Special County Project Awards

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Project Achievement
One available in each project area where there has been continued high interest and accomplishment over the years by a senior member.

• Must be in grades 10, 11, or 12.
• Carried project a minimum of 3 years.
• Evidence of leadership and communications e.g. presentations, workshops.
• Documented citizenship, sharing knowledge gained.
• Evidence in growth in project area.
• Must have received project award at the gold level to be eligible to apply for Achievement in the following year.

Project Achievement Award Judging Criteria. 4-H’er will also have a face to face interview.

Experiences/Knowledge is Project Area:
• Very detailed descriptions of gained experiences.
• Definite focus on what was learned throughout all years in the project area

Goals:
• Goals are clearly stated and include the action, result and timetable.
• Goals are written to push the 4-H’er to new learning.

Leadership:
• 4-H’er is elected or volunteers for leadership responsibility and explains his/her role of leadership in that activity.
• Member takes part in 1 self-determined/planned leadership role.
• Member has an understanding of the qualities of a leader and can clearly explain.

Citizenship:
• 4-H’er is elected or volunteers for citizenship responsibility and explains his/her role of citizenship in that activity.
• Member takes part in 1 self-determined/planned citizenship role.
• Member has an understanding of the qualities of a citizen and can clearly explain.

Communications:
• Communication activities demonstrate the 4-H’er’s knowledge of project
• 4-H’er expresses the importance of communication within the project area

Organization and Design of materials
• Well organized
• Easy to find required elements
• No grammatical/spelling errors

Special Awards continue... for Danforth, Overall Achievement, Merit, and Outstanding Graduated Senior
Danforth Award
Mission of the Danforth Award: The American Youth Foundation inspires people to discover and develop their personal best, to seek balance in mental, physical, social, and spiritual living and to make positive difference in their communities and in the wider world.

Given to two outstanding high school junior 4-H members. THIS IS NOT A PROJECT OR EXHIBIT BASED AWARD, but an award based on the qualities that make a good 4-H’er. Please write an introduction giving information about you, and then write to the following criteria as it pertains to your 4-H career and beyond.

- Personal Integrity
- Balanced Living
- Academic Achievements
- Physical Activities
- School or Community Involvement
- Motivation for leadership
- Leadership qualities and activities

Award presented based on application and face to face interview

Over All Achievement
Given to senior 4-H members (grades 10-12) whose 4-H records show excellence in projects and activities. Please write an introduction giving information about you, especially stating how long you have been in 4-H, and a resume showing Citizenship, Leadership, and Communication activities you’ve accomplished and your role in them.

- Must be in grades 10-12
- 4-H’er must have done a record keeping application for a minimum of 6 years (exceptions considered for members enrolled prior to 2015)
- Evidence of leadership, communications, and citizenship in 4-H and community.
- Evidence of participation in a variety of project areas
- This award can only be received 1 time by the 4-H’er

Award is based on application and face to face interview

Merit
Given to senior 4-H members whose records reflect personal growth, and unselfish service to others. Please write an introduction giving information about you, and a resume showing the citizenship activities you have accomplished and your role in them.

- Must be in grades 11 or 12
- Must show evidence of citizenship and service to others in your club, community, country, and world.
- This award can only be received 1 time by the 4-H’er

Award is based on application and face to face interview

Outstanding Graduated Senior
This award is to recognize exceptional graduated seniors. Write about yourself, what you have achieved, what you have learned, and how 4-H has influenced your achievements and your life.

- Must be a graduating senior
- Preference given to those who are active beyond the local club level
- Must exhibit evidence of leadership, citizenship, and communications on a variety of levels.
- Up to 4 awards may be presented

Award presented based on application and face to face interview.

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