

# Kalamazoo County 4-H Awards & Scholarships Handbook



Recognition is a key aspect of youth and volunteer development. When used effectively and appropriately, it encourages and supports learning in all parts of our lives. It is broader than competition but can include competitive aspects. The 4-H recognition framework includes opportunities for recognition based on participation, progress towards goals, standards of excellence, peer competition and cooperation. This framework acknowledges young people for their continuing development of life skills, as well as project accomplishments. It rewards volunteers for providing effective leadership in the area of positive youth development.

## Awards for Kalamazoo County 4-H Members

Name and Description	Application	Selected By	Number Awarded Annually	Timeline
<b>County Medals</b> County Medals are presented to members in listed areas. Must have one year in project and be currently enrolled. Members are limited to two medals per year each. May receive each medal once in each age group (8-11) and (12-19).	Member Record Book	Leaders Council Award Committee	1 in each project category per age group	Due 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of October
<b>Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau Awards</b> Awards are based upon the member's quality of work, completeness of records, exhibits and achievement. Must have 3 years of 4-H experience including current year. Applicants must be at least 12 years old and are encouraged to apply in multiple project areas. They may be awarded up to two per year and may only win once in each category.	Member Record Book	Leaders Council Award Committee	One in each project category	Due 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of October
<b><i>I DARE YOU</i> Award</b> A book, certificate and gift presented to members age 15 or older who have demonstrated outstanding service to and express concern for others.	Member Record Book	Leaders Council Award Committee	2	Due 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of October
<b>Key Club Award</b> Awarded to ½ of 1% of the previous year's county enrollment. Members must be 15 years of age or older. <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/files/Application.pdf">https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/files/Application.pdf</a>	Member Record Book + application	Leaders Council Award Committee	2	Due 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of October

## Education Scholarships for Kalamazoo County 4-H Members

Name and Description	Application	Selected By	Number Awarded Annually	Timeline
<b>Kalamazoo County Education Scholarship - Underclassmen</b> \$500 scholarship toward further educational opportunities (college, trade school, etc.). Applicants are high school seniors.	Member Record Book + application	Leaders Council Executive & Awards Committees	Up to 3	Applications are due March 1
<b>Kalamazoo County Education Scholarship - Upperclassmen</b> \$500 scholarship toward further educational opportunities (college, trade school, etc.) Applicants must have completed their first year of education after high school.	Member Record Book + application	Leaders Council Executive & Awards Committees	Up to 3	Applications are due March 1
<b>Ralph &amp; Betty Kirch Teen Leadership Development Award</b> \$50.00 scholarships will be awarded for youth 12-19 years old to attend leadership trainings, workshops, camps and conferences (Ex. – Exploration Days, Capitol Experience, etc.) <a href="#">Kirch Endowment Scholarship Application.pdf</a>	Application, short essay	Kalamazoo County 4-H staff	10	Varies depending on the registration and payment due dates. Must be requested 30 days prior to final payment due date.
<b>Capitol Experience Scholarship</b> Scholarship to help offset the cost to attend this annual program which helps youth prepare for an active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy. <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/">https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/</a>		Leaders Council Award Committee	Varies	Annually
<b>Exploration Days Scholarship</b> Scholarship toward the cost to attend Exploration Days. Youth must be 11-19 years of age to attend.	Automatically applied with event registration		Up to 40	Automatically applied with event registration

## State Awards

Name and Description	Application	Selected By	Number Awarded Annually	When Presented
<b>State 4-H Awards</b> Individuals and clubs compete for outstanding achievement awards in project areas.	Michigan 4-H web site	State 4-H Awards Committee	1 per category	During Exploration Days
<b>Mark of Excellence</b> Essay contest for 12-13-year-old 4-H members.		4-H Staff	2 per county	During Exploration Days
<b>MSU Pre-College Scholarship</b> Students in 8th, 9th or 10th grade following their MSU pre-college program involvement.	Michigan 4-H web site	MSU	varies	Freshman year at MSU
<b>4-H Scholarships at MSU</b> Awarded to 4-H members demonstrating achievement in 4-H, leadership, citizenship and scholastics.	Michigan 4-H web site	State Staff	varies	Before school starts in the fall

## Awards for Kalamazoo County 4-H Volunteers

Name & Description	Application	Selected by	Number Awarded Annually
<b>Alumni Recognition</b> Honor given to a former 4-H member who is now an approved 4-H volunteer in Kalamazoo County.	Application	Leaders Council Award Committee	Varies
<b>Leader Merit Award</b> This award is presented to 4-H leaders who have done an outstanding job in the county 4-H program.	Application	Leaders Council Award Committee	Varies
<b>Friend of 4-H Award</b> This award is presented to individuals, civic groups or businesses who have supported the Kalamazoo 4-H program.	Application	Leaders Council Award Committee	Varies

## Scholarships for Kalamazoo County 4-H Volunteers

<b>Education Workshop Scholarship</b> Scholarships to offset the cost for volunteers to attend 4-H sponsored education events are awarded on an individual basis. Request for event expenditures must be approved by Leaders Council before the event.
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