



To: Sanilac County 4-H Volunteers and Members

From: Colleen Wallace, 4-H Program Coordinator  
Sanilac County 4-H Awards Committee

Date: November 18, 2016

Re: 2017 4-H County Awards Packet

Learning to complete an application is an educational component of the awards program. Members will apply their skills in communication, organization, and self-motivation. Receiving recognition can boost a 4-H member's self-esteem. Award applications can include club work, county experiences, state workshops, etc. in addition to fair experiences.

Enclosed in this packet you will find a variety of information pertaining to the 4-H County awards program. Please take time to read about each award and its requirements and encourage members in your 4-H club to complete applications. For those awards that require someone to be nominated, please consider nominating someone! **There are a few changes this year, so make sure you read through the entire packet.**

This year's 4-H leader and member recognition event will be held February 21, 2017 at Sanilac Career Center. Invitations for the event including details and reservations will be sent at a later date.

If a member needs help filling out the forms they may have a teen leader, ambassador or leader help them. Members are also welcome to contact the 4-H office for questions or assistance (810) 648-2515.

**All award applications must be received by the 4-H office (171 Dawson St, Sandusky, MI 48471) on or before January 6, 2017 by 4:30 p.m.**

4-H members ages 11-19 are also encouraged to explore Michigan 4-H State Awards including Mark of Excellence Essay, Junior, Senior, and Group Awards. All State Award applications are due February 1. Find more information at: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_awards\\_and\\_recognition\\_program](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program).



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## Club Nominated Awards

All clubs are encouraged to nominate members and leaders from their club for the awards listed on this page using the nomination form. Clubs may also submit entries for the community service and top club awards.

### Outstanding Young Member

Requirement to Apply	4-H Member 5-8 year old (4-H Age) or 4-H Member 9-11 year old (4-H Age)
Number of Awards Given	1 per club in each age division announced at the 4-H Awards Recognition A member may only receive this award once for each age category
Application Process	Nomination by club based on the young member's character (responsibility, trustworthiness, citizenship, fairness, caring, and respect)
Type of Award	5-8 year old: 4-H Cloverbud Button 9-11 year old: 4-H Frisbee

### Outstanding Teen Member

Requirement to Apply	4-H teen (12-19) nominated by club Can be given for any reason determined by club
Number of Awards Given	One per club announced at the 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Complete nomination form
Type of Award	Certificate & pin

### Club All Star Award

Requirement to Apply	Any person (member, leader, parent, supporter) in a club that is nominated by club leader. Can be given for any reason determined by club or club leader
Number of Awards Given	One per club announced at the 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Complete nomination form
Type of Award	Certificate & pin

### Club Community Service Award

Requirement to Apply	4-H clubs completed at least one community service project in past year
Number of Awards Given	Three announced at the 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Poster/display with pictures and any available documentation explaining how the youth were involved in the planning and completion of the community service project and why that service project was chosen.
Type of Award	First Place - \$50.00 Second Place - \$25.00 Third Place - \$15.00

### Top Club Award

Requirement to Apply	All registered 4-H Clubs eligible to apply
Number of Awards Given	Two announced at the 4-H Awards Recognition; 1 small clubs (20 or less members) & 1 large clubs (over 20 members)
Application Process	Complete Top Club Application packet (enclosed)
Type of Award	\$25 gift certificate for club pizza party

## Sportsmanship Award

Requirement to Apply	Nominated by Anyone This award recognizes 4-H members that make a difference above and beyond normal expectations through their actions—whether it’s helping another member understand and finish a project, volunteering to help with clean up after an activity, or demonstrating exemplary sportsmanship in competitive activities.
Number of Awards Given	One announced at the 4-H Awards Recognition Member may receive this award only once
Application Process	Nomination Form—explain why the candidate is deserving of this award.
Type of Award	Jacket; sponsored by Colleen Wallace

## Individual Member Awards

All members are encouraged to apply for awards listed on the following pages using the appropriate corresponding application forms provided. Please review the eligibility requirements for each award including age, grade, and years of membership required.

## County Medal

Requirement to Apply	Registered as 4-H Member in Sanilac County At least 12 years old 4-H age Must have a minimum 3 years completed in project area (not including Cloverbud); a member will be considered eligible for up to one year after dropping a project.
Number of Awards Given	Up to four medals can be awarded in each project area A member can win a county medal in a project area every 3 years A member can only be awarded two project areas per year Announced at the 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Complete Project Summary Form, My 4-H Story Essay, and submit leader’s recommendation form
Project Areas <b>Members ages 12-19 may apply for medals in these areas</b>	Aerospace; Agriculture (including Field Crops); Beef (including Prospect); Biological Science; Cats; Cavy; Childcare and development; Clothing and textiles (includes Buymanship, Crocheting, Knitting); Computer technology; Consumer Education; Dairy (including Veal); Dog; FOLKPATTERNS (including cultural projects, art, genealogy); Food and nutrition; Gardening and Horticulture; Goats; Healthy living; Hobbies and collections; Horse; Judging; Llama (including Alpaca); Money Management (including marketing, entrepreneurship); Outdoor education and recreation (includes Entomology, Forestry, recycling); Performing arts; Photography and Video; Plant science; Poultry; Proud Equestrian Program; Rabbits; Robotics; Safety; Sewing; Sheep; Shooting sports; Swine; Technology and engineering (includes Electrical, Welding, Engines, Tractors); Veterinary science; Visual arts (includes drawing, painting, sculpting, graphics, crafts, leathercraft); Wildlife and fisheries
<b>Only members ages 15-19 may apply for medals in these areas</b>	Achievement (takes all of the member’s projects into consideration; a member who has gained a broad spectrum of knowledge across many 4-H project areas); Citizenship and Civic Engagement (members who have gained an underrating of local, state, and national government; member demonstrates the knowledge they have gained through participation in Citizenship Washington Focus, Capitol Experience, National Congress, or other 4-H citizenship experiences); Communications (including Public Speaking, Demonstrations, Media relations); Community service (member demonstrates how they have led, not just participated in, community service efforts); Leadership (takes all of the member’s leadership experiences into consideration including club, county, and other 4-H leadership development experiences)
Type of Award	Certificate, Medal

### Head and Heart Award

Requirement to Apply	Registered as 4-H Member in Sanilac County At least 15 years old on January 1 Must have a minimum 5 years completed in project area Must have received a county medal for the project area previously
Number of Awards Given	One award can be given in each project area listed in County Medals section per year Member may only earn this award once in a project area Announced at the 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	This award is intended for members who have engaged in deeper education, leadership, and application in a project area using their 4-H experiences. They have gone beyond the typical involvement with the project to launch their own business, explore career options, or help others learn in this area. Applicants must demonstrate significant increase in knowledge and application of skills over their 4-H involvement as a County Medal winner.  Complete Project Summary Form, My 4-H Story Essay, and submit leader's recommendation form Application must also be accompanied by at least 2 years of project area records (may use livestock record book, Member's Personal Portfolio, or any other equivalent record)
Individual Award Areas	A member may apply for this award in any of the areas that are listed under the County Medal awards.
Type of Award	Certificate and t-shirt

### Teen Leadership Award

Requirement to Apply	4-H member 12 years or older (4-H age) Participated in at least two county, state, and/or national 4-H leadership trainings during past 12 months. Held a leadership role within 4-H club (officer or project leader) Attended at least two county level council or committee meetings during past 12 months.
Number of Awards Given	All teen leaders who qualify; announced at the 4-H Awards Recognition Teen leaders who complete requirements may receive recognition annually
Application Process	Download the Michigan 4-H Teen Leadership Project Guide: <a href="http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/236/67525/TeenLeader-Resources.pdf">http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/236/67525/TeenLeader-Resources.pdf</a> Complete and submit pages 10-13 Interview with awards committee
Type of Award	Teen Leadership Pin

### 10 & 15 Year 4-H Member Awards

Requirement to Apply	10 year award—Applicant must have 10 years of consecutive membership between the ages of 5-19 15 year award—Applicant must have 15 years of consecutive membership between the ages of 5-19
Number of Awards Given	No limit; member may receive each award in this category only once
Application Process	Indicate on Coversheet
Type of Award	4-H Varsity Letter or backpack (10 year member); backpack (15 year member)

### Sanilac County 4-H Council Post High School Education Assistance Scholarship

Requirement to Apply	Sanilac County 4-H member currently enrolled Current senior in high school At least 3 consecutive years of 4-H membership completed Must have worked in 4-H Eat Stand at fair at least twice during past 3 years
Number of Awards Given	given annually
Application Process	Complete the Sanilac County Post High School Educational Assistance application, Project Summary Form, My 4-H Story Essay, submit leader's recommendation and non-4-H affiliate recommendation form
Type of Award	\$500 scholarship; awarded to student, paid to enrolled educational institution

### Special Awards

A member may receive only 1 award per year in this section.

### Michigan 4-H Key Club Award

Requirement to Apply	Reach 15 years of age by September 1 Completed 3 calendar years of 4-H work by January 1 current year Completed 4-H work in at least two project areas Completed a Teen Leadership project Participated in 3 Regional, State, or National Level 4-H events Been recommended by a club leader
Number of Awards Given	The top ½ of one percent of the total county delegation
Application Process	Complete the Michigan Key Club application (attached or online)
Type of Award	Key Club Pin

### Danforth National "I Dare You" Leadership Award

Requirement to Apply	4-H member 15-18 years old (4-H age), Completed freshman year of high school
Number of Awards Given	Two announced at the 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Complete "I Dare You" essay (attached)
Type of Award	American Youth Foundation's National Leadership Award certificate, <i>I Dare You</i> book, nomination for "I Dare You" scholarship, opportunity to attend AYF's National Leadership Conference

### Kevin Kerbyson Outstanding Young Cattleman's Award

Requirement to Apply	4-H member who exhibits an outstanding interest in, sought after and acquired, obtained, and maintained the knowledge and skills needed to with cattle in the many different areas of the cattle industry (selection and breeding, fitting and showing)
Number of Awards Given	One announced at the 4-H Awards Recognition
Application Process	Complete Kevin Kerbyson Outstanding Young Cattleman Award Application (attached)
Type of Award	Plaques sponsored by Blue Water Angus Farm



## 4-H Awards Project Summary Form

Use of the 4-H member portfolio and/or record book is strongly encouraged to accurately complete award forms and supporting documents.

*The awards that require a completed project summary form are:*

- County Medal**                      Project area(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Head and Heart Award**              Project area \_\_\_\_\_
- Sanilac County 4-H Council Post High School Educational Assistance Scholarship**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you won a county medal in the past?    YES      NO

If yes, which area(s) and year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### 4-H Activities and Participations

Identify your 4-H club affiliations

4-H CLUBS & COMMITTEE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN A MEMBER	YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP (EX. 2010-2012)	OFFICES HELD IN THIS CLUB/GROUP

Calendar years of 4-H work completed as of August 31, 2016 (2 points for each year) \_\_\_\_\_ x 2 = \_\_\_\_\_

Offices held in local or county clubs. 5 points per office per year. \_\_\_\_\_ x 5 = \_\_\_\_\_

Membership on county or state 4-H committee. 10 points per committee per year \_\_\_\_\_ x 10 = \_\_\_\_\_

List the years that you participated in the following 4-H activities?

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| <p>_____ Exploration Days</p> <p>_____ Capitol Experience</p> <p>_____ Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council</p> <p>_____ National 4-H Congress</p> <p>_____ 4-H Camp Thumb Area</p> <p>_____ State 4-H Camp (<i>Great Lakes and Natural Resources, Animal and Vet Science, Renewable Energy, Healthy Living</i>)</p> <p>_____ Vet-a-visit</p> <p>_____ Wonders of Washington</p> | <p>_____ Exchange trips</p> <p>_____ State Shows (<i>horse, rabbit, goat, dog Green &amp; White, etc.</i>)</p> <p>_____ State contests (<i>shooting sports, livestock judging, horse jamboree, rabbit expo, dairy days, etc.</i>)</p> <p>_____ Citizenship Washington Focus</p> <p>_____ County Medals/Awards program application submitted</p> <p>_____ State Awards</p> <p>_____ Kettunen Center Workshops (<i>other than the award area you are applying in</i>)</p> |
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10 points for each year of participation in each activity \_\_\_\_\_ x 10 = \_\_\_\_\_









## **My 4-H Story Essay**

*The awards that require a completed essay are:*

- **County Medal**
- **Head and Heart Award**
- **Sanilac County 4-H Council Post High School Educational Assistance Scholarship**

The Awards Committee uses the essay to see how you feel about what you have done so far in 4-H. In your story please be sure to include what you have learned through your 4-H involvement. Be certain that your story includes specific information related to the project areas you are applying for in the awards application. Highlight what you feel are your most important accomplishments and contributions in 4-H.

*Be clear and specific:*

“I learned a lot” doesn’t say as much as “I learned to read and follow a recipe, measure liquid and dry ingredients, different mixing methods, and how to test for doneness.”

“4-H is great” doesn’t say as much as “Being in 4-H has helped me be confident, meet new people, and learn responsibility.”

*The following outline may help you develop your 4-H Story. It is divided in parts simply to help you outline what you might want to say about yourself; do not identify these parts when you write your Story.*

PART 1 - tell when and why you got involved in 4-H

PART 2 - tell about the project area that you were most involved in; what have you learned or done in the project area

PART 3 - describe how being in 4-H has helped you

**YOUR 4-H STORY MUST BE WRITTEN IN YOUR OWN WORDS**

### **The Essay Requirements are:**

- \* Recommended at least 250 words; maximum 1000
- \* computer generated, font size 12; or handwritten
- \* use 8 ½ “ x 11” size white paper
- \* double space (use every other line)
- \* use one side of the paper
- \* do not put graphics or photos with your essay
- \* Be certain to sign and date your 4-H Story

# DANFORTH AWARD

## National Leadership Award & "I Dare You" Scholarship

### **National Leadership Award**

The American Youth Foundation's National Leadership Award is a unique opportunity to honor extraordinary young people for their character and leadership. The award recognizes youth ages 15-18 years old that strive to be their personal best and make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs, and communities. Nominees must have completed their freshman year in high school and show outstanding qualities in servant leadership. Award recipients receive a personalized award certificate, a copy of William H. Danforth's classic motivational book *I Dare You!*, and may be nominated for the I Dare You Scholarship.

### **I Dare You Scholarship Opportunity**

The AYF Leadership Conference offers weeklong programs aimed at developing character, leadership skills, personal and group effectiveness, and nurturing balance within your life. You will make great friends and be a part of an experience that will stay with you forever. Leadership Conferences take place at AYF's beautiful Miniwanca on the shore of Lake Michigan. Each year the American Youth Foundation selects youth who have demonstrated exceptional servant leadership within their communities, groups, or organizations for the I Dare You Scholarship. Scholarship winners are chosen from the pool of National Leadership awardees that have been nominated by their group or organization. The scholarship pays funds toward tuition (\$500) for the AYF Leadership Conference, a nationally recognized leadership-training program. Not all awardees will receive an I Dare You scholarship. All scholarship winners will be contacted by the AYF.

Two Sanilac County 4-H members who exhibit personal integrity, balanced living, and leadership ability will receive the "I Dare You Leadership Award". We are particularly interested in recognizing "emerging" leaders, youth with motivation and potential, whose talents are less apparent to themselves than those they work with. The goal is to challenge these young people to recognize and develop their leadership abilities. As with all the other awards, a member is only awarded this honor once. On a separate page, provide a 1-page narrative for items 1-3 below.

#### **1. Leadership**

Describe any leadership activities or ways you have provided leadership and/or assistance during your 4-H career. This includes, but is not limited to: serving as a teen leader, talks, demonstrations, presentations, articles written, promotional activities, organizing special activities, arranging guest speakers, etc. How has this affected your personal growth?

#### **2. Citizenship**

Describe any citizenship activities you have participated in or organized for other 4-H members. This includes, but is not limited to: Citizenship Washington Focus, Capitol Experience, talking to local, state, or nationally elected representatives. What effect did this experience have on you and how you interact within your community?

#### **3. Community Service**

Describe any community service activities that you have played a major role in providing leadership for during your 4-H career. This includes, but is not limited to: organizing club or county community service projects. How have your actions impacted other people in your community?

#### **4. Letter of Recommendation**

Include a letter of recommendation from a 4-H leader describing your leadership potential.

**KEVIN KERBYSON OUTSTANDING YOUNG CATTLEMAN AWARD APPLICATION  
BEEF & DAIRY PROJECT AREAS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age \_\_\_\_\_ As of January 1, 2017  
Mo. Day Yr.

Number of years of experience in the Beef & Dairy Project Areas \_\_\_\_\_  
(Including breeding, market, prospect, dairy, and veal)

List all of your activities and participation in the Beef & Dairy areas.

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Give a brief description of what you have learned from your involvement in the 4-H Beef & Dairy Project areas and how you intend to use this knowledge in the future.

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