

JACKSON COUNTY 4-H **2008-2009 AWARDS PACKET**

Jackson County 4-H Members and Leaders:

It is never too early to start thinking about the end of the 4-H year and awards. These awards are given based on September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2009 project and Club work in 4-H. Only members in good standing (*see 4-H Clover page 8 for description*) are eligible to apply. Please read the narratives regarding each award carefully. Please feel free to make as many copies of these forms as needed. All award applications and supplemental information should be submitted in a folder. 4-H Folders are available at the 4-H Office for \$2.50. All applications and nominations are due to the Blue Springs 4-H Office by: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009.**

STATE 4-H MEMBER AWARDS

KEY AWARD - The Key Award is the most prestigious award that a 4-H'er can receive. Only 1% of the county membership is eligible to receive this award. 4-H members who are between the ages of 14-18 of the current year are eligible to apply for this award. Completing all of the criteria for this award will take about 1-2 years to complete. Those interested should visit with their county youth specialist before they begin the process. There are four distinct sections to this award, Leadership, Community Service, Project Excellence and Personal Growth. Within each section there are different steps or levels which must be achieved. For example one of the sections is Leadership. Within the leadership section, youth are expected to serve as an officer of a club, serve as a committee chair, serve in a county leadership role and serve as a project leader. Please contact the 4-H office immediately if you are interested in applying for this award.

4-H MEMBER AWARDS

A complete award application should include the following items:

- One Award Entry Sheet
- One General Award Application
- Essay addressing the question that applies to each and every award you are applying for.
- Check 4-H Awards Packet to see if there is any additional information required.
- One folder to hold all of your general award application requirements.

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD - Must be a first year member (age 8 or older, but could have been a previous clover kid) who did an outstanding job in ALL 4-H project work. The first year member chosen for this award will receive an ambassadorial plaque. For this award applicants should complete the General Award Application, and write a one page supplemental essay addressing what you have accomplished in your first year in 4-H.

4-H MEMBER AWARDS CONT...

DO-IT-YOURSELF KID AWARD - Must be a member age 8 to 13. This member was ready and willing to complete all activities on their own without prompting for the current year. The member who is chosen for this award will receive a \$10.00 Gift Certificate at a Hobby Shop. For this award applicants should complete the General Award Application, and write a one page supplemental essay addressing what you have accomplished this year all by yourself.

"I DARE YOU AWARD" (DANFORTH AWARD) - Two 4-H members are eligible to receive this award each year. Applicants are considered in the areas of Character, personal integrity, and leadership potential. The winners of this award receive a copy of the book "*I Dare You*" written by William H. Danforth. For this award applicants should complete the General Award Application, and write a one page supplemental essay addressing how you demonstrate character, integrity and leadership.

MAKE YOUR BEST BETTER AWARD - MOST IMPROVED 4-H'ER - Applicants for this award should have shown increase of participation and growth in all qualities of 4-H with their Club, community and at home. The winner of this award will receive a "*To Make the Best Better*" Flashlight. For this award applicants should complete the General Award Application, and write a one page supplemental essay addressing why you believe you are this year's most improved 4-H'er.

COY CITIZENSHIP AWARD - There are 2 awards possible each year, 1 for ages 8-13 and 1 for ages 14-18. The winners of this award will receive \$30.00 for gas and food for a trip to Jefferson City our State Capitol, as well as receive a USA/ 4-H pin. A trip to our State Capital can provide you the opportunity to be able to meet with your congressmen and representatives. As well as see the home of the Governor. For this award applicants should complete the General Award Application, a one page essay and have a community leader complete the reference form. The one page supplemental essay, should address how you have been a caring citizen this past year.

GEORGE BERKEMEIER - OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBER AWARD - The member who has worked hard and feels that he/she is worthy of a George Berkemeier-Outstanding 4-H member Award should apply for this award. There will be three different awards given based on age (8-11, 12-14, and 15 & up). A member is eligible to receive this award three times, once in each age category. Award winners will receive a medallion. For this award applicants should complete the General Award Application, a one page essay and have a community leader complete the reference form. The one page supplemental essay, should address how you demonstrated that you are an outstanding 4-H'er this year.

GRADUATE AWARD - This award is for graduating 4-H members, those who have graduated from high school this past spring. The winner of this award will receive \$100.00 toward his/her continuing education and a Rosewood Pen Set. For this award applicants should complete the General Award Application, a Missouri Recognition Form, a one page essay and have a community leader complete the reference form. The one page supplemental essay, should address how 4-H has impacted your future goals and plans.

4-H MEMBER, LEADER OR PARENT AWARD

WARREN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE AWARD - The persons applying for this award will either be a 4-H member, age 13 or older, a 4-H leader, or parent of a 4-H'er. This person should be involved in youth activities, charity work, or other personal community projects. The winner of this award receives the book entitled "Leaves of Gold" as recommended by the Warren Family. For this award applicants should use the General Award Application, and write a one page supplemental essay addressing how you apply the 6 character qualities from Show-Me Character to your life and to help others.

4-H LEADER AWARDS **NOMINATION AWARDS**

NEW LEADER'S AWARD - For New Leader's serving Jackson County 4-H for 3 years or less
Nominators (any member, leader or parent) should write a short narrative, on application provided, describing how the nominee went beyond the call of duty for a club or county during the present year. The leader chosen for this award will receive a \$10 gift certificate to the 4-H Source Book.

LEADER'S AWARD - For Leader's serving Jackson County 4-H for 4 or more years
Nominators (any member, leader or parent) should write a short narrative, on application provided, describing how the nominee went beyond the call of duty for a club or county. The leader chosen for this award will receive a \$20 gift certificate and a "United we Grow" key ring.

SERVICE TO JACKSON COUNTY 4-H AWARDS **NOMINATION AWARDS**

4-H FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominators (any member, leader or parent) should write a short narrative, on application provided, describing how the nominee family has contributed more to their 4-H club or 4-H in general (whether it be through time or financial support). The 4-H Family of the Year Award most often goes to a family who has been involved in 4-H for some time. 4-H is a family program. Each club has deserving 4-H families. This award is an excellent way to commend the family and give them a well-deserved pat on the back. The 4-H Family of the Year receives a plaque.

FRIENDS OF 4-H AWARD

Nominated by any member, leader, or parent, nominees can include a person, a business, or group who has helped 4-H in a special way this year. A total of three winners will be chosen. Please use the application provided to describe the services, donations or special way the nominees have helped Jackson County 4-H. Three awards are available each year. The three winners each receive a plaque.

4-H CLUB AND CLUB LEADERSHIP AWARDS

CHARTER 4-H CLUB AWARD - Each club leader is eligible to fill out a Charter 4-H Club Scorecard, which is provided with the awards packet. This Charter 4-H Club Scorecard includes all activities your club could have participated in the past year. Please complete and return to the 4-H office. Please write any extra comments on the back of the form. Winner of this award will receive \$100.00 and a \$20.00 gift certificate to the 4-H Source Book.

CLUB PRESIDENT AWARD - Each club president interested in this award should complete and return a general officer application, which includes his/her accomplishments in office for the present year. The president who is chosen will receive a gavel.

CLUB VICE-PRESIDENT AWARD - Each club vice-president interested in this award should complete and return a general officer application. Vice-presidents should be sure to include his/her accomplishments in office for the present year. The vice-president whose written report is chosen will receive a meeting pack set.

CLUB SECRETARY AWARD - Each club secretary interested in this award should complete and return a general officer application and submit their club secretary book. The club secretary book will be reviewed for completeness, neatness and context. The secretary who is chosen will receive a 4-H notepad.

CLUB TREASURER AWARD - Each club treasurer interested in this award should complete and return a general officer application and submit their club treasurer book. The club treasurer book will be reviewed for completeness, accuracy and neatness. The winner will receive a 4-H Calculator.

CLUB REPORTER AWARD - Each club reporter that is interested in this award should complete and return a general officer application. They should also attach copies or clippings of reports that have been submitted and printed in the 4-H newsletter, or a local newspaper. The winner receives a Mini-Folder.

CLUB HISTORIAN AWARD - Each club historian who is interested in this award should complete and return a general officer application. They will also need to submit their Club Scrapbook for the current year. The scrapbook will be evaluated on completeness, neatness and creativity. The historian whose is chosen will receive a 4-H photo album.

CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER AWARD - Each club photographer that is interested in this award should complete and return a general officer application. To that application they should attach at least 3 pages of photos that they have taken for the club over the past year. The winner receives a 4-H frame.

CLUB SONG AND GAME LEADER AWARD - Each club song and game leader interested in this award should complete and return the general officer application. The winning song and game will receive a 4-H kazoo or Frisbee.

OTHER AWARDS TO BE GIVEN

PROJECT COMPLETION CERTIFICATES - Completion of the Missouri Project Record signifies the completion of each project for the year. Along with completion of the Missouri Project Record for each project, youth are also asked to complete a project story for each project area. The project story should include project goals, interesting experiences that you have had this year in that project, why you chose that project, lessons learned for the year and any other information you would like to add. Please limit your story to one page per project area. Your Project record(s) and related story (ies) should be submitted in a separate folder from general and/or equine awards with the Project Completion entry form.

Missouri project record forms are available at the 4-H Office, in the back of your Clover, or you can find the forms online at the Missouri 4-H Website:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/get/resources/materials/Y620projectrecordFILL.pdf>

MISSOURI RECOGNITION FORM PINS - The Missouri Recognition Form provides youth the opportunity to learn more about record keeping, telling their 4-H story, goal setting and realistic self-assessment. Youth will also receive recognition for achievement of progress toward personal goals. There are three different levels of the Missouri Recognition Form, Level 1, 2 and 3. Please review the last page of this packet for more information on these awards.

CLUB OFFICERS - All 4-H club officers are eligible to receive a Club Officer buttons (example: Club President), as long as they have maintained their member in good standing status.

COUNTY OFFICERS - All county officers are eligible to receive County Officer Pins as long as they have maintained their member in good standing status.

MEMBER YEAR RECOGNITION PINS - Members who have maintained a member in good standing status are eligible to receive their member year recognition pins. These pins will be given to club leaders at Achievement Night, to be passed out at a club meeting.

LEADER YEARS OF DEDICATION PINS - Leaders whose names are submitted by their club organizational leaders will receive years of dedication pins and a certificate at Achievement Night.

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LEVEL 1 – FOR MEMBERS AGES 8 - 10:

Complete Form **Y2000**, *The Missouri 4-H Recognition Worksheet*. These forms are a great start to learn about record keeping, and goal setting.

LEVEL 2 – FOR MEMBERS AGES 11 – 13:

Complete Form **Y2100**, *Missouri 4-H Recognition Form Level 2*. The form contents are similar to that of the high school level form used for state wide competition, and will help all members make a smoother transition. This form helps youth learn about progress towards personal goals and begin to learn about self-assessment.

LEVEL 3 – FOR MEMBERS AGES 14 - 18:

Complete Form **Y2200**, *Missouri 4-H Report Form Level 3*. This form prepares youth for completion of applications, completion of a resume and continues to help youth learn about record keeping, goal setting and self-assessment. This form is used for selecting Missouri State 4-H Award Winners who represent Missouri at National 4-H Congress. Also, National 4-H Conference delegates submit these forms.

**Please insert your *paperwork* in some type of folder to protect it.
4-H Folders are available at the 4-H Office for \$2.50**

Forms are available in the 4-H Office or you can find the forms online at the Missouri 4-H Website: <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/get/recognition/awards/personalgoals.htm>
All forms are listed under Recognition.

Forms will be judged by age group. Forms will be reviewed for completeness, neatness, content, growth, progress toward project goals, and lessons learned. Awards will be given as follows:

First Place: Gold Medal
Second Place: Silver Medal
Third Place: Bronze Medal

- There will be no ties; multiple medals will be given out in the case of a tie.
- Each 4-H Member turning in a recognition form will receive a 4-H Clover pin and will be recognized at our annual Achievement Night, along with the winners.
- The winners in the 14 + age group will have the choice in competing regionally, with the possibility of advancing to the state competition and National 4-H Congress.