



Dunn County 4-H Older Youth Award Application

The Dunn County 4-H Older Youth Award Application is essentially composed of five parts, including (1) this 4-H Member Self Nomination Form, (2) your Cover Letter, (3) your Resume, (4) a Letter of Recommendation, and (5) an Award Essay. **Due by February 1st.**

In order to be eligible for county 4-H Award opportunities, you must complete this 4-H Member Self Nomination form, along with all required supplemental materials. You may apply for as many awards as you want, but you may only receive one of the following awards per year: Achievement, Leadership, Citizenship, Dairy Leadership, Scholarship, or Key Award.

Full Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Last Grade Completed: _____

4-H Awards Received in the Past: _____

Current Award you are applying for: _____

AWARD OPTIONS: Achievement, Leadership, Citizenship, Key, James Crowley Dairy Leadership, or Scholarship

ALL THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED & SUBMITTED
to the Dunn County Extension Office, NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1st

- THIS 4-H MEMBER SELF NOMINATION FORM**
- COVER LETTER**
- YOUR PERSONAL RESUME**
- RECOMMENDATION LETTER** by an Adult of Your OWN Choosing (other than your parent)
- AWARD ESSAYS** (based upon the trip you apply for, which are enclosed at the end of this document)

4-H Member Self Nominated - Please VALIDATE REQUIREMENTS to be true to APPLY:

- I am an **ACHIEVING** 4-H Member (Signature of Club General Leader is required to verify achieving status)

(General Leader Signature)

(Date)

****Please submit a paper copy of your Awards Application to:**

Dunn County University Extension Office

3001 US Highway 12 East #102

Menomonie, WI 54751

**It is the 4-H Member's OWN RESPONSIBILITY to submit all of above materials by the due date.*

(4-H Member Signature)

(Date)

Award Information and Essay Questions

Please read each award description carefully. Then answer the corresponding essay questions for the award you are applying. All Fair Awards are presented at the Dunn County Fair during the distinguished members ceremony. **Application deadline is February 1st.**

Citizenship Award – Pin & Certificate

This award is meant to honor 4-H members that demonstrate outstanding Citizenship. It is received by members that demonstrate a dedication to their 4-H programs and community. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Guidelines for Citizenship Award**

- The member is able to effectively communicate their loyalty to their place of residence through their application. This may be illustrated by the member explaining what privileges they take advantage of as a citizen, describing how they show devotion to their community, and giving examples of how they valuing diversity in their community on all levels.

➤ **Additional Information**

- A maximum of six 4-H members may receive this award annually.

Citizenship Award Essay Question

- (1) Citizenship can be defined a variety of ways. How would you define what citizenship means to you and how have you demonstrated that within your 4-H career?

Leadership Award – Pin & Certificate

This award is meant to honor 4-H members that demonstrate outstanding Leadership. It is received by members who have taken personal responsibility to ensure the success and growth of 4-H programs on a club, county, or state level. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Guidelines for Leadership Award**

- The member is able to effectively communicate how their leadership has positively impacted their 4-H Club and community through their application. This may be illustrated by the member explaining their leadership style, describing how their goals as leader has helped to ensure success for their fellow members, giving specific examples on their achievements as a leader, and reflecting on their areas of growth as a leader.

➤ **Additional Information**

- A maximum of six 4-H members may receive this award annually.

Leadership Award Essay Question

- (1) Please describe an instance where leadership has played a role in your life. What did you learn from the leadership shown in that situation? You could be the one showing the leadership **or** you could have experienced the leadership of someone else. If you choose the second option, please describe how you are going to use what you learned.

Achievement Award – Pin & Certificate

This award is meant to honor high achieving 4-H members. It is received by members that demonstrate the knowledge and skills that 4-H has taught them. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Guidelines for Leadership Award**

- The member is able to effectively communicate their achievements through their application. This may be illustrated by the member highlighting specific achievements and explaining how it has impacted their life.

➤ **Additional Information**

- A maximum of six 4-H members may receive this award annually.

 **Achievement Award Essay Question**

- (1) How have your 4-H achievements benefited others?

Key Award – Plaque & Certificate

The 4-H Key Award is the most prestigious award a 4-H member can receive. It is received by members who have demonstrated growth in their 4-H involvement, leadership skills, and active participation in the functions of their 4-H club & community. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Guidelines for Leadership Award**

- The member is able to effectively communicate how 4-H has positively impacted their development as a person through their application. In addition, the member will be asked to describe a service learning project they would like to see started in their community and specifically describe how they would help to get it started.

➤ **Additional Information**

- A maximum of four 4-H members may receive this award annually.
- Recipients do not have to be graduating from 4-H this year.
- Recipients are required by the Dunn County Leader's Council to have received the achievement, the citizenship, and the leadership award prior to applying.
- Recipients must have completed 8th grade before the Dunn County Fair and have been a 4-H member for at least 3 years prior.

 **Key Award Essay Question**

- (1) Service Learning Projects help to make a community strong. Please describe a service learning project you would like to see started in your community and how you would help to get it started.
- (2) The 4-H Key Award is the most prestigious award a 4-H member can receive. How has 4-H developed you into the person you are today?

 **James Crowley Dairy Leadership Award – Plaque**

This award is meant to honor 4-H member leaders excelling in Dairy. It is received by an older dairy member, in their Junior or Senior year of high school, that has achieved, provided leadership, and completed a notable Record Book. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Additional Information**

- A maximum of one 4-H member may receive this award annually.
- Once awarded, the member will be selected to advance to state level competition.

 **James Crowley Dairy Leadership Award Essay Question**

- (1) Why do you feel it is important to know about what is happening in the agricultural industry? How do you share that knowledge?
- (2) What is your most important Dairy Project Achievement? What does it say about you and your leadership?

Scholarship Award – Certificate & Scholarship Funding

The Scholarship Awards are meant for active 4-H members who will be graduating from High School during the current school year. Recipients receive a \$400 scholarship from the Dunn County Leaders Council. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Additional Information**

- A maximum of four 4-H members may receive this award annually.
- Applicants must have maintained membership in the Dunn County 4-H program for five or more years and must have at least a 2.0 or C average in their High School scholastic record.
- The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient at the beginning of his/her second semester of post-secondary education.
- To receive the funding, the recipient must notify the Dunn County 4-H Executive Council at the beginning of his/her second semester. With this notification, the recipient must include proof of enrollment. Recipient is responsible for such notification.

❖ Send notification to:

Dunn County 4-H Leaders Council
3001 US Highway 12 East #102
Menomonie, WI 54751

 **Scholarship Award Essay Question**

- (1) How has 4-H influenced your future educational and career plans?
- (2) How will you use what you have learned in 4-H to make a difference in the lives of others?