



GREEN LAKE COUNTY 4-H *Older Youth Awards Procedure*

PROCEDURE

I. FORMS REQUIRED

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- One Letter of Reference
(Completed by Club Leader or someone other than parent)
- Trip Preference Sheet
- 4-H Record Book (Make sure photograph is inside)

II. APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Application materials are DUE January 9, 2007. **If applications are received by January 2, 2007, youth will receive additional points in the trip/award scoring process.**

III. INTERVIEW

Members are required to interview for awards on January 22, 2007. If the member is unable to attend the interview, he/she will forfeit their opportunity for the trip or awards. Although unlikely, you may contact the UWEX Office at 920-294-4032 by January 9, 2007 to see if alternate interviews can be arranged.

IV. JUDGES

- A panel of judges will review cover letters and resumes, interview candidates, and make the final selection. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.**

V. DELEGATE REQUIREMENTS

- If YOU are selected as a delegate or award recipient, you will be required to complete the following requirements:
 - Pay your award trip bill (20% of total cost) by April 2007.
 - Plan and manage dunk tank fundraiser at the Green Lake County Fair.
 - Report about your trip experience to the Green Lake County 4-H Leader's Association.
 - Send a thank you note to the Green Lake County 4-H Leader's Association for their 80% sponsorship of your trip.



GREEN LAKE COUNTY 4-H Awards

WI State 4-H and Youth Conference

A four-day event held on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. Members must be in grades 8 - 10 as of January 1, 2007. Up to 5 members from Green Lake County will be selected to attend State 4-H Congress June 18-21, 2007. Delegates participate in a variety of workshops and tours in the Madison area. Delegates are expected to use their 4-H Congress experience in their local club and on a county level. Delegates stay in supervised dormitories on campus. The registration fee is \$200 plus extra fees determined by the sessions participants choose; the Green Lake County 4-H Leaders Association will pay 80% of the cost of the trip and members pay the remainder.

Citizenship-Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, grades 10-12 as of January 1, 2007, from across the country. Every summer thousands of young people stay at the National 4-H Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., to participate in this week-long program. Two delegates from Green Lake County participate in workshops at the National 4-H Center; visit with U.S. Congressmen and Senators, and tour significant sites in the Washington D.C. area. Total cost is approximately \$975, which includes transportation, meals and lodging. The Green Lake Co. 4-H Leaders Association will pay 80% of the cost, and members pay the remainder. If selected for the Citizenship-Washington D.C. Focus Trip, you will have a choice of four different weeks in June or July to attend the trip.

American Spirit Leadership Trip

This 9-day trip introduces 4-H members in grades 7-9 as of January 1, 2007 to citizenship and leadership. Participants increase their understanding of American history, independence and American heritage from June 21-29, 2007. Delegates will study and visit Philadelphia, Boston, Niagara Falls, New York, and more. Three members will be selected to represent Green Lake County: Total cost is approximately \$800. The Green Lake County 4-H Leaders Association will pay 80% of the cost of the trip and members pay the remainder.

Key Award

The Key Award is the most prestigious award that a 4-H member can receive. The award is based on member's total 4-H record, projects, leadership, and activity involvement. Up to two members can be selected; winners are announced at the 4-H Award presentations in October. This award is sponsored by Farm Bureau and Rural Insurance Company.

National 4-H Congress-Atlanta, Georgia

The 2007 National 4-H Congress will be held in Atlanta, Georgia November 23-27, 2007. Members who are in grades 10-12 by January 1, 2007, and maximum age for attendance is 18 as of January 1 of the year of travel. National 4-H Congress focuses on leadership, careers, and community service. The cost of the National 4-H Congress will be approximately \$925.00. The Green Lake Co. 4-H Leaders Association will pay 80% of the trip cost and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will provide financial support.

National 4-H Conference: Washington DC, March 2008

This is not a guaranteed trip if you are selected as the county representative as only six youth are selected from the state to attend. Member may apply for the 2008 National 4-H Conference to be held in Washington D.C. April of 2008. This trip is for members in grades 10-12 and no older than 18 as of Jan. 1, 2007. If you are selected to represent Green Lake County, you will need to complete a two-page application and submit it to the state by December 2007. The state 4-H program selects the top seven candidates to represent the state at the conference. This special opportunity allows you to join 300 other youth in forming plans and recommending changes for the 4-H program. Your recommendations will be sent to all states, national Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs.

SIX WAYS OF IDENTIFYING IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED ON YOUR RESUME

1. How can you show how much you've grown since your first year in 4-H in terms of knowledge, complexity or difficulty, time and/or money, worth or value, responsibility, leadership, maturity, judgment or decision making, service to others, relationships with others, recognition, etc.?
2. How can you most clearly and concisely express this growth to someone who knows little about you or the activities you've been involved in? Remember that the people who read your form will be from other counties and may not be familiar with 4-H. Will they understand your terminology or the significance of places or events? If not, how can you concisely explain this?
3. Can you express what you've done effectively in numbers or can it be done better with words? Does this vary from part to part?
4. How can you convey the most information to the reader while still keeping your resume easy to read? When should you use paragraphs, phrases, outlines, lists, tables, graphs, etc.?
5. Some information may fit in several places. How can you minimize repetition so you can include as much different information as possible? Are there some places where you feel it is appropriate to do some repeating?
6. How can you best use the sections of the resume to complement each other? How should they be different? Where will be the best place to give lots of facts and figures? Where will be the best place to tell about how you feel about what you've done, difference it has made in you, your family, your community?