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Dear Award Applicant,

We're glad you've expressed an interest in the award application process. This is a challenging process that gives you an opportunity to compete for the Tri-County Trip, Citizenship Washington Focus Trip, the Key Award, a trip to the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference in Madison, National 4-H Congress, CO-OP YES, and National 4-H Conference. The trips are an excellent chance to meet with 4-H members from around Wisconsin, and in the case of the Washington Focus Trip, National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference, a chance to meet other 4-H members from around the country. The Key Award is an honor given to members who have shown consistent growth in 4-H, who have developed strong leadership skills and who have been helpful to their club and community.

All the materials you need are enclosed or you can obtain them by following the links at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/grant/4hyouth>. **The deadline for all applications is October 13, 2006.**

The Key Award, the Citizenship Washington Focus Trip, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference and the Tri-County Trip all require an interview with the 4-H Leaders Executive Committee sometime in November. The date for these interviews will be announced later. Watch the ECHO for a specific date and time. Applicants will be contacted as to the time of their interviews. Key Award applicants who are away at school may interview via a telephone conference. ***There will be an orientation meeting for the trips that you will be required to attend; for more information contact the Extension Office.***

In November, applicants to the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference will be required to interview with two adult leaders and one youth leader. Letters will be sent listing specific times.

Good luck with the process and we hope you find it rewarding. If you have questions, please call.

Sincerely,

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