

Wayne County 4-H High Achievement Award Application

The Wayne County 4-H Achievement Award honors exceptional project accomplishments, leadership skills, and outstanding character. Applicants are expected to showcase a comprehensive understanding of 4-H projects and active participation in various 4-H activities at club, county, state, and national levels. Additionally, applicants should demonstrate personal growth through goal-setting, decision-making, and responsibility—traits essential for a productive life. This application should include specific examples that reflect these qualities over time. Please note that this is the highest honor awarded at the county level.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a registered 4-H member for the 2023-2024 year.
- Ages 14 and up as of January 1, 2024.

Important Reminders

- **Read Instructions:** Carefully review all instructions before starting your application.
- **Your Story Matters:** This program recognizes your achievements. Be authentic and share your unique experiences.
- **Gather Resources:** Review your 4-H Record Books, past calendars, and any relevant documents to aid your application.
- **Be Factual and Concise:** Present your information clearly and organized.
- **Proofread:** Ensure correct grammar and spelling to represent yourself well.
- **Complete Applications Only:** Incomplete applications will not be considered. If no applicants meet the criteria, the committee reserves the right not to award the honor.

Application Instructions

1. **Complete All Sections:** Fill out all 8 sections thoroughly.
2. **Word Limits:** Adhere to the maximum word counts for each section.
3. **Recommendation Letter:** Ask a mentor (4-H leader, project leader, coach, teacher) for a letter of recommendation. This should be emailed directly by them to Ashleigh Apel at apelashl@msu.edu by the application deadline.
4. **Submission Deadline:** December 15, 2024. Late submissions will not be accepted. Applications can be emailed, mailed, or dropped off at MSU Extension, 33030 Van Born Rd, Wayne, MI, 48184.
5. **Consider State 4-H Awards:** Completing this application provides a strong foundation for applying for State 4-H Awards.

Applicant Information

- Name of 4-H Member: _____
- Name of Person Submitting Recommendation Letter: _____
- Email Address of Recommendation Provider: _____
- 4-H Club Name(s): _____
- Age of 4-H Member (as of January 1, 2024): _____
- Number of Years in 4-H: _____

My 4-H Story (Maximum of 1,500 words)

Craft a narrative that shares your 4-H journey, reflecting on your experiences. Address the following prompts to enrich your story:

- How did you get started in 4-H?
- What projects have you been involved in?
- What workshops and trainings have you attended?
- How have your projects grown since you began?
- What distinguishes your involvement from other members?
- What unique contributions have you made?
- What has your 4-H experience meant to you?
- How will your 4-H experiences shape your future?

Knowledge and Skills (200-500 words)

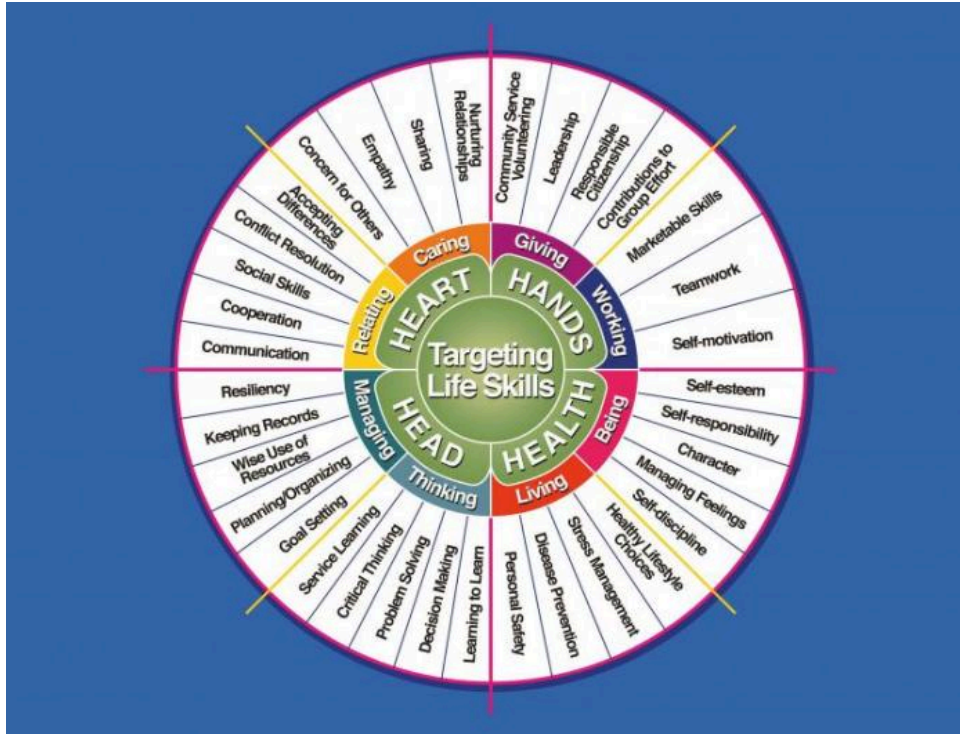
Identify up to four areas of content/project knowledge you have acquired through 4-H. Describe what you learned and the methods through which you gained this knowledge.

Use of Knowledge and Skills (200-500 words)

Explain how you have applied the knowledge gained in your 4-H projects. Discuss how you plan to use this knowledge in your future endeavors outside of 4-H.

Life Skills (200-500 words)

Select four life skills from the diagram below (one from each category: Head, Heart, Hands, Health) and describe how you have developed each through your 4-H involvement.



Use of Life Skills (200-500 words)

Choose one life skill from the previous section and detail how you have applied it in your 4-H projects. Discuss your plans to utilize this skill in your future.

Leadership Experiences (200-500 words)

Identify up to three leadership experiences within 4-H. Describe their significance to your personal development and growth.

Community Service/Citizenship Experiences (200-500 words)

Highlight up to three community service or citizenship experiences in 4-H. Explain their importance to you and their impact on your community.

Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and reflects my accomplishments and experiences as a 4-H member.

Signature of 4-H Member: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your commitment to 4-H! We look forward to reviewing your application and celebrating your achievements.