

Activities:

Community Service Fashion Revue Judging

Animals & Plants:

Agriculture Aquaculture Beef Cats Dairy Dogs Gardening & Horticulture Goats Horse Poultry Rabbits Sheep Swine

Communication Arts:

Demonstrations Performing Arts Photography Public Speaking Visual Arts (Crafts)

4-H County Medals & Awards St. Joseph County

Consumer & Family Science:

Child Care & Development Clothing & Textiles Consumer & Family Science Consumer Education Family Life Home Environment

Environmental Stewardship:

Environmental Stewardship Earth, Water, Air Forestry Outdoor Education & Recreation Shooting Sports Three R's Wildlife & Fisheries

Health Life Styles:

Bicycle Food & Nutrition Health Lifestyles Safety

Personal Development:

Achievement Career Exploration Citizenship Hobbies & Collections Leadership Personal Development

Science & Technology:

Aerospace Biological Science Computer Technology Electricity Engines, Tractors & Field Equipment Entomology & Bees Industrial Arts Marine Science Physical Science Plant Science (Crops) Technology & Engineering Veterinary Science Weather Wood Science (woodworking)

4-H Enthusiast Award: A special award to honor 4-H members for their 4-H enthusiasm. Awarded to members who are 8 years old or older by January 1, 2024, and have just completed their **first year** of "regular" 4-H. Do you love 4-H and enjoy helping with your club's activities? Apply for the 4-H Enthusiast Award.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) (TBA June/July 2025): CWF is a unique citizenship education program utilizing the Nation's Capital as the classroom. Applicant must have an interest in government/citizenship and may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Number selected may vary each year and interviews may be scheduled. Your 4-H age needs to be 15 by January 1, 2025. 4-H Youth Council will pay for ¾ of the cost, leaving the applicant to pay **\$500.00** (total cost **\$2,000.00**). Applicants must complete the essay prompt for this award. Limit of two (2) winners per year.

4-H Mark of Excellence Award (June 18-20, 2025 - Exploration Days): 4-H Mark of Excellence Award is an award for 4-H youth between the ages of 10-11 by January 1, 2025. For the St. Joseph County Awards Form, complete an essay focusing on the theme of "4-H Beyond Ready..." All essays must be 200-500 words. Please do not include graphics or pictures in your essay. Two winners will be selected and will represent St. Joseph County at the state Awards Celebration during 4-H Exploration Days. <u>You MUST complete the application at the county level by January 24, 2025 to be eligible, regardless of the State Awards deadline.</u>

4-H Key Club Award: Any 4-H member 15 years old or older by January 1, 2024, is eligible. Members must have completed at least three years of club work, have taken at least two different 4-H projects, served and completed as a teen leader this year. Applicants must complete the essay prompt for this award. A 4-H member may only receive this award once during their 4-H career. Limit of two (2) winners per year.





To be filled out by the 4-H member.

Applications are due to the Extension Office by January 25, 2025.

Please neatly print all information (in ink or type). Also available online in a fillable form.

Name:		
Address:		
Phone: Name of Pa	arents/Guardians:	
4-H club(s):		
Completed application checklist:		
Page 2		
Page 3		
All pages / essays specific to the award I am a	applying for	
I have filled out my report and believe it to be corre	ct.	
4-H Member signature	Date	
Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Date	
4-H Leader	Date	

Please check all that you are applying for:

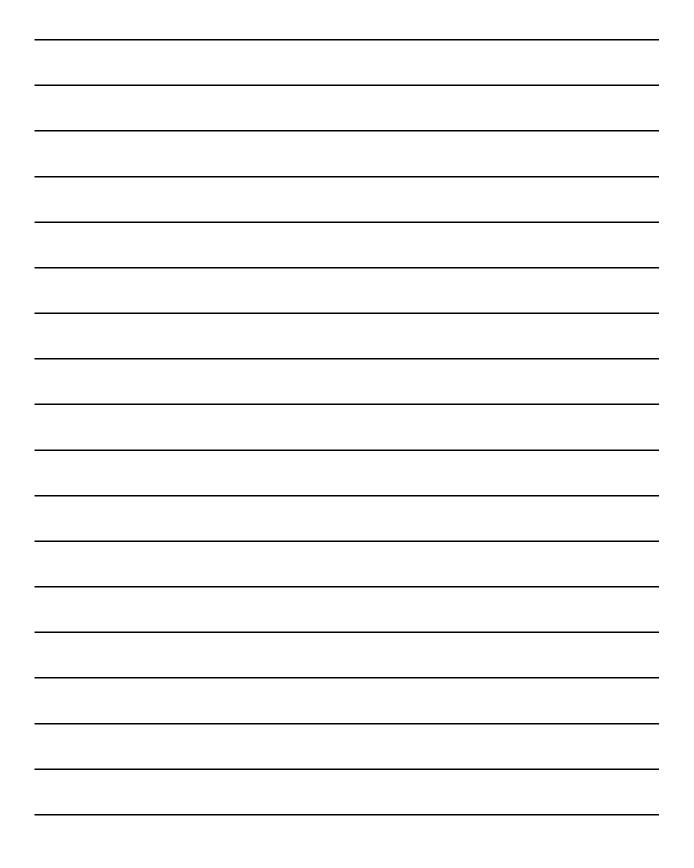
	4-H Enthusiast Award (9 years old & older)
	Citizenship Washington Focus (15 to 19 years old)
	Mark of Excellence Award (10 & 11 years old)
	Key Club Award (15 to 19 years old)
	County Award Medals (12-14 years old)
	County Award Medals (15 and older)
Date of Birth: _	4-H Age (as of January 1, 2024):
I have complete	ed calendar years of 4-H.
Name of 4-H Club(s):	

Please check all that you have attended and indicate the year(s) attended. (Call the MSU Extension Office for participation dates if unsure.)

 4-H Exploration Days	
 State 4-H Award Assembly	
 Kettunen Center Workshops	
 State 4-H Horse Show	
 State 4-H Rabbit Show	
 State 4-H Shooting Sports	
 Capital Experience	
 Great Lakes Natural Resource Camp	
 Citizenship Washington Focus	
 4-H Goat Show	
 Other	

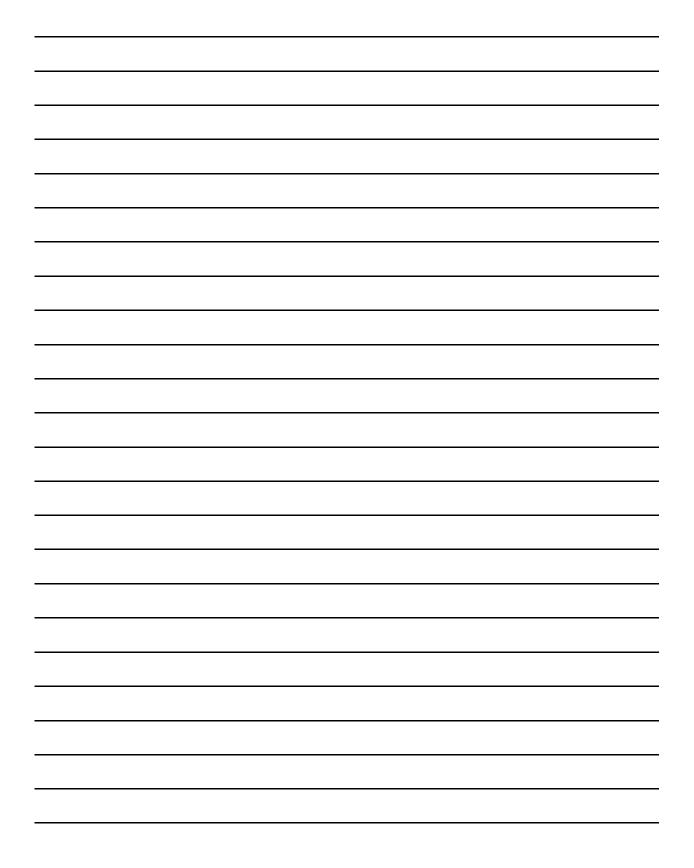
4-H Enthusiast Award

Prompt: On this paper, please write 3-4 sentences to tell us a little bit about your first year in 4-H and why you are excited for next year.



Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Prompt: In 500 words or less, use your own words to define Civic Engagement and why it is important to build skills in this area.



4-H Mark of Excellence Award

Prompt: In 500 words or less, write an essay focusing on the theme "4-H Beyond Ready..."

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4-H Key Club Award

Prompt: In 500 words or less, describe how your time in 4-H has helped you to develop life skills that will carry into other aspects of your life.

County Project Medal Awards Form

Project Area Applying For: Complete Sections A-E for the project a	area noted above.	
Section A: Project Activities		
Number of years in 4-H project:	Were you in the 4-H project in 2024?	In 2023?
List project related activities on local, c	county, state and national level.	
Section B: My 4-H County Medal Story Briefly explain what you have <u>learned o</u> for this award.	or how you have <u>benefited</u> from <u>this project a</u>	<u>rea</u> and why you applied

List your participation in church, school and other youth organizations.

Section D: 4-H Leadership:

List all 4-H leadership responsibilities you have accepted in your club, county and state programs. Summarize your experiences and indicate the level at which the events were conducted (i.e. club, county, or state).

Section E: 4-H Accomplishments (non-project related):

Write a brief summary of what you have accomplished outside this project area so far in your 4-H career. Include special community club activities/projects, community service, helping at the fair, fundraising, Exploration Days, trips, conferences, workshops, etc...
