

# Grant County 4-H Member Opportunities

## Trip & Award Details



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**National 4-H Conference** - Washington D.C., March 20 - 25, 2010. Six youth are selected to attend this working conference held at the National 4-H Center. Each participant selects an issue (i.e., education, promotion, environment, violence) and works with other youth from across the country to develop plans that help direct future 4-H programming. Delegates spend the majority of time contributing to stimulating, task-oriented groups. One day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators and touring. Qualifications: Be in 10th-12th grade during the program. Maximum age 18 as of January 1, 2010. The total cost of the National 4-H Conference trip is approximately \$1,100. The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and Grant County 4-H Leaders Association sponsors a portion of the cost. The remaining amount is the responsibility of the delegate and his/her family.

**CO-OP Y.E.S. (Youth Educational Summit)** - Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives Conference at Wisconsin Rapids, WI, (Dates TBA). Participants will learn the purpose, operation and scope of cooperative business and economy in a fun and educational environment. Participants also explore career possibilities and meet youth leaders from across Wisconsin and Minnesota. Qualifications are 10th-12th grade 4-H members who have not previously attended this conference. Costs are minimal. Local sponsors are typically secured by the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives office.

**SWEL Trip** - Southwest Wisconsin Educational Leadership Trip - Crawford, Iowa, Grant, Lafayette and Richland counties will be hosting a trip in the summer of 2010 to Louisville, Kentucky. Youth will spend 3 nights and 4 days learning about area attractions. It is open to youth in grades 8-13. The cost of the trip is approximately \$525. The Grant County 4-H Leaders will sponsor a portion of this trip. Possible dates are July 26-29, 2010.

**Citizenship Washington Focus** - Citizenship Washington Focus is conducted by the National 4-H Foundation at the National 4-H Center, Washington D.C. for youth in grades 10-12 to supplement citizenship training provided by Extension. The week-long program is held in Washington D.C. Participants may select from four possible dates—June 19-27, June 26-Jul 4, July 10-18. Listening, learning, sharing, receiving, caring and touring are all part of the 6 day learning experience. Visits to Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites and memorials to Great Americans enhance the citizenship learning experience. Citizenship-Washington Focus costs are approximately \$1,100. The Grant County 4-H Junior Leaders Association and the 4-H Leaders Association will sponsor a portion of the cost.

**National 4-H Congress** - Atlanta, Georgia, November 26-30, 2010. Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and a service project, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country. Qualifications: be in 10th-12th grade at time of selection. Maximum age 18 as of January 1, 2010. The total cost of National 4-H Congress is approximately \$1,000. The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and Grant County Leaders Association sponsors a portion of the cost. The remaining amount is the responsibility of the delegate and his/her family.

**Key Award** - The Key Award is given to outstanding 4-H members each year in grades 9-12. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Rural Insurance Companies, Growmark Inc., and Midwest Livestock Producers sponsor this important leadership award. The purpose of the Key Award is to provide special recognition to 4-H members who have shown consistent growth in their 4-H program, who have developed the leadership ability, and who have been helpful members in their club and community. Each recipient will also receive a pin, key award certificate mounted in a frame, and disc for their 4-H award's plaque.

# Grant County 4-H Member Opportunities Overview



The Grant County 4-H Leaders Association is glad that you have decided to apply for opportunities through 4-H. The opportunities are as follows:

<p><b>National 4-H Conference</b>            March 20-25, 2010            open to grades 10-12            max. age 18, 1/1/10</p>	<p><b>Citizenship Washington Focus</b>  <i>open to grades 10-12</i>            Several dates June &amp; July 2010            6 day trips</p>
<p><b>CO-OP Y.E.S.</b>            Dates TBA  <i>(Youth Educational Summit)</i>  <i>open to grades 10-12</i></p>	<p><b>National 4-H Congress</b>            November 26-30, 2010  <i>open to grades 10-12</i>  <i>max. age 18, 1/1/10</i></p>
<p><b>SWEL Trip</b>            Tentative Date – July 26-29, 2010            open to grades 8-13            3 nights/4 days</p>	<p><b>Key Award</b>  <i>open to grades 9-12</i></p>

To be considered for these awards you'll need to do the following:

1. Turn in all necessary material to the Extension Office by October 9, including:
  - Your Cover Letter
  - The enclosed Grant County 4-H Member Opportunities Application Form
  - Your Grant County 4-H Member Opportunities Resume (See Application Information for format)
  - Two Leader Recommendations (These are enclosed and must be filled out by two different leaders.)
2. Participate in an interview with the Grant County 4-H Leaders Association Executive Committee

**It is important that:**

- Essay questions on applications should reflect the members growth and development from year-to-year.
- Plagerism or reuse of complete previous application may result in disqualification of member's application.



# Grant County 4-H Member Opportunities Application Information



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Your application involves the following four parts. All materials need to be to the Extension Office by October 9.

## Resume Format (100 points)

- A. **Cover Letter** (15 points) – Complete a Cover Letter containing information on what award(s) you are applying for, why you feel you deserve the award and what you can return to Grant County 4-H as a result of receiving the award.
- B. **4-H Resume** - \*Section 1 and 2 are to be completed in list format.

**Section 1:** List your 4-H Leadership Roles (15 points)  
(Include club, county and state officer and committee roles.)

**Section 2:** List your Club, County, State & National 4-H Activities (15 points)  
(Include speaking contests, judging contests, camp, exchange programs, music events, demonstrations, etc.)

**\*The following questions are to be answered in essay format as part of your resume. (Section 3 to 8)**

**Section 3:** Select one 4-H project or activity you have been involved with and explain what knowledge and skills you gained, the size and scope of your experience, and the leadership you have gained. (10 points)

**Section 4:** Write about your most significant 4-H activity (other than those written about in section 3) and how they have helped you grow and develop as a person. (10 points)

**Section 5:** Explain what you have done to promote 4-H. (5 points)

**Section 6:** Discuss how you think 4-H in Grant County should be promoted and include how you would be involved in this promotion. (10 points)

**Section 7:** What improvements would you suggest to make Grant County 4-H better at the club and county level? (10 points)

**Section 8:** Discuss your most significant non-4-H activities and how they have helped you grow and develop as a person. (10 points)

- C. Grant County Member Opportunity Application Form
- D. Two Leader Recommendations

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## 4-H Leader Recommendation



A leader may fill out a form for a member in their project area or club, but not for their own child. This recommendation is due into the Extension Office by October 9. Please mail it to Cathy McPhail, UW-Extension, PO Box 31, Lancaster, WI 53813. Recommendations will not be returned to the 4-H member upon completion of the awards process.

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this 4-H member? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you read the 4-H member's completed Grant County 4-H Member Opportunity application?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes                  \_\_\_\_\_ No

Do you feel this member will do a good job of representing Grant County 4-H if selected as delegate on a 4-H trip or as a Key Award winner?    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes                  \_\_\_\_\_ No

In what capacity do you know this member? (*Check all that apply.*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Club Leader                                  \_\_\_\_\_ Club Assistant Leader  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Project Leader                              \_\_\_\_\_ Out of State Exchange Advisor  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Leader Advisor                      \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Rate the Member:</i>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
<b>Involvement in 4-H</b>					
<b>Works to the best of their ability</b>					
<b>Dependability</b>					
<b>Cooperation</b>					
<b>Leadership Skills</b>					

Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please use this space to include any additional information (family situation, disabilities, opportunities, struggles, the member's effort in 4-H, etc.) that you feel is important for the selection committee to know.**

Please note: You may share this completed form with the member before returning it to the UWEX Office. This form will not be returned to the member upon completion of the Awards process.