AWARD APPLICATION CRITERIA AND TIPS

- Applications may be typed or handwritten. Please use Times New Roman 12pt Black Font.
- You may use additional sheets of paper if necessary, use 8 ½ " x 11" size paper
- You must answer all the questions in complete sentences. Do not leave anything blank. If you do not have experiences to discuss in a section, please state this.
- Applicants must complete a "PROJECT PIN APPLICATION" for **EACH** project area. When prompted, please focus on only the project area for which you are applying when answering questions.
- Do not change the format of the application.
- Applications must have required signatures before submitting. (Member, Parent/Guardian, Administrative Leader)
- Do not put your name or other identifiers on any pages other than the application cover sheet
- Grammar, spelling and neatness will be taken into consideration during scoring.
- Application Answers MUST BE WRITTEN IN MEMBER'S OWN WORDS.
  - Assistance with printing or typing is allowed but the wording must be composed by the applicant.

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