

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

# Hamilton County 4-H Award Application

## Priority Area Awards –

Iowa 4-H has 6 different priority areas: **Agriculture and Natural resources, Communication and the Arts, Healthy Living, Leadership and Civic Engagement, STEM, and Animal Science.** Each project area falls under one of these 6 priority areas (as listed on Page 3). If you have been involved with any of the project areas under these priority areas, you may be eligible to apply for an award. The number of awards given in each priority area is at the discretion of the review committee. Each program priority area award can be won up to three (3) times in a 4-Hers career: once as a junior, once as an intermediate, and once as a senior. Award winners will receive a certificate and a pin.

### Criteria to Apply:

- Have at least two (2) years (including the current year) of project area records found in member record book
- Demonstrated competency in priority area member is applying for recognition for through involvement with at least one (1) project area within the priority area and an overall excellent record book

## Senior Awards (Grades 9-12) –

**Career Achievement Award:** The Career Achievement Award is presented by the Hamilton County 4-H Foundation to senior-level 4-Hers who have finished 11<sup>th</sup> grade and are entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade. These 4-Hers are expected to have shown outstanding personal growth through participation in a wide variety of 4-H programs, demonstrated outstanding life skills development throughout their 4-H career, and shown mentorship and leadership within the Hamilton County 4-H program and beyond. Recipients of the Career Achievement Award will receive a certificate of achievement and an educational scholarship. The award can only be received once in a 4-H career. The number of recipients and scholarship amount are to be determined each year by the Hamilton County 4-H Foundation.

### Criteria to Apply:

- Finished 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the past school year, currently in 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Participation in Hamilton County 4-H for at least two (2) consecutive years
- Priority given to members with record book completed for every year of 4-H involvement
- In good standing with both the county and club
- Complete an in-person interview with the Hamilton County 4-H Foundation after application (County staff will reach out to applicants regarding scheduling)

**Outstanding Senior Award:** The Outstanding Senior Award is presented to 4-Hers who have shown exemplary growth, leadership, and dedication to the 4-H program. They show enthusiasm and interest in club and county events and strive to ‘Make the Best Better.’ 4-Hers can receive this award only once in their lifetime. The number of these awards given out each year is at the discretion of the review committee. A 4-Her CAN win both the Career Achievement Award and the Outstanding Senior Award in the same year.

Criteria to Apply:

- Finished 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the past 4-H year
- Priority given to members with record book completed for every year of 4-H involvement
- In good standing with both the county and club

## **Intermediate Awards (Grades 7&8) –**

**Intermediate Cultural Award:** The Intermediate Cultural Award is an opportunity to have a night on the town with other Hamilton County Intermediate 4-H'ers! Visit a restaurant, then attend a live production for a wonderful show! The award can only be received once in a 4-H career.

Criteria to Apply:

- Completed 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the previous school year
- Priority given to members with record book completed for every year of 4-H involvement
- In good standing with both the county and club

**Outstanding Intermediate Award:** The Outstanding Intermediate Award is presented to 4-Hers who have shown growth, leadership, and dedication to the 4-H program. They show enthusiasm and interest in participating in club and county events and strive to 'Make the Best better.' 4-Hers can receive this award only once in their lifetime. The number of these awards given out each year is at the discretion of the review committee.

Criteria to Apply:

- Completed 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the past 4-H year
- Priority given to members with record book completed for every year of 4-H involvement
- In good standing with both the county and club

## **Junior Awards (Grades 4-6) –**

**Outstanding Junior Award:** The Outstanding Junior Award is presented to 4-Hers who have shown enthusiasm and interest in participating in club and county events and have begun striving to 'Make The Best Better.' 4-Hers can receive this award only once in their lifetime. The number of these awards given out each year is at the discretion of the review committee.

Criteria to Apply:

- Completed 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the past 4-H year
- Priority given to members with record book completed for every year of 4-H involvement
- In good standing with both the county and club

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### Priority Area Awards:

Please place a check mark next to the priority areas you would like to be considered for an award for. NOTE: You MUST have participated in one or more of the project areas listed below the area to be considered for the award. You are applying for the bolded priority area award, NOT a specific project area.

\_\_\_ **Agriculture and Natural Resources**

Agronomy    Environment and Sustainability    Horticulture    Outdoor Adventures  
Shooting Sports    Entomology    Wildlife

\_\_\_ **Communication and the Arts**

Digital Storytelling    Music    Photography    Visual Art    Communication

\_\_\_ **Healthy Living**

Child Development    Clothing    Consumer Management    Food and Nutrition  
Health    Home Improvement    Sewing and Needle Arts

\_\_\_ **Leadership and Civic Engagement**

Leadership    Civic Engagement    Self-Determined

\_\_\_ **STEM**

Computer Science    Mechanics    Woodworking    Tractor    Robotics  
Aerospace    STEM

\_\_\_ **Animal Science**

Beef    Dairy Cattle    Dairy Goat    Dogs    Horse and Pony    Meat Goat    Pets  
Poultry    Rabbit    Sheep    Swine    Veterinary Science

### Senior, Intermediate, and Senior Awards:

Please place a check mark next to the awards you would like to be considered for. NOTE: Awards are based on the PREVIOUS school year; the grade 4-ers completed in the spring.

#### Senior Awards (Grades 9-12):

\_\_\_ Career Achievement Award

\_\_\_ Outstanding Senior Award

#### Intermediate Awards (Grades 7 and 8):

\_\_\_ Intermediate Cultural Award

\_\_\_ Outstanding Intermediate Award

#### Junior Awards (Grades 4-6):

\_\_\_ Outstanding Junior Award