



ISU Extension, Madison County 4-H

Application for Major Life Skills Award

Senior 4-H'ers during the 2010-11 school year may apply for this award.

Application deadline: **September 23, by 5 p.m.** to the Madison Co. Extension office.
No late entries will be accepted.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Senior level 4-H'er (completed grades 9-12) during the 2009-10 school year.

Requirements:

- ✓ Complete and submit the information requested on the application for **each** award you apply for.
- ✓ Submit 3-5 pages of support material or a record keeping system. Records/support material must show leadership and citizenship activities.
- ✓ Complete a 10-minute interview with the award selection committee (set by appointment).
- ✓ Place an "X" next to the major life skill you wish to be considered for an award.

Name: _____ **4-H Club:** _____

Grade Completed: _____ **Years in 4-H** _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** IA **Zip Code:** _____

Each 4-Her will only receive a Major Life Skill award one time per skill throughout his/her 4-H career.

I wish to apply for the following Major Life Skills Awards:
(See the back of this sheet for general criteria / eligibility requirements)

_____ Achievement	_____ Agriculture	_____ Ak-Sar-Ben
_____ Overall Citizenship	_____ Overall Leadership	_____ Overall Merit
_____ Overall Record Keeping	_____ I Dare You	

List service projects, leadership roles and/or communication events you have participated in during your 4-H career.

Please explain how you feel you meet the criteria for this award.

Please have your 4-H Leader or adult (other than parents) explain why you should be considered for this award.

4-Her Signature _____ Date _____

Parent / Leader Signature _____ Date _____

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Award Criteria / Eligibility

- ✓ **Achievement** – Explain the experiences you have had in 4-H and what 4-H means to you. Explain how you will continue to use the values and life skills you’ve learned in the 4-H program.
- ✓ **Agriculture** – To recognize youth who have grown personally through participation in a variety of agriculture projects and programs.
- ✓ **Ak-Sar-Ben** – This award is for members who have participated in the Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition and are involved in their community by fulfilling the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation’s mission to build a more prosperous Heartland, where communities can flourish and every child can succeed.
- ✓ **Overall Citizenship** – This award is for members who exhibit a commitment to participation, leadership and community service that demonstrates 4-H values.
- ✓ **Overall Leadership** – This award is for members who have shown willingness to assume responsibility and take on leadership roles such as junior club leaders, Youth Council, fair committees, Youth & 4-H Committee, dog obedience classes, horse project club, project workshops, clothing event, extravaganza and other 4-H/community events.
- ✓ **Overall Merit** – This award is for members who live the 4-H pledge of head, heart, hands and health, as well as the 4-H motto, “To make the best better.”
- ✓ **Overall Record Keeping** – This award is for members who have shown outstanding record keeping performance over their 4-H career. Elements of outstanding record keeping may include goal setting and monitoring progress; evaluation of project learning; 4-H participation; financial and cost accounting records; interpretation of cost and production analysis; future decision making; demonstrated organizational skills; display of performance and/or recognition materials; and creative presentation.
- ✓ **I Dare You** – This award is for members who have demonstrated personal integrity, leadership, well-rounded lives and possess a willingness to assume responsibility.



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