

OLDER MEMBER

Rock County 4-H Awards and Trip Opportunities



For members currently in 9th grade and up
Application Deadline: September 30



What can you win?

<u>Award</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>What is it?</u>
Challenge Award	7 th - 9 th	engraved pen
"I Dare You" Award	8 th - 9 th	certificate and book
Achievement Award	9 th - 10 th	plaque
Leadership Award	10 th - 11 th	pin and cash award
Wisconsin Key Award	11 th - 12 th	certificate and pin
Rotary Award	12 th and up	clover-shaped plaque
Scholarships	12 th and up	certificate and cash award

<u>Trip</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>What is it?</u>
State 4-H & Youth Conference	8 th - 10 th	4 days in Madison
Chicago Nights – NEW!	10 th - 12 th	overnight in Chicago
Citizenship Washington Focus	10 th - 12 th	approx. 1 week in Wash. DC
National 4-H Congress	10 th - 12 th	4 days in Atlanta

If you are in 10th-12th grade, you can also win the opportunity to apply for National 4-H Conference. Delegates for this week in Washington DC are selected by the state.

NOTE: The following project-related awards are now selected through a special Project Awards Form: Agriculture Award, Jerry Quade Memorial Award, Dorothy Hegge Memorial Award, Rosabel Dwyer Memorial Award, J.W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Award.

How do you apply?

- Submit the **original and 5 copies** of the attached Rock County 4-H Older Member Award Form, Awards Information Sheet and two (2) Leader Recommendations to the UW-Extension Office by **September 30**.
- Participate in an interview on **Saturday, November 1st** at the courthouse. A specific schedule with your interview times will be mailed prior to that date. NOTE: Only members graduating from 4-H may use the previous year's interview scores.
- NOTE: you can **ONLY** use forms dated "2008" in the top right corner. No other forms will be accepted.

How do you get the two (2) leader recommendations?

- Contact any of your 4-H leaders and ask if he/she would be willing to write a recommendation for you. Provide them with the Leader Recommendation Form.

- Have the leader return the completed form to you so you can submit the original and 5 copies along with your award form to the UW-Extension Office by **September 30**.
- If the leader prefers, he/she may return the completed original form and 5 copies directly to the UW-Extension Office by **September 30**.
- NOTE: Leader recommendations may be completed by any 4-H leader but NOT by a member of your family.

How are recipients selected?

- Every award form is assigned a number so your name is not used throughout the selection process. Award Forms are scored by adult leaders from various Rock County 4-H clubs and points are assigned as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Possible Points</u>
4-H Leadership	10
4-H Project or Activity Report	10
Discussion Question	10
Other 4-H Activities, Achievements, Awards	5
Non 4-H Activities, Achievements, Awards	5
Neatness	5
Leader Recommendations	5

- The readers' scores are averaged to determine your written score, which is $\frac{1}{2}$ your total overall score. The other $\frac{1}{2}$ is your interview score. Each interviewer scores your interview and assigns points as follows:

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Possible Points</u>
Cooperation with others	10
Leadership ability	10
Individual growth through 4-H	10
Understanding of 4-H	5
Involvement and commitment to 4-H	5
Confidence and maturity	5
Overall impression	5

- The interviewers' scores are averaged to determine your interview score. Your written score is added to your interview score to determine your total overall score.
- Awards and trips are awarded based on your total overall score and your current grade in school.
- All awards and trips are announced at the Rock County 4-H Achievement Program in January.

Please read the award form carefully for additional instructions. If you have questions, please contact Donna Duerst or Linda Marshall at the UW-Extension Office, 757-5690.

ROCK COUNTY 4-H OLDER MEMBER AWARD FORM - 2008

For members currently in 9th grade and up

ID NUMBER _____
(for office use only)

To get a good perspective of all items called for on this form, read it through thoroughly before you begin to write.

Important: Report a specific activity (or thing you did) only once. Determine the most appropriate place on the form to report it.

Additional pages may **not** be added to this form. Select the information that best communicates what you've done, what you've learned and how you've grown through your 4-H experiences. It is not required to fill each page completely with writing.

Remember to return the original and five (5) copies of the completed form to the UWEX Office by September 30, 2008. NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Name of 4-H Member: _____

Male or Female: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Name of Your 4-H Club: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current Grade in School: _____

PLEASE DO NOT COPY ANY PAGES ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE!

SECTION A: 4-H LEADERSHIP

Use whatever format you like to describe your leadership experiences in 4-H. Write about decisions you helped make; how you helped other members; how you helped leaders; how you have taught others and what they have learned from you. Describe your roles and responsibilities in any offices or committees on which you have served. Describe your leadership goals and your progress toward those goals as well as your future leadership plans.

PLEASE BE CONCISE. DO NOT ADD ANY PAGES TO THIS FORM.

SECTION B: 4-H PROJECT OR ACTIVITY REPORT

Please answer each of the following questions. Number your answers to match the numbers of the questions. Focus your answers on describing your growth and what you've learned. Do not repeat leadership information from Section A.

1. What were your goals in taking this project/activity?
2. What did you learn and how have you grown by being involved in this project/activity?
3. What were your leadership and/or teaching responsibilities in this project /activity?

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY _____

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SECTION C: OTHER 4-H ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

List 4-H activities, achievements and awards not reported elsewhere on this form and number of years in each. Include your involvement at all levels: individual, club, county and so on. List only special awards such as merits and trophies.

PLEASE BE CONCISE. DO NOT ADD ANY PAGES TO THIS FORM.

SECTION D: DISCUSSION QUESTION: Why is community service in 4-H beneficial?

SECTION E: NON 4-H ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

List your activities, achievements and awards not related to 4-H and the number of years in each. Include your involvement in school, church, community groups and so on. Include any special awards you've received.

PLEASE BE CONCISE. DO NOT ADD ANY PAGES TO THIS FORM.

**OLDER MEMBER
AWARDS INFORMATION SHEET**

Return **one (1) copy** of this form to the UW-Extension Office. Please complete this form by marking the appropriate blanks. **NOTE: If you do NOT check "Wish to Receive" for a trip, you will NOT be considered for that trip.** This form does not affect your score. Be sure to indicate any trip or awards you have won.

Name _____

Club _____ Date of Birth _____

My current grade in school: _____

I will graduate from 4-H in 2008 (please check one): _____yes _____no

Trip or Award	Year Awarded or Attended	Have Not Received	Wish to Receive
Discover Milwaukee – NEW!			
Chicago Daze			
Discover Wisconsin			
Clover Adventure – NEW!			
State 4-H and Youth Conference			
Northern/NE Exposure			
Chicago Nights – NEW!			
Citizenship Washington Focus			
National 4-H Congress			
National 4-H Conference			
Outstanding Jr. Member			
Challenge Award			
"I Dare You" Award			
Achievement Award			
Leadership Award			
Wisconsin Key Award			
Rotary Award			
Junior Council Scholarship			
Dominic Perkins Memorial Scholarship			
Cheryl Fry Memorial Scholarship			

Interview Preference: I would prefer to interview in the (please check one):

____morning ____afternoon ____no preference

This form is due to the UW-Extension Office by September 30.

4-H LEADER RECOMMENDATION

The original and five (5) copies of this recommendation are due to the UW-Extension Office by **September 30.**

Member's Name _____

4-H Club _____

How long have you known this 4-H member? _____

Your (Leader's) Signature _____

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE MEMBER'S NAME OR CLUB BELOW THIS LINE!

Have you read the 4-H member's completed form? _____

In what capacity do you know this member? _____ Club Chair or Co-Chair

____ Advisory Board

____ Project Leader

____ Activity Leader

____ Other: _____

Rate the Member	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
Involvement in 4-H					
Works to the best of his/her ability					
Dependability					
Cooperation					
Leadership Skills					

Please write your comments on the back of the **BOTTOM HALF of this sheet.**

This form will be returned to the member upon completion of the awards process.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS BELOW THIS LINE.
Do NOT use the member's name or club in your comments.

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Your (Leader's) Signature _____

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