



2026 Bill Ziehm Memorial Award



Bill Ziehm was a fixture in the Niagara County 4-H Poultry program for over 30 years. He served many of these years as a dedicated leader. He was always willing to share his expertise, his love of poultry with kids, and encourage them to do their best.

Bill lost a long battle with cancer in July of 2016. His dedication to the program was heartfelt and unwavering. In his honor, the Bill Ziehm Memorial Award has been established. Our goal is the same as Bill's was- to keep children interested in poultry while learning the fundamentals of 4-H to help "make the best better."

Each year, 1-3 awards will be given out, for the amount of \$100-200 per youth, to 1-3 members of the Niagara County 4-H Poultry program, based on essay and merit. Applicants may be a beginner, junior, or senior poultry member.

The following guidelines have been established for eligibility:

- Applicants must be a current Niagara County 4-H poultry member in good standing of the poultry program. First year poultry members may apply. Ages 8-18, as of January 1st of current program year.
- Applicants must turn in a short essay about **why you show poultry, fair preparations, and how the awarded funds will be used in the applicant's life** (college, new birds, poultry supplies etc.). Essay can be typed or neatly hand written. No minimum or maximum word count.
- Application AND Essay must be submitted to the 4-H office by August 19 of current program year.
- If deemed necessary by the poultry leader (or in the event of a tie), an interview with the qualified applicants through a virtual Zoom interview or phone call, may take place. You will be contacted some time before achievement night by the poultry leader if this is necessary.
- A previous recipient of the award is not eligible to reapply for two years from the last date of receiving award. (For example, if applicant received the award in 2023, they are not eligible to apply again until 2026.)

You can scan & email the completed application and essay to Niagara4H@cornell.edu; or mail application and essay to:

CCE Niagara / Attn: 4-H
4487 Lake Ave. Lockport, NY 14094

****Or you may drop it off to the CCE administration building, front office, by 8-19-26****

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT 10-2-26 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT.

Bill Ziehm Memorial 4-H Award Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

4-H youth's Email _____

Parent or Guardian Email _____

Birth date _____

4-H age (as of January 1, of current year) _____

Number of years in Poultry Program _____

Other 4-H clubs, 4-H programs, and other 4-H activities you participate in:

Please list interests and hobbies other than 4-H:

Youth Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

****Please attach hand-written or typed essay to this application****