

## MARION COUNTY AWARDS PROGRAM

The awards and incentives program in 4-H as a whole and in Marion County has a variety of purposes and goals.

- Recognize achievement by individual members for overall 4-H work and personal development.
- Provide incentives for further participation and goal setting.
- Create public awareness of the 4-H Youth Programs.
- Encourage development of sound personal and financial record keeping skills.
- Serve as tangible milestones in a personal goal setting and the goal achievement process.
- Recognize top members, where appropriate, in specific and competitive events.

All of the award categories and programs in Marion County award “package” are designed to satisfy several of these purposes. No one award can cover them all. It is the goal of the 4-H Council and award committee to develop and maintain a healthy mix of award and recognition categories that has room in which any 4-H member can, if they choose, excel and have their accomplishments acknowledged. Of course, no single award type or award category is best for everyone.

All county awards are available to 4-H members who are at least eight years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the 4-H program year and have not passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthdays as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.



DUE: October 1<sup>st</sup> – All award forms and award nominations. Project record forms, with a story and 2 pages of pictures and/or Missouri Recognition Forms are due to the Extension Office.

### Questions:

- **Does everyone that turns in an Achievement Summary get an award?**  
Yes, participation recognition at least. 4-H members that take the initiative to complete a Summary deserve some form of recognition.
- **How are State Award Winners nominated or selected?**  
Members that have submitted the top Achievement Summaries and are 14 or older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> will be given the opportunity to revise their form for submission to the State Level, due in early November. It is the member’s option to fill out the State version INSTEAD of the County Achievement if they wish.

### County recognition disks for top Achievement Summaries in each project:

County recognition disks will be presented to members submitting the top Project Record or Missouri Recognition Form in each project area if they are determined to be deserving by the judging committee. There are generally up to four disks available in each project category per year. A member must indicate which of their projects they wish to have considered for the top Achievement Summary at the time the record is submitted. In addition to the enrolled project areas, recognition is also available in the Leadership, Citizenship and over-all Achievement categories. A member does NOT have to complete a different form for each of these award areas.

The reviewing committee will evaluate each record on its content. In addition, comments pertaining to format, penmanship and other items will be solicited.

Those members submitting an Achievement Summary may receive a county award disk if they show strength and growth in the project area. Those submitting an Achievement Summary which shows overall strength, based upon the state scoring system, are eligible to receive a county

### Plaque for Top Missouri 4-H Recognition Form in each area:

In recognition of top achievement by a member in a specific 4-H project, in overall 4-H work and the community as a whole, an award plaque may be presented to the member submitting the top Project Record or Missouri Recognition Form in a project area.

Each member can win a plaque only twice in each project area. A Special Medal is presented to any top members submitting a Project Record or Missouri Recognition Form who have previously won plaque two times in that project area. These individuals also are nominated to have their Recognition Forms considered on the state level.

### First Year Achievement Award:

The intent is to recognize outstanding effort and accomplishments by a first year 4-H member. Clubs may select or nominate one of their first year members to be considered for this award.

### "I Dare You" Award:

This award goes to a high school aged 4-H member that demonstrates strong personal character and is dedicated to setting and striving for high personal goals.

- This award is based upon the Project Record or Missouri Recognition Form
- Applicants can have initially submitted their report form in any area.

Up to two "I Dare You" Awards are available each year. Recipients will receive a book, written by William Danforth, and a certificate.

### Outstanding Boy and Girl Award:

The Outstanding Boy and Outstanding Girl Awards are sponsored by Farm Credit Services of Hannibal. Each individual is selected based upon his or her top scoring Project Record or Missouri Recognition Form. A member may receive this award only one time. Both recipients receive \$50 Savings Bond.

## OTHER COUNTY AWARDS

### Dennison Award:

The Dennison is given in the name and remembrance of James A. Dennison, long time community leader. It is designed to give recognition to outstanding 4-H'ers each year in the following categories.

Boy 14 and over

Girl 14 and over

Boy 13 and under

Girl 13 and under

This selection is based upon the specific Dennison Award Form-not on a Report Form. Applications for these awards are due in the fall at the same time as the Report Forms. Each club may select one nominee per age/gender group. Selection criteria might include activity in club and county events, quality and depth of project work, acceptance and performance in leadership roles within the club. Nominations might be obtained via project leader nominations, nominations by members or other procedures. A 4-H'er may win the Dennison Award one time only in their 4-H career. The recipients receive a personal plaque and their name engraved on a plaque in the Extension Office.

### Missouri Key Award

(For complete information and details ask for 4-H publication Y2300 and for "Key Award Frequently Asked Questions")

#### **To Encourage**

A quality educational program for ALL members.

A SAFE environment where ALL youth feel like they BELONG.

An environment where youth have opportunities to connect with CARING ADULTS.

An environment where youth are actively ENGAGED in EXPLORING and LEARNING about their INTERESTS.

Opportunities for youth to strive for MASTERY in subject matter of INTEREST.

Opportunities for youth to set goals and be actively involved in the planning, implementing and evaluating the group's program.

Opportunities to EXPERIENCE and VALUE SERVICE to others and community.

A VIBRANT environment where youth WANT to participate.

#### **To Provide**

Recognition for **4-H Youth** reaching Missouri 4-H Standards of Excellence.

#### **Eligibility**

Requirements for eligibility for the Missouri 4-H Key Award are:

- To be 14 to 18 years old (as of January 1)
- To have been a 4-H member for at least one year
- To have worked with an adult mentor

#### **Application Process**

- Meet the age requirement of 14 to 18 years old on January 1 of the current year.
- Visit with your 4-H Youth Development Specialist or 4-H Program Assistant early in the 4-H year, to make plans for the coming year.
- Select an adult mentor who will support your work and help document your efforts.
- When you and your mentor agree that you have completed at least one section (e.g. Leadership), fill out Section A of the Missouri 4-H Key Award Application. Submit this Section A and your documentation to your local extension office by the locally established date. You will do the same for each section as they are completed.
- Members will receive a medallion upon completion of each of the sections: Leadership, Community Service, Project Excellence and Personal Growth.
- Upon completion of all four major criteria sections, the member will receive the Missouri 4-H Key Award and the mentor will receive a pin.

Friend of 4-H Award:

Each club is responsible for submitting a letter of nomination of an individual(s) or business(s) that has many years of outstanding contribution to 4-H in Marion County. Current or recent 4-H volunteers are not eligible for this award (see Distinguished Service Award). The winner(s) will be decided upon by a 4-H Council committee. The award will be presented at Recognition Night.

Distinguished Service Award:

Each club is invited to submit a letter of nomination of an individual(s) that has many years of outstanding contribution to 4-H in Marion County as a volunteer. Recipient(s) will be selected by the 4-H Council officers.

Fashion Revue Awards:

Award disks will be presented to the top five participants in each division (junior and senior). The top junior and top senior contestants also earn the right to represent Marion County at the State 4-H Fashion Revue in Columbia. Contestant must be enrolled in the 4-H Clothing project.

Fashion Selection Awards:

Certificate of participation will be presented at Recognition Night to 4-H'ers who received blue ribbons at Fashion Selection. The top junior and top senior may earn the right to represent Marion County at the State Fashion Selection contest in Columbia IF they are enrolled in Clothing Levels 7 or 12.

Public Speaking Awards:

Award disks will be presented at Recognition Night for the top two participants in each of the junior and senior divisions. The Public Speaking Contest is held during Achievement Day. The top junior and top senior contestants also earn the right to represent Marion County at the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest held at Columbia in September.

Demonstration Awards:

Certificate to every participant. Award disks may be presented pending location of a sponsor. Demonstration competition is held at County Achievement Day.

Carl and Herb Drebes Memorial Award:

A plaque and cash award will be presented to an outstanding boy and girl livestock project member. The Marion County Junior Fairboard sets criteria and selection procedures. This award will be presented during the Marion County Junior Fair.

DUE: Mid-July

Leader Year Pins:

Leaders currently receive a certificate for 1<sup>st</sup> year plus pins for 5, 10, 15, 20 and so on years of leadership.

### Member Year Disks:

Members will receive a year disk for each year in which they have seen at least one project through to completion. A project is deemed complete if:

- a) The member has participated in at least six hours of relevant project work.
- b) Has been actively involved in a sufficient number of club and project meetings and other requirements based upon 4-H Council and local club guidelines.
- c) Has completed a 4-H Project Record for at least one of their current year projects.

Years of involvement in Clover Kids or as an Associate member do not count toward a year disk determination.

### Clover Kids

Clover Kids will receive a special recognition memento for completion of Clover Kids projects for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year.