



## Types of Awards

### THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF AWARDS:

Project Awards, Special Awards and Adult Awards

#### PROJECT AWARDS

Project award areas are based on the current Project Areas and Definitions sheet used for enrollment (found in Appendix A). Any member between 4-H ages 11-14 (Junior) and 15-19 (Senior) who has completed at least two (2) years in the project area (this year plus one consecutive or non-consecutive year) is eligible to apply for a project award. He or she should have done an outstanding job in the project area this year and should have grown personally as a result of the effort put into the project.

#### SPECIAL AWARDS GIVEN AT THE COUNTY LEVEL:

Any Macomb County 4-H member between 4-H age 15-19, who meets the criteria listed below is eligible to apply.

**Achievement Award:** This award recognizes project accomplishments, leadership skills and outstanding character. Applicants should demonstrate a broad knowledge of 4-H projects and should have participated in a wide range of 4-H activities at the club, county, state and national levels. They should also demonstrate personal growth in setting goals, making decisions, accepting responsibility, and show other traits that establish the basis for a highly productive life. Applications should cite several examples that illustrate the above traits in a variety of settings, over a period of years.

**Citizenship Award:** This award recognizes involvement in community action and the acquisition of skills essential to being an effective citizen in a democracy. Applicants should demonstrate their knowledge of democratic principles, their respect for and responsiveness to the needs and rights of others, and their ability to participate effectively in the democratic process at the local, state, national, and/or global level. Applications should cite several examples that illustrate the above traits in a variety of settings, over a period of years.

**Leadership Award:** This award recognizes activities that have strengthened a 4-H club and/or the 4-H program. Applicants should demonstrate how their leadership has improved current programming, encouraged development and implementation of new programming, recruited new members and adult volunteers and encouraged others to also assume positions of leadership at the club and county level. Nominations should cite several examples that illustrate an outstanding contribution on the part of the nominee in a variety of settings, over a period of years.

**Individual Community Service Award:** This award is designed to recognize outstanding club members who have participated in a wide range of community service activities at the club, county, and state levels. Applicants should have taken a leadership role in coordinating at least one community service activity, completed a minimum of 20 hours of community service in the year in which they apply, and have completed a minimum of 2 years in 4-H.

**Clear the Hurdle Award:** This award recognizes individuals whose triumph over unusual or difficult circumstances have demonstrated their dedication to their 4-H club and activities.



**Sportsmanship Award:** This award recognizes individuals who are fair-minded, generous, and considerate in competitive situations and have been helpful to other county 4-H members and volunteers in club and countywide activities. In particular, they should be individuals who have been positive role models for younger 4-Hers. Nominations should cite several examples that illustrate outstanding behavior on the part of the nominee in a variety of settings, over a period of years.

**4-H Peer Mentor of the Year:** This award recognizes high school students who demonstrate leadership and positive role modeling to lower classmen in a 4-H peer mentoring program. Individuals nominated for this award must be a peer mentor at one of the 4-H peer mentoring sites in Macomb County and must have a good attendance record as well as have taken on a leadership role in the program.

### **Key Club Award:**

The Key Club Award is intended to be the top county 4-H honor. To be eligible, a 4-H member must:

- Be 15 years old by the beginning of the project year (September 1)
- Have completed three calendar years of club work as of January 1 of the current year
- Have completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas
- Have completed a teen leadership project
- Have participated in three regional or state 4-H events
- Be recommended by his or her 4-H leader

You can download the Key Club Award application here: <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/files/Application.pdf>

**Club Community Service Award:** This award recognizes a club's members and leaders for outstanding effort to improve their community and increase community awareness of 4-H. Applicants should describe what club members and leaders learned as they worked together toward a common goal. The community service performed must primarily benefit people who are outside of 4-H. All participants must be registered Macomb County 4-H members or registered Macomb County 4-H volunteers.

## **ADULT AWARDS**

### **4-H Volunteer of the Year**

This award recognizes Macomb County 4-H volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to a 4-H club or countywide 4-H activity. Volunteers are eligible to receive this award once every five years. All recipients will be recognized annually at the Macomb County 4-H Awards Banquet.

### **4-H Leader of the Year**

Any Macomb County 4-H adult volunteer is eligible for this award. Nominees must have two years or more as a leader. Nominees should have demonstrated that they have done an outstanding job as a 4-H leader. That could be demonstrated through building capacity in membership, expanding a club into new or innovative project areas, encouraging participation in 4-H events, programs and trainings outside of the club structure for 4-H members. Nominees should also be supportive of the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council, active in the Macomb County 4-H Club Leader Meets, or may have served on a countywide 4-H committee. Individuals are eligible for this award once every five years.



### 4-H Mentor of the Year

Any Macomb County 4-H adult volunteer mentor is eligible for this award. Nominees must have been an active mentor for the 4-H Youth Mentor Program for at least one year. Individuals may receive this award once every five years.

### 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award

Any Macomb County 4-H adult volunteer is eligible for this award. Nominees must have served 21 years or more as an active Macomb County 4-H volunteer. Nominees should have also served or participated in a county- or state-level program, training, event or workshop.

### Friend of 4-H

The Friend of 4-H Award recognizes individuals and organizations who are not 4-H members, but who have demonstrated a commitment to 4-H by making contributions to a Macomb County 4-H club or to the Macomb County 4-H program on a recurring basis. This contribution may consist of use of facilities, donation of materials or services, or direct financial support. Recipients for the year will be recognized annually at the Macomb County 4-H Awards Banquet.

## WHO MAKES NOMINATIONS

Macomb County 4-H club leaders, project leaders, volunteers and Macomb County MSU Extension staff review membership and make nominations as appropriate. Members also may request nomination.

## HOW TO NOMINATE

- Consider whether member is being nominated for project awards, special awards or both.
- Youth can be nominated in several project areas but will be selected in no more than four (4) areas.
- Youth should not be nominated in areas where they have received awards previously.
- Nominations are due to the county office by October 1.

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Macomb County 4-H Awards Committee will meet to make award selections in the fall. All nominees will be invited to attend an Award Recognition Program in November. Selected members will receive awards at that time. Please contact the 4-H office if you would like to be part of the selection committee.

## Forms of Recognition

Macomb County 4-H Awards winners will receive the following recognition:

Award division	Type of award
Project Award	Each applicant or nominee will receive a project pin and certificate. Project award winner will receive, in addition to the previously mentioned items, a trophy and a \$25 scholarship to be used toward any educational 4-H event, workshop or training. A total of four scholarships per 4-H member are allowed per awards event.
Special Awards	Each applicant or nominee will receive a pin and certificate. Special Award winner will receive in addition to the previously mentioned items, a trophy and a \$25 scholarship to be used toward any educational 4-H event, workshop or training. A total of four scholarships per 4-H member are allowed per awards event.
Adult Awards	Recipients will receive either a plaque or trophy.