

# Understanding 4-H Member Recognition in Ohio

This section provides answers to some basic questions about the various levels of member recognition provided for project work, club work, leadership, citizenship, and community service.

## Level 1: Member Participation

*So, members can be recognized simply for being active in their project and club?*

Yes they can. Members who regularly attend club meetings, take part in club and project events, provide project demonstrations, community service and the like, typically receive a *4-H Certificate of Achievement*. Advisors can order copies of these certificates through the county Extension office. Member year pins are also available through the National 4-H Supply Catalog.

## Level 2: Achievement of Goals

*What incentives are there for members to complete the personal and group goals set for their 4-H projects?*

Members who complete their projects as planned can receive one of Ohio's *4-H Project Achievement Certificates*. These are awarded based upon the level of difficulty of the project (beginning, intermediate, advanced) as specified in the *Ohio 4-H Family Guide*. There is also a special certificate available if members plan and complete a self-determined project.

*How do members qualify for an Ohio 4-H Project Achievement Certificate?*

As outlined in the project review section of the project manual, members must take part in an evaluation. This may be done with a parent, adult helper, or project advisor; or at a time or location agreed upon by the club. This review is designed to assess member achievement of project goals rather than "how well" a project was completed. If all is satisfactory, the club advisor then orders the appropriate level *Project Achievement Certificate* from the county Extension office.

*Are there other types of achievement awards beyond completion of projects?*

Yes. Your county may offer a special award for active and cooperating 4-H members. This "honor member" award includes recognition of member involvement in leadership, citizenship, and community service activities. It also includes recognition of member participation in 4-H including club and community activities. Consideration for such an award may be done as part of a member's project review, or at a time agreed upon by the club. This may also be the time when a "final grade" is assigned to each member.

*When would members receive these types of achievement awards?*

Awards like these deserve special recognition. Typically, membership and project achievement type awards are presented at a special time agreed upon by the club.

## Level 3: Achievement of Standards

*How should members prepare themselves if they plan to take part in county-level judging?*

County-level judging assesses the "quality" of each individual's project performance. For example, a member who planned and completed four of seven project Interest Areas extremely well should receive a higher evaluation than a member who planned and completed seven of the seven areas poorly. Typically, grade level ribbons are awarded to reflect member achievements at this level.

Check with your county Extension office for specific items to bring to county-level judging. This should include the project manual with completed project planning section as well as a project exhibit. Exhibit items might include such things as a poster or something that you made or produced. You may even be asked to demonstrate a particular skill. This evidence guides the judge in assessing "how well" you completed what you planned.

## Level 4: Competing with Others

*How is this level different from the previous three levels?*

This level focuses on comparing individual performances. This means being assessed against standards of excellence while compared with the achievements of others. For example, completing five of seven project areas extremely well may not be enough. Additional evidence may be needed for consideration as "project winner" including mastery of project knowledge and skills, and significant accomplishments in citizenship, leadership, and community service. Maintaining project records is also an essential qualification for achievement at this level. Typically, trophies, rosettes, and state fair participant honors are awarded to "winners" at this level.

*Where does this level of recognition occur?*

This level of recognition is an extension of county-level judging. It usually takes place once all members have been interviewed for a particular project and grade ribbons have been assigned. It is also provided through the state and county fair, state and county contests, and other events. Additional opportunities for recognition at this level are provided through county, state, and national level award programs. This includes local, state, and national 4-H scholarships, events, and award trips. Refer to the following summary of awards and opportunities for details.

# 2009 Opportunities and Awards for Members

## 1. Participation in State Events

Activity	Sponsor	Description
<b>4-H Leadership Camp</b>	Nationwide Foundation Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.	Leadership and citizenship training at the state 4-H camp; 88 counties participating.
<b>Ohio 4-H Teen Conference</b>	Wendy's International Foundation Ohio 4-H Foundation Local county sponsors	This one-day event brings together Ohio's older 4-H youth in a spirit of celebration, exploration, and personal development; 88 counties participating.
<b>Shooting Education Camp</b>	4-H Shooting Sports Committee Annie Oakley Women's Shooting Association Federal Cartridge Company National Wild Turkey Federation Ohio Department of Natural Resources National Rifle Association Whitetails Unlimited Inc., WRC	Gun and bow safety education, marksmanship, and personal development for youth ages 12-18. Held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, OH.
<b>Shooting Education Weekend Camp</b>		Basic gun and bow safety education in a camping environment for youth ages 9-12. Held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, OH.
<b>Buckeye Leadership Workshop</b>	Local county sponsors and/or individual member	Learning experience for older youth and adult leaders focusing on recreation and leadership within a group setting.

## 2. Participation in National Event

<b>Citizenship-Washington Focus</b> <i>(15 years and older)</i>	Local county sponsors and/or individual member	Citizenship and leadership training at National 4-H Center, Washington, DC. Any 4-H member may participate.
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## 3. Opportunities and Awards for Individuals

<b>Ohio 4-H Ambassador***</b>	Wendy's International Foundation Ohio 4-H Foundation	Teens become eligible to be a state 4-H ambassador and serve as Ohio's 4-H youth spokespersons based on their documented accomplishments in 4-H, leadership, public speaking, and community service activities.
<b>Ohio 4-H Teen Council</b>	Jim and Marlene Helt Ohio 4-H Foundation	4-H teens ages 15 and older are selected based on leadership and service to the Ohio 4-H program to serve on the Ohio 4-H Teen Council, the youth advisory group that provides input in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Ohio 4-H programming.
<b>State Achievement Awards*</b>	Various sponsors	Includes a trip to National 4-H Congress. Areas include beef; CARTEENS; citizenship and community service; clothing and textiles; companion animals; dairy; dairy goats; environmental sciences; family life and child development; foods and nutrition; gardening and horticulture; health and safety; horse; leadership; meat goats; mechanical and engineering sciences; personal development; photography; poultry; rabbits; sheep; shooting sports; swine; and veterinary science. Recognition provided at state awards banquet and National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA.
<b>Local Government Award*</b>	Ohio Township Association	Two \$1,500 awards are available to any 4-H high school senior who has completed a local government-type activity with significant impact on the applicant's community, township, or county.

### 3. Opportunities and Awards for Individuals *(continued)*

Activity	Sponsor	Description
<b>Ohio Dairy Goat Conference*</b>	Ohio Dairy Goat Association	Four delegates selected to attend the Ohio dairy goat conference held in Columbus. Available to current dairy goat project participants.
<b>National 4-H Dairy Conference*</b>	COBA/Select Sires, Inc. Dairy Farmers of America	Four delegates selected to attend National 4-H dairy conference held in Madison, WI.
<b>State Jr. Fair Board*</b>	Ohio 4-H Foundation The Ohio State Fair	Two members (one male and one female) per year selected to serve on state junior fair board.
<b>Health and Safety Speaking Award</b>	Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.	Junior and senior members compete at public speaking events; top 4 winners receive special recognition and a possible trip to a national event.

### 4. Opportunities and Awards for Judging Teams

<b>National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest/ State Dairy Judging Team</b>	Various state sponsors	Trip to national 4-H dairy judging event in Madison, WI.
<b>National Livestock Judging Contest/ State Livestock Judging Team</b>	Various sponsors	Trip to national judging contest in Louisville, KY held in November.
<b>4-H National Engineering, Science and Leadership Event</b>	Ohio-Michigan Equipment Dealers Association, John Deere, and Lincoln Electric Co.	The top individual, age 14+, in the following state contests wins an expense paid trip to compete at the national event held each September in Lafayette, IN: bicycle, computer, electric, small engines, tractor, lawn tractor, aerospace (rockets), and welding. For details see <a href="http://www.4hengineering.osu.edu">www.4hengineering.osu.edu</a> .
<b>National Poultry Conference/State Poultry Judging Team/Avian Bowl Team/Chicken BBQ, Turkey BBQ &amp; Egg Demonstration Contests</b>	Ohio Poultry Association	Trip to Louisville, KY, to participate in 4-H poultry events.
<b>Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up/State 4-H Horse Bowl Team, Judging Team, Safety Speaking Contestants and Horse Demonstration</b>	State 4-H Horse Committee	Partial support to participate in 4-H horse bowl event in Louisville, KY.

### 5. College Scholarships

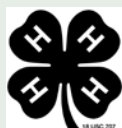
Ohio Scholarships	Number Available	Eligibility
<b>A.B. Graham Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship****</b>	1-\$2000	Applicant must be current 4-H member enrolled in 4-H programs for a minimum of three years. Priority is given but not limited to those students involved in innovative and nontraditional programs such as Adventure Central, Cleveland Youth Outdoors, and other 4-H programs that emphasize leadership. This scholarship can be renewed for a maximum of four years based on satisfactory progression toward a degree while maintaining a 2.5 GPA. Applicant must be incoming freshman at an accredited college, university, or technical school in Ohio. Preference will be given to students who attend The Ohio State University.
<b>All American Youth Horse Show Foundation 4-H Scholarship**</b>	1-\$1,500	Applicant must be a high school senior and current Ohio 4-H horse member planning to enroll in the fall at any accredited Ohio post-secondary institution in any course of study.
<b>(Mary E.) Border Ohio 4-H Scholarship**</b>	1-\$1,200	Applicant must be a high school senior and current member planning to enroll in the fall at any accredited Ohio post secondary institution in any course of study.

## 5. College Scholarships *(continued)*

Ohio Scholarships	Number Available	Eligibility
<b>(Bea) Cleveland 4-H Scholarship**</b>	1-\$1,000	To be awarded annually to a 4-H member who is a senior in high school during the year of application. Applicant must be planning to enroll as a freshman, autumn quarter in the College of Education and Human Ecology planning to major within the departments of Consumer Sciences, Human Development and Family Sciences, or Human Nutrition at The Ohio State University, Columbus Campus or any of its regional campuses.
<b>(Ashley Brittany) Calhoon 4-H Leadership Scholarship**</b>	1-\$500	Applicant must be 4-H member and senior in high school planning to enroll as a freshman in fall at The Ohio State University. Preference is given to applicants from Franklin County.
<b>Cunningham 4-H Leadership Award****</b>	2-\$1,000	\$1,000 awarded to two former 4-H members, currently attending The Ohio State University, recognizing achievements in the areas of 4-H, academics, and leadership.
<b>(Bob) Evans Farms 4-H Scholarship**</b>	1-\$1000	Applicant must be 4-H member, senior in high school during the year of application, planning to enroll autumn quarter in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University to pursue a degree in Natural Resources.
<b>Farm Credit Services of America Scholarship**</b>	1-\$2,000	Applicant must be a current or former Ohio 4-H member enrolled in Ohio as a college freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in good standing for the academic year the scholarship is received. Applicant also must be enrolled in the College of Agriculture at a four-year university with coursework emphasis in agribusiness or economics or enrolled in the College of Business Administration at a four-year university with coursework emphasis in agribusiness, finance, accounting, or economics. Scholarships are awarded based on academic record, leadership qualities, and community involvement.
<b>(William E.) Goos Memorial 4-H Scholarship**</b>	1-\$1000	Applicant must be a current 4-H member, senior in high school during the year of application, and planning to enroll autumn quarter at The Ohio State University main campus in any academic area. Preference is given to Butler, Preble, and Hamilton county residents. Recipient may reapply for scholarship after freshman year.
<b>Jonard Family 4-H Scholarship**</b>	1-\$1,000	Applicant must be present or former 4-H member, senior in high school and planning to enroll as a freshman in the fall at The Ohio State University in any course of study. Preference is given to Harrison, Jefferson and Delaware County applicants.
<b>(Charles and Gwyenna) Lifer 4-H Scholarship**</b>	1-\$1,000	Applicant must be a high school senior who is a current or former 4-H member and planning to enroll autumn quarter at The Ohio State University in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences with a major in the area of agriculture or natural resources. Secondary eligibility is given to seniors planning to attend the Agricultural Technical Institute located in Wooster, Ohio. Preference is given to applicants from Richland, Knox and Monroe Counties.
<b>(John T.) Mount Achievement Award****</b>	1-\$1,000	\$1,000 awarded to one former 4-H member attending The Ohio State University, recognizing achievements in the areas of leadership, scholarship, and service.
<b>(John L.) Ryant 4-H Scholarship**</b>	1-\$1,000	Awarded to an incoming freshman enrolled in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, preferably from Delaware County, who is a current or former 4-H member and who has demonstrated qualities of leadership.
<b>(Mabel) Sarbaugh 4-H Scholarship**</b>	1-\$1,000	Applicant must be a 4-H member, senior in high school during the year of application, and planning to enroll autumn quarter in the College of Education and Human Ecology planning to major within the departments of Consumer Sciences, Human Development and Family Sciences, or Human Nutrition as a freshman at The Ohio State University or any of its regional campuses.

## 5. College Scholarships (*continued*)

Ohio Scholarships	Number Available	Eligibility
<b>(Mr. &amp; Mrs. G. Deming) Seymour 4-H Scholarship**</b>	1-\$1,000	Applicant must be present or former 4-H member, senior in high school, and planning to enroll as a freshman in the fall at The Ohio State University, ATI, or any of its regional campuses in any academic area. Preference is given to Richland County applicants
<b>(Paul &amp; Ethel) Smith 4-H Scholarship**</b>	7-\$2,500	Seven \$2,500 scholarships are awarded. Applicants must be a present or former 4-H member, senior in high school, and planning to enroll as a freshman in the fall at The Ohio State University, ATI, or any of the regional campuses, in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, including the School of Natural Resources, to pursue an education in farming or agriculture.
<b>Vance Family Collegiate Scholarship****</b>	3-\$1,200	\$1,200 awarded to three current Ohio 4-H members and current seniors in high school; or a current or former Ohio 4-H member and a freshman, sophomore, or junior at OSU main campus or any regional OSU campus; who is also planning to attend or who is currently attending the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences or the College of Education and Human Ecology planning to major within the departments of Consumer Sciences, Human Development and Family Sciences, or Human Nutrition. Previous winners may re-apply.
<b>(Alga “Peg”) Weaver 4-H Scholarship**</b>	1-\$1,500	Applicant must be a 4-H member, senior in high school during the year of application, planning to enroll in the College of Education and Human Ecology planning to major within the departments of Consumer Sciences, Human Development and Family Sciences, or Human Nutrition. Recipient is awarded \$500 for three (3) consecutive quarters providing the recipient maintains a minimum GPA of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.



### Additional Scholarship Opportunities

Please visit <http://cfaes.osu.edu/scholarships> for a listing of scholarships available through the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University. Many scholarships are also available at the county level. Contact your local county Extension office for a list of county 4-H scholarships, their corresponding eligibility requirements, and the necessary application forms.



### 4-H Pledge

**I pledge my head to clearer thinking,  
my heart to greater loyalty,  
my hands to larger service, and  
my health to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.**

- \* Ohio 4-H Achievement Record to be completed and submitted to county OSU Extension office before January 30.
- \*\* Ohio 4-H Scholarship Application Sheet to be completed and submitted to county OSU Extension office before January 30.
- \*\*\* State 4-H Ambassador Application Form to be completed and submitted to county OSU Extension office before January 30.
- \*\*\*\* Special Scholarship Application Form to be completed and submitted to State 4-H Office by January 30.

## 6. International Opportunities

Open Your World! Enjoy and benefit from exposure to different cultures through the Ohio 4-H International Program. Ohio families host exchangees from around the world, and Ohio youth and adults travel abroad to live with host families and tour a variety of countries through our extensive international opportunities. We hope you can join us!

### Host Family

Welcome an international visitor into your home! Youth and adults come from a number of countries and stay with host families for periods of two weeks, one month, or one year. In 2009, we welcome visitors from Japan (between July 23 and August 18, or for one year beginning August 1), and as from Finland, Norway, and Australia (for one month in June-July).

- For interested Ohio families
- Submit applications as soon as possible, by February 28 for first-choice placements. Applications are accepted until all exchangees are placed, which is usually March for girls and May for boys. Please don't hesitate to inquire, regardless of date.

### Youth Travelers

#### New! Travel Scholarships for Overseas Homestay Programs

Ohio 4-H offers overseas travel scholarships from \$300 and more to all youth selected to travel on our one-month homestay programs to Japan, Australia, Finland, and Costa Rica. Further details available in November or December 2008.

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#### Application Due Dates and Selection Dates

Applications for all overseas homestay programs are due to the state 4-H office by January 20, 2009. Required selection interviews will be held in Columbus on either January 24, 25, 31, or February 1, 2009. ~ *Please hold all dates.*

#### Australian Homestay (May travel every year)

Host families live in rural areas near Melbourne. About 70% of the families are farmers hoping to host youth with interest in agriculture. A one-day to two-day trip to Sydney is included.

- For youth ages 16 to 19 (on travel date)
- When: June 17 to July 16, 2009
- Cost: Approximately \$5,500 per person (depends on airline cost)



#### Costa Rican Homestay (May travel every year)

A visit to the rain forest and a four-day camp with Costa Rican youth are included in this trip to the beautiful country of friendly people, laid-back culture, and spectacular nature.

- For youth ages 15 to 19 (on travel date)
- When: June 20 to July 18, 2009
- Cost: Approximately \$2,600 per person (depends on airline cost).

#### Finland Homestay (Travels every year)

Visit Finland, the land of the midnight sun, for one month to live with a Finnish host family. Enjoy day trips to Helsinki and Tallin, Estonia. Experience a new culture in Northern Europe!

- For youth ages 15-19 (on travel date)
- When: June 13 to July 14, 2009
- Cost: Approximately \$3,400 per person (depends on airline cost)

#### Japanese Homestay (Travels every "odd" year)

Travel to Japan to live with a Japanese host family for one month! Participate in "Labo Camp" and a variety of activities with your host family. You may request to be hosted by a particular Japanese family. (Optional Japanese language training is available from June 11 to July 8 for an additional \$1,100 plus weekday lunches.)

- For youth ages 12 to 19 (age 18 on January 1, 2009)
- When: July 8 to August 6, 2009
- Cost: Approximately \$3,850 per person (depends on airline cost)

### Promote International Understanding

- Invite a former Ohio traveler to your club to share what he or she learned while living in another country.
- Volunteer as an adult coordinator of international activities in your county. The International County Coordinator (ICC) position allows volunteers to work closely with youth and families in their own counties and to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow ICCs who share a passion for international exchange.

Every Ohio 4-H International Program requires completion of an International Exchange Traveler Application and/or Host Family Application. Be sure to submit completed applications to the state 4-H office by the date designated.



### Want to know more?

For additional information on 4-H international opportunities, please contact your county OSU Extension office or:

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