



Outstanding 4-H Member Application



NAME: _____

4-H CLUB: _____

Years in 4-H: _____

Birthdate: _____

Current Age: _____

Reference #1:

Reference #2

Name

Name

Address

Address

City, State & Zip

City, State & Zip

Phone

Phone

Relationship

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View this application as developing skills you use when applying for a job, college or scholarships in the future. Neatness, spelling and grammar will contribute to your overall score. Good luck, and have fun!

I understand that if I am selected as Outstanding 4-H member, I will be required to participate in activities at the Van Buren Youth Fair each evening. I will participate in 4-H events throughout the year when I am able.

I personally have prepared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my 4-H experiences.

Signature

Date

I have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct. I understand the commitment for my child at the Van Buren Youth Fair.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

I have reviewed this application and believe it to be accurate.

Key Leader Signature

Date

A. Spelling, grammar and neatness = 25 points

B. 4-H Leadership Experience: General Instructions = 25 points

Leadership means taking the lead in giving direction, planning and organizing an activity. Effective leadership depends on giving help to and receiving help from others, but helping is a supportive role, not leadership. 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 junior or teen leader and other volunteer leadership roles you have performed at 4-H activities, camps, achievement shows, workshops, judging events, tours, field trips, fairs and other events.

C. Citizenship and Community Service = 25 points

Citizenship can be defined as acting with informed concern for you and for others as an individual or as part of a group. Helping and assisting are important. You can take some leadership, but it is not required. List in chronological order your citizenship and community service experiences. Include activities that contributed to the welfare of your club or group members, other individuals or community. Indicate the size and scope of what you did. Community service activities are what you (alone or with others) do to help your community. Helping your own family is not a community service.

D. Non 4-H Experiences in School, Church or Faith Group, and Community = 25 points

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

E. Major 4-H Projects (also list # of years in each project) = 25 points

F. 4-H Sponsored Activities (examples include CWF, Expo Days, Capitol Experience) = 25 points

G. Major 4-H Offices Held = 25 points

H. Your 4-H Story = 50 points

Your 4-H Story is a very important part of your application. 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; how they have developed and affected your confidence, your attitude and other factors. Your 4-H Story adds warmth and depth to your application packet. It should not be a relisting of what you included in your resume.

The following outline may help you develop Your 4-H Story. It is divided into parts simply to help you outline what you want to say about yourself. Do not identify these parts in Your 4-H Story.

Part 1

Introduce yourself. Include information about your age, interests, family, where you live, where you go to school, when and why you became involved in 4-H.

Part 2 = 10 points

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

Part 3 = 15 points

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 4 = 15 points

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.

Now, have fun as you write your story!



Outstanding 4-H Member Reference Form

(2 references due)

_____ is applying for a Van Buren County 4-H member award.
Name of applicant

He or she has given your name as a reference, with approval for you to release information about him or her.

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How do you know this person? How long have you known him or her?

Please use this checklist to evaluate this applicant's qualities. Use the following marking system:

E = Excellent

G = Good

F = Fair

U = Unknown

- _____ Communication Skills
- _____ Respect for others
- _____ Ability to complete a task
- _____ Dependability
- _____ Sense of humor
- _____ Resourcefulness
- _____ Honesty
- _____ Flexibility
- _____ Patience
- _____ Initiative
- _____ Enthusiasm

Any other comments (please attach an additional sheet if needed)

Name (please print)

Date

Signature

Phone

Please return to: MSUE - 4-H
 801 Hazen St., Suite A
 Paw Paw, MI 49079

If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H Extension Educator at 269-657-7745.