



General Leader Information

4-H County Awards, Trips, & Recognitions

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4-H LEADER NOMINATED – An August Activity

Due no later than the 2nd Tuesday after Labor Day in September (or at September Leaders Association Meeting, usually 2nd Tuesday after Labor Day)

In August - Each 4-H GENERAL LEADER is asked to please NOMINATE at least one 4-H Club Member. Please nominate a 4-H member(s) that you have seen possess Achievement, Citizenship, and/or Leadership – through their skills, applied abilities, and growth. This could be demonstrated through their 4-H Projects, Community Service Involvement, and Youth Leadership Roles that they have taken on in the PAST YEAR (within their Club, County, State and Nation) and/or with various 4-H events, activities, and projects. It may be a great way to recognize some “Personal Growth” in these areas, that were possible because of their involvement and experiences in 4-H.

For County Considerations for 4-H Member Youth Development in the Areas of:

- *Achievement, Citizenship, and Leadership (Certificates, Pins, or Both)
- *Selection of Farm Bureau Outstanding Youth Awards (Agriculturally Related)
- *Selection of “I Dare You” Awards (Sponsored by OYC - Older Youth Council)

REQUIREMENTS for 4-H LEADER NOMINATIONS: An August Adult Leader Activity

- General Leader to complete the 4-H Leader Nomination Form
- General Leader to complete a paper Recommendation Letter for the specific 4-H Member being nominated (please note that the 4-H member will be able to view your letter).
- Your Nominated 4-H Member must be an Achieving Member during the Past year
- Your Nominated 4-H Member must have submitted a Youth Leadership Project
- Your Nominated 4-H Member must have submitted a Record book that has been reviewed by your Club and is up to a standard that represents the 4-H Member’s own work & efforts.
- Your Nominated 4-H Member must have completed 8th grade to be eligible.
- Award Interviews will take place on the last Wednesday in October at the Ext. Office.
- It is the **GENERAL LEADERS RESPONSIBILITY** to deliver all of the above items to the County Extension Office by the **DUE DATE** (NO later than the 2nd Tuesday after Labor Day or at September 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, usually 2nd Tuesday after Labor Day)

ALL ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DUE DATES FOR FULL CONSIDERATION.

AFTER REQUIRED ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED:

- Nomination Forms, Recommendation Letters, and Record Books (as well as Cover Letters & Resumes – if applicable) will be reviewed during the following weeks by various Awards & Recognition Committee Members
- 4-H Members will be contacted personally, by the ECC Extension Office to schedule a 10-15 minute preferred INTERVIEW time slot. Slots will be filled based on availability of open times.
- Youth are asked to dress and present themselves appropriately for the Interview
- The process is meant to be a “Positive Youth Development Experience”
- After the interviewing process and review of the 4-H Members submitted materials, the committee will consult together and make selections for County Awards, Trips & Recognitions
- Results of the Awards Committee will not be disclosed until the County 4-H Banquet
- 4-H Members are encouraged to write Thank You Notes after the Banquet - to show their appreciation for any special recognition and/or trips awarded

The mandatory 4-H Leader Nomination Form & 4-H Member Self Nomination Form can be found on the Eau Claire County 4-H Website. Please be sure to use the most revised edition (Form Revised 8/15).

Our O.Y.C. Older Youth Council will sponsor:

- A “Cover Letter and Resume Writing Clinic” planned for 4-H Members in August.
- An “Interview Workshop” is planned for 4-H Members in September
- This Youth Development program will be open to all 4-H members in 8th grade or above. In addition to this 4-H program, these Life Skills will be useful as 4-H Members apply for their first jobs, complete college applications, and scholarship forms.

Please note that every 4-H Club will be invited to have a representative on the 4-H Awards, Trips & Recognition Committee. To be involved - please have your 4-H Club Representative selected by September 4-H Adult Leaders & Parent’s Association Meeting. All Committee Members will be expected to follow the “Committee Guidelines of Service”. If a representative is unable to fulfill their duties during their term, it will remain vacant until the next year/term.

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For County Considerations for 4-H Member Trip Opportunities for Youth Development and Selection of County 4-H Key Award Recognitions. TRIP OPTIONS include (but not limited to): 4-H State Leadership Conference @ UW-Madison, American 4-H Spirit Trip, 4-H Interstate Exchange - Destination TBD (Outbound 1st summer & Hosting the next summer), CWF (Citizen Washington Focus) in Washington D.C., National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga., and National Conference in Washington D.C. Please note that the trips are to be applied for & attended in the order noted above.

REQUIREMENTS for 4-H MEMBER SELF NOMINATION: An August Member Activity

- 4-H Member to include a “Cover Letter and Personal Resume”
- 4-H Member to complete the 4-H Member Self Nomination Form
- 4-H Member has an Adult of their own choosing - complete a Recommendation Letter
- Self Nominated 4-H Member must be an Achieving Member the Past Year
- Self Nominated 4-H Member must have submitted a Youth Leadership Project the Past Year
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