

Citizenship\Leadership\Achievement Application

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I would like to nominate

4-H Member's Name

for a County Medal in (check one)

___Achievement ___Citizenship ___Leadership

___Key Club ___I Dare You

One thing I really appreciate about him/her is.....

Nominated by _____
4-H Key Leader

Date

Dear 4-H Member and Leaders,

Congratulations on being nominated for this very special award. Only one area should be applied for per application.

View this application as developing the skills you will need to have when applying for jobs, college or scholarships in the future. Neatness, grammar and spelling will contribute to your overall point score.

The name of the applicant will not be known to the judges when evaluated by the Awards Selection Committee. Each question is assigned points and totaled. The person or persons with the most points will receive the Project Award in that category.

This application must be given to your Key Leader by August 1. The Key Leader is responsible for submitting it to the Extension office by August 14th.

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Spelling, grammar and neatness = 15 points

A. Leadership Experience

25 points

Leadership means taking the lead in giving direction, planning and organizing an activity. Identify the things you have done in 4-H for which you planned, organized and gave direction either with others or individually. Include your experiences as a teen leader and elected officer. Use action words that describe your role. For example: I conducted (rather than attended) a club meeting.

B. Citizenship and Community Service

25 points

Citizenship can be defined as acting with informed concern for yourself and others as an individual or part of a group. Helping and assisting are important. List in chronological order your citizenship and community service experiences. Include activities that contributed to the welfare of your club, other individuals or your community.

C. Non 4-H Experiences in School, Church or Faith Group and Community

25 points

List in order of importance your most meaningful experiences in school, church or faith group and community organizations other than 4-H. Include leadership roles and honors you have received.

D. Your 4-H Story

50 points

Your 4-H Story is a very important part of your awards packet. Try to convey how your participation in 4-H contributed to your self-respect and concern for others, how it has influenced you in school, in your use of leisure time and in your career plans. Your 4-H Story is the place to expand on facts and figures by telling what your experiences have meant to you. Your 4-H Story adds warmth and depth to your application packet.

Part I - Introduce yourself without using your name. Include information about your age, interests, family, where you live, where you go to school, and when and why you became involved in 4-H.

Part II - Highlight your 4-H projects and activities major learning experiences, special interests, and unusual situations you have encountered.

Part III - Explain how 4-H has helped you become a better leader and citizen, how 4-H has increased your interest and participation in community affairs, and what you have learned from your team or group involvement and efforts.

Part IV - Describe how 4-H participation has helped you to feel good about yourself, influenced your school and career goals and your use of leisure time. Tell about your future plans and the career you want to pursue.

Have fun as you write your story!