



## Additional Awards in 4-H

*Congratulations!*

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*You're invited...*

*to progress to the next level and complete a State Awards application.*

### 4-H Mark of Excellence Award

If you are 11 or 12 years old, you could be the recipient of the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. To enter, write an essay using the theme, "Because of 4-H I can ...." Essays should be submitted to Macomb County MSU Extension by February 1. Counties will then select their representatives and submit names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. For more information and instructions, view the 2018 State Awards Overview and Instructions. Copies of past winning Mark of Excellence essays are on display at Kettunen Center.

### 4-H State Awards Program

A 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H youth. This program is for 4-H youth aged 13 and up. The 4-H State Awards Program is divided into three award categories: Junior State Award (13-15 years old, with at least three years of 4-H experience), Senior State Award (16-19 years old, with at least three years of 4-H experience), and Group Awards (13-19 year olds). All youth who meet these requirements are encouraged to apply. Youth in the individual Junior and Senior Award areas may compete in one of 18 different award areas showcasing their knowledge, skills and experiences in their chosen 4-H project area.

To apply, youth submit the State 4-H Awards application to [State4HAwards@anr.msu.edu](mailto:State4HAwards@anr.msu.edu) by February 1.

4-H State Award winners become a part of an elite group of 4-H youth who have demonstrated the highest level of excellence. While all State 4-H Award winners receive a plaque, seniors receive a \$200 cash award, while juniors receive a \$50 cash award.