollment as a Teen Leader. The teen must complete a Teen Leadership project at Fair.
- Leaders become eligible for adult leader awards By written nomination. Some by 4-H members and some are open nominations.

Final Selection for the above three awards is made by the 4-H Advisory Executive Committee and the 4-H Staff

Leadership Opportunities

Leadership Scholarships are given once per year, to leaders, to attend Kettunen Center, Kellogg Biological Station, Exploration Days, or Exploration Days. Membership scholarships are given for teens to attend one workshop per year at Kettunen Center, Kellogg Biological Station, Exploration Days, Washington D.C, Capitol Experience, National 4-H Congress and more. Some scholarships must be applied for through 4-H Council, and have contracts to be signed and requirements that must be fulfilled.

How is the selection made:
- The Selection Committee is composed of members of the 4-H Advisory Council, past and present 4-H leaders and area adults who support and work with various youth programs, organizations and activities.
- Leaders will make recommendations (or members can apply), 4-H members select the award(s) they are interested in applying for by filling out the appropriate application(s) and make their selection(s).

Applications and additional information

SUGGESTIONS CAN BE MADE FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

Meritorious Service Award:
This award is given to a business or an organization that is a long standing supporter (five or more years in more than one project area) to the Barry County 4-H Program.

Barry County Fair Book Honoree(s):
Each year a leader(s) is selected by the 4-H Council to be honored in the fair book.

Citation For Outstanding Service Award:
This award is given to a 4-H leader(s). Selection criteria includes: Being a 4-H leader for ten years with at least five years being in Barry County, being active in the last three years, supporting the county 4-H Program and performing

Who Selects?
The Barry County 4-H Council Awards Selection Committee

STATE 4-H AWARDS:
State awards are given each spring. Members ages 14-19 are encouraged to apply for these Awards.
Capitol Experience:

This trip is for 4-H’ers who are interested in citizenship and government. 4-H leaders will have opportunities to speak with legislators, state agency representatives, lobbyists and others who influence government policy. The Advisory Council is offering a limited number of scholarships per year for Barry County 4-H members who are at least high school freshman to attend 4-H Capital Experience. The scholarship must be used during the year in which it is awarded. The cost of the trip varies from year to year. Council will pay half of the cost, up to $110 per person. Application and requirements are available at the Extension Office or at www.msue.msu.edu/barry.

Washington D.C. Citizenship Trip:

This Trip is for 4-H’ers who are interested in citizenship and government. 4-H members that participate in the Washington D.C. trip will not only have the opportunity to visit key sites in Gettysburg and Washington D.C., but also discuss problems and possible solutions to current issues with national leaders.

Best of all, the participants will stay in the National 4-H Center and meet with other 4-H members from around the country, sharing ideas and friendships. A key part of the program is learning what can happen as a result of getting involved.

The Advisory Council is offering a limited number of scholarships per year for Barry County 4-H member who are at least high school freshman to attend 4-H Capitol Experience.

Leadership, Citizenship & Achievement:

These awards are for ages 14-19, who have been very active in leadership, community service or government learning activates for numerous years. The Achievement Award is for members who have gone above and beyond in the 4-H Program, participated in all levels of their project or multiple project areas.

Alumni Award:

The Alumni Award is an award that recognizes an outstanding leader for their efforts in developing and expanding 4-H in Barry County and who was a former 4-H member in Barry County. Written nomination may be made by alumni or anyone who wishes.

Outstanding Leader Award:

This award recognizes an outstanding leader. The leader is eligible through written nominations being submitted ONLY by 4-H members. Example – the leader has helped the 4-H’er a great deal, encourages him/her, does special things for them, or is someone who makes others feel special.

4-H Club Award:

The 4-H Council recognizes an outstanding 4-H club each year. All clubs are encouraged to apply. The following questions are asked on the application:

- Activates (tours, workshops)
- Business meetings
- Community service (i.e. visiting a nursing home, etc.)
- Achievements (goals set by club, how they were achieved)
- 4-H club story (tell why you feel that your club should receive this award)

A club is not eligible for this award two consecutive years. Applications are available at the Extension Office or on line.

Our 4-H Members Future:

4-H is a learning experience that goes beyond the blue ribbon. Helping a 4-H member learn to record their 4-H expenses, activities and accomplishments is a life skill that is an important part of their future. This will help them translate their 4-H experiences into their resumes, college or job applications.

We are teaching many of the life skills that employers and colleges are looking for. The 4-H Members Record Book (4-H 1192) and the 4-H Awards applications are excellent tools to help track life skills you as leaders are helping them achieve.

The following web sites offer helpful information:
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4-
**Barry County 4-H Scholarship Winners**

**Alyssa Larsen**
Alyssa has been in 4-H for 13 years. Apart of the Dowling Milky Way 4-H club where she has shown dairy, dairy feeders, poultry, many non-livestock projects and the cooking competition. Has won multiple awards and accomplishments.

4-H Leadership Positions- Dairy and Dairy Feeder Teen Superintendent and Non-Livestock Teen Superintendent

In Alyssa’s words “For as long as I can remember, I have pledged my hands to larger service.”

**Austin VanVelsen**
Austin has been in 4-H for 7 years. Apart of Freedom Riders 4-H club where he has shown horses, dogs, and non-livestock projects. Has won multiple awards and accomplishments.

4-H Leadership Positions- Apart of the Teen Leadership Club, and 4-H Advisory Council

In Austin’s words “4-H has also given me the tools that I need to be able to be a good citizen.”

**Suzannah Lenz**
Suzie has been in 4-H for 10 years. Apart of the Lakewood Community 4-H Club where she has shown lambs, steers, hogs, dairy feeders and many non-livestock projects. Has won multiple awards and accomplishments.

In Suzie’s words “My experiences in 4-H have helped me become the leader I am today and will certainly shape who I become tomorrow.”

**Ethan Haywood**
Ethan had been in 4-H for 9 years. Apart of the Dowling Milky Way 4-H club and Welcome Corners where he has shown dairy, dairy feeders, beef, dogs, shooting sports, dairy foods and public speaking. Has won multiple awards and accomplishments.

4-H Leadership Positions- Dairy and Dairy Feeder Teen Superintendent

In Ethan’s words “In my time as a 4-H member I have had the opportunity to serve others by helping youth and participating community service activities.”

**Tyler VanVelsen**
Tyler has been in 4-H for 7 years. Apart of Freedom Riders 4-H Club where he has shown horses, dogs, and non-livestock projects. Has won multiple awards and accomplishments.

4-H Leadership Positions- Apart of the Teen Leadership Club, and 4-H Advisory Council

In Tyler's words “I lead committees that helped our younger generation become better.”

**Makayla Agostini**
Maki has been in 4-H for 11 years. Apart of Barry Good Critters and Crafts, Middleville Clovers and Hill-N-Dale 4-H clubs where she has shown lambs, dairy, beef, poultry and non-livestock projects. Has won multiple awards and accomplishments.

4-H Leadership Positions- Dairy Teen Superintendent

In Maki’s words “All in all I believe that being a leader also has to do with how you are a good citizen and how you impact the community around you.”

**4-H Advisory Council**
4-H Council consists of 8—20 members, teen and adult who assist in planning, helping, advising and promoting the 4-H Youth program in Barry County, Michigan. Members should be familiar and supportive of the 4-H philosophy and purpose.

Become a member of our Barry County 4-H Advisory Council. This is a great leadership builder for teens as well as a resume builder for both teens and adults. Council sets their meeting dates at their January meeting which is held the second Thursday of the month at a location determined by Council. Typically they meet 4 times per year. Council oversees the Barry County 4-H Youth Endowment Fund and the Barry County 4-H Scholarship Fund at the MI 4-H Foundation. They hold the annual hot dog fundraiser at the fair to support the scholarship fund for our youth.

We are currently seeking nominations for next year’s board. If you know of someone you think would make a good 4-H Advisory Council member, please submit their name to 4-H staff or a current Council member.

Current members include: President—Bill Haywood, V.P.’s—Amy Lorenz, Secretary Cindy Jenkins, Treasurer Sue Haskin, Matt Buning, Austin & Tyler VanVelsen, Kathy Courtney, Lorna Dickinson, Linda Sarver.

Scholarship money was awarded by the Barry County 4-H Advisory Council. If you would like to learn more or be apart of the council contact the Extension office for dates and times.