

SUGGESTIONS FOR COMPLETING YOUR "OLDER MEMBER AWARD APPLICATION"

(This sheet has all the instructions you'll need to complete your "Older Member Award Application."
Do not attach this sheet to your finished form.)

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4-H awards are based on evaluation of accomplishments and experiences in 4-H projects and activities. This award application form will help you present this information to others. The form allows for a concise statement of what you have accomplished during your total 4-H experience.

You will be evaluated on what you've learned, done, accomplished, and how much you've "grown." You'll need to pick out and combine things from throughout your 4-H years and your projects that best communicate what you've done and what the results and benefits have been. A new application is required each year, though you may build on information from past years. Good luck!

SECTION I: 4-H PROJECT OR ACTIVITY REPORTS

Your two most important 4-H projects or activities (other than leadership) may be described in this section. One page is available for each. Don't add pages. Consider writing about:

- Goals
- What you've learned or skills you've developed
- How the size and scope of the project or activity have grown
 - financial investment, savings, loss or gain
 - number of different techniques tried, things made, things grown
 - going in-depth into one specific thing
 - the intangible (appreciation of others, satisfactions, growth of others, etc.)
 - awards that indicate quality of work (be selective)
- Things you have done in this project or activity (demonstrations, tours, meetings, etc.)

SECTION II: 4-H LEADERSHIP

Leadership can mean taking responsibility for planning, arranging, conducting, and evaluating programs, projects, or activities. It can also mean serving a common cause by offering your particular skills and talents. It can mean being a role model to others. In Section II describe your 4-H leadership experiences that you have not already described as a part of Section I.

SECTION III: DISCUSSION QUESTION

Give some thought to this question and answer honestly. Give new information if you've answered this question on a previous application.

SECTION IV: CAREER AND EDUCATION GOALS

SECTION V: NON-4-H ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS SUMMARY

Start with your most recent year and summarize those things that you're involved in at school, church, community organizations, etc. Be selective so you don't exceed the given space. Use words that people outside of your community will understand. Indicate special responsibilities or importance, if it is not evident.

SECTION VI: OTHER 4-H ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED)

Start with your most recent year and list the other 4-H leadership, project, or activity involvements you have not written about yet. This should include county-wide 4-H activities you've participated in, plus other significant club activities (such as offices held, etc.). Say the most with fewest words. Indicate special responsibilities or importance, if it is not evident. Be selective so you don't exceed the given space.

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HOW TO WRITE AN AWARD APPLICATION THAT COMMUNICATES

1. The appearance, accuracy, thoroughness and grammatical correctness of your award application will reflect you. Let that reflection be a good one!
2. What you've accomplished is more important than the format you choose to tell it - paragraphs, phrases, outlines, tables, graphs, etc. Let your personal style and the amount and type of information you have to tell be your guide. Just tell what you want to tell in a concise, understandable manner.
3. What you write should be clear to someone not familiar with the activities. Pretend you're explaining them to someone who has never heard of 4-H before.
4. Make your information readable! Use a typewriter or word processor using 10 or 12 pt. font. Neat writing in dark ink is also acceptable.
5. Use words that say exactly what you mean or describe exactly what you did. Slang and words like "great" or "meaningful" don't help the reader understand what you actually did or accomplished.

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(To get a good perspective of all items called for on this form, read it through thoroughly before you begin to write. **IMPORTANT:** Report a specific activity (or thing you did) only once. Determine the most appropriate place on the form to report it.)

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ - _____ School Attending:

Your current grade in school: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Years in 4-H: _____
Mo. Day Year (Include this year)

4-H Club to Which You Belong: _____

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PROJECT LISTING

List projects in which you have been enrolled and indicate years and if presently enrolled.
 Do not exceed space allowed. Be selective if necessary.

	PROJECT:	UNITS:	NO. OF YEARS:	(✓) IF PRESENTLY ENROLLED
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SECTION I: 4-H PROJECT OR ACTIVITY REPORTS
(Knowledge, skills, size, scope, experiences, leadership)

Name of Project or Activity: _____

Leadership and/or Teaching Responsibilities You've Had in This Project or Activity:

(PLEASE BE CONCISE. DO NOT ADD PAGES.)

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SECTION II: 4-H LEADERSHIP

Describe your most significant 4-H leadership experience this year:

(for example: camp counselor, club officer, event organizer, fair Jr. Superintendent, etc. You could also focus on a Leadership training experience that was meaningful for you.)

What are your 4-H leadership goals?

SECTION III: DISCUSSION QUESTION

How do you feel your 4-H experiences have helped in your positive development as a young adult?

(PLEASE BE CONCISE. DO NOT ADD PAGES.)

SECTION IV: CAREER AND EDUCATION GOALS

SECTION V: NON-4-H ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS
(Specify the Year)

(PLEASE BE CONCISE. DO NOT ADD PAGES.)

SECTION VI: OTHER 4-H ACTIVITIES
(Specify the Year)

(PLEASE BE CONCISE. DO NOT ADD PAGES)