

4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT AWARDS

WHAT IS ACHIEVEMENT?

As 4-H members progress in their 4-H experience, they cover many exciting project areas. Their expanded knowledge, increased enthusiasm, and active participation gained in 4-H have a progressively positive effect on their lives and the lives of others. A 4-H'er can achieve in many ways: through club activities and projects, individual projects, family projects, county/regional/state activities, community and school involvement.

Achievement is accomplished by becoming an active, responsible, concerned member of today's society. A 4-H achiever gets involved, tries new projects, participates fully and succeeds in learning, growing and passing skills and knowledge on to others.

TYPES OF AWARDS:

- **County Medals** can be awarded to a 4-Her who has worked in a project area for a minimum of 3 years and has achieved a level of mastery. In order to qualify for these awards members must have participated in Public Presentations, Produced in NYS, Junior Iron Chef or another pre-approved Public Speaking project/activity and worked at least 1 dairy bar shift this past year.
County medals can be received more than once in a subject area as long as the project records show advanced learning, involvement, and accomplishment for that area. A 4-Her can receive a medal in more than one project area in a year.
- **Special 4-H Achievement Awards** can be awarded to a 4-Her based on criteria listed in the award. In order to qualify for these awards members must have participated in Public Presentations, Produced in NYS, Junior Iron Chef or another pre-approved Public Speaking project/activity and worked at least 1 dairy bar shift this past year.
- **Award Trips** can be awarded to a 4-Her, based on age criteria, who has participated in Public Presentations, Produced in NYS, Junior Iron Chef or another pre-approved Public Speaking project/activity and worked at least 1 dairy bar shift this past year. In all cases the cost of the trip is shared by the participant (25%) and trips and awards fund (75%). In cases of financial need we will work with the award winner to seek additional financial support from local sponsors. Please note that Award trips are chaperoned by approved volunteers but not always Seneca County Staff.



WHO CAN MAKE AWARD NOMINATIONS?

- 4-H Members (self-nomination or peer nomination)
- 4-H Leaders/Volunteers
- 4-H Parents
- 4-H Staff

WHAT MUST A 4-Her DO TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A COUNTY MEDAL, SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD OR AN AWARD TRIP:

- Turn in a 4-H Project record by the due date
- Fulfill the listed criteria for the award
- Show extensive and in-depth learning and experience related to the project area including participation in at least 4 of the following activities (Public Presentations and Dairy Bar are required):
 - Public Presentations (including Produced in NYS, Jr. Iron Chef or other pre-approved presentations)
 - County, Regional or State workshops or events
 - Build leadership skills (club officer, teen leader, etc.)
 - Work at least 1 of the dairy bars
 - Community service
 - Serve as a teen evaluator (if age appropriate)
 - Promote 4-H (table at TSC or other local events, write a news article, be in a parade, etc.)

Please see the attached Awards Checklists/Nomination Forms for specific criteria for each county medal, special achievement award and trip. Please contact Rachel or Susan if you have questions about any award. Awards nominations are due on or before October 20th.

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Name of 4-Her: _____

Nominated By: _____

County Medals

Project Area	Description	Nominated For (X)	# of years	Reason for nominating
Achievement	For outstanding work in all areas of 4-H, building character, leadership and citizenship.			
Agriculture	Strength in projects and activities as well as practice up-to-date methods and safety.			
Alumni	Given to a 4-H Alumni who has continued to give back to the program.			
Citizenship	Consistently shows a cooperative attitude and awareness that effective citizens work for community interests. Learns about the role a citizen in the state, nation, and world. Respects rights of others and property. Relates well to others.			
Community Service	Offers extensive dedication and service to one's community, giving selflessly. Working in partnerships with adults in service related activities.			
Dairy	Clear understanding of dairy production through the leasing or ownership and care of one or more dairy animals. This includes and understanding of dairy animal selection, feeding, marketing, production, raising and breeding.			
Dog Care and Training	Primary responsibility for the care and training of a dog including health, grooming, feeding and obedience training.			

Entomology	Outstanding project work in insect identification and control.			
Food and Nutrition	Knowledge and practice in selecting foods for healthy living. Skills in planning, preparing/ purchasing and serving healthy meals and snacks.			
Goat	Clear understanding of goat care, through owning or leasing and caring for.			
Horse	Learned skills in horsemanship, proven sportsmanship, study and knowledge of horse physiology, veterinary needs and equipment			
Horticulture	Demonstrated knowledge of techniques in the home garden production of fruits, flowers and vegetables.			
Leadership	Demonstrated knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to lead and help others; must be a self-starter who has developed self-confidence through teen leadership and public presentations. Active participation in 4-H and in the community.			
Natural Resources	Putting forth and effort to protect and care for the environment.			
Photography	Demonstrated skills and creative abilities in photography by taking, displaying and sharing one's photography.			
Poultry	Proven experience in chicken, turkey or duck projects that place emphasis on management and/or incubation, embryology, etc.			
Public Speaking	Excellence in skill development and confidence in speaking through the public speaking program and beyond. Participated in county and district presentations.			

Rabbits/Cavies	Proven knowledge and skills in raising rabbits/cavies. Participation in showing and judging where knowledge is shared is important.			
Sheep	Demonstrated knowledge of sheep breeding, production and management practices and skills in executing them by owning, caring for and keeping records on one or more sheep.			
Shooting Sports	Demonstrating skills and knowledge of safety requirements and shooting			
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)	Acquisition of knowledge and skills including safety, equipment, tools, devices, systems, and use in the real world especially as skills apply to careers and solving real world problems.			
Textiles	Developed skills in choosing, making and caring for clothing and textiles projects. Knowledge of fibers is emphasized.			
Veterinary Science	Strong applied knowledge of veterinary science.			
Visual Arts	Extensive project work in the fine arts: drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, video making and sculpture.			
Wildlife and Fisheries	Knowledge of wildlife and various fish breeds. Also understanding of rules of hunting and fishing.			
Wood Science	Strong knowledge and skills in woodworking including safety skills in handling tools.			

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Nominated By: _____

Special Awards

Award	Description/Criteria	Sponsor	Nominated For (X)	Reason for Nominating
Junior Achiever Award	This award recognizes the young person who has achieved and started mastering a wide variety of life skills before their teen years. This award is given to those 12 and younger.	Trips & Awards Fund		
Vera Lawrence Memorial Award	In memory of longtime 4-H Volunteer Leader. This award is given to an outstanding foods demonstrator of any age.	Trips & Awards Fund		
Herb Marshall Memorial Award	In memory of 4-H volunteer and active member of the Seneca County Agricultural Society. This award is given to an active youth or family for their involvement and going above and beyond in assisting at the Seneca County Fair. This award is given to an individual of any age or a group of people.	The Marshall Family		
Most Enthusiastic	This award is presented to youth who demonstrate an overwhelming amount of enthusiasm for 4-H project work and activities while sharing that 4-H spirit with others. This award is given to those 12 and younger.	Trips & Awards Fund		
Most Improved 4-Her	Recognizes the young person who shows a vast improvement in their project work and increased participation. Given to a person of any age.	Trips & Awards Fund		

Gladys Schultz Community Service Award	Given in memory of one of Seneca County's 1 st 4-H Club Members. Gladys believed that great rewards come from serving your community. For outstanding community service and/or service learning work. This award is given to individuals of any age or a group.	Trips & Awards Fund		
Jean VanDeVoorde Memorial Award for Horticulture Gladys Schultz Leadership Award	Presented to a youth for outstanding horticulture projects. Awarded to an individual of any age. This award is given in memory of 4-H Alumni Gladys Schultz who gained leadership skills in 4-H and then became and active leader in the community for youth and for the care of animals.	Gene, Faith Tam and Family Trips & Awards Fund		
Barbara Sessler Memorial Award	Presented to an individual who best exemplifies the following characteristics: support of family, community service, team work, loyalty, and effective behind the scenes contributions.	The Sessler Family		
Janice Serven Good Friend/Good Neighbor Award	Given in memory of 4-H Alumnus Janice Serven. Awarded to a Seneca County 4-H Member who has shown through his/her actions to be a good friend and neighbor over the long term through daily, weekly or monthly service. This award is designed to acknowledge good deeds that may often go unrecognized.	Friends and Family of Janice Serven		

Name of 4-Her: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Award Trips

Trip	Description	Time of Year	Nominated for (X)	Reason for nominating
Washington DC	One to two delegates, 15 or older spend winter break in the Nation's Capital experiencing educational tours. This trip takes place every other year beginning in 2019.	February		
State Teen Action Representatives Retreat (STARR)	Teens 13 and up attend a 3-day event planned by teens for teens. Individuals participate in team building, skill building, and service learning throughout the weekend while developing leadership skills. The event takes place at the NYS Fairgrounds.	Mid-April		
Albany Capital Days Trip	Two delegates, 14 and older, will have the opportunity to visit the State Capital for 3 days. They will visit various agencies, learn about state government, explore career opportunities in government and meet the legislators who represent Seneca County.	Mid-May		
Morrisville Equine and Dairy 101	Spend two days at Morrisville State College learning about dairy cattle or horses.	May		
4-H Cornell Career Explorations Trip	Teens who will be entering 8 th grade and up will explore different careers while staying on the Cornell University campus for 3 days.	End of June		
Agri-Business Career Conference (ABC)	Teens 14 and older will spend 2 days at SUNY Cobleskill developing awareness of the diversity of careers related to agriculture, educational requirements, and experiencing campus life.	October		