

WAUSHARA COUNTY 4-H AWARDS APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Current Grade in School: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

The purpose of these awards is to provide special recognition to 4-H members who have shown consistent growth in their 4-H work, developed leadership skills, and have been helpful members in their club and community. Everyone meeting these qualifications and the grade requirements for each award should apply for the appropriate award(s). The number of times a member can participate in a trip is indicated in the description. Each member is eligible in a given year to participate in only one of the following trips: Citizenship Washington Focus, Leadership Washington Focus, State 4-H and Youth Conference or National 4-H Congress. You may apply for more than one of the above listed opportunities, but only allowed to participate in one trip. Ambassadors can participate as an Ambassador in State 4-H and Youth Conference in addition to one of the other listed trips. All youth may attend the State 4-H Youth Conference up to two times. Youth may participate in the Explore Wisconsin & Older Youth trips in addition to any of the trips listed above in a given year.

Attach this application to the appropriate form(s), and return by January 4 to the UW-Extension Office (PO Box 487 Wautoma WI 54984). Applications will not be accepted after this date; applications postmarked on this date are considered to be submitted on time. **Please read directions for each trip carefully** to determine which applications are needed for the awards you are applying for, as submission of the incorrect application could result in you not being selected for the award. Please place a check mark next to the award(s) you are applying for below and return this with your application(s). **Interviews will be in Waushara County on January 24.**

Members will complete a trip commitment form within two weeks of being notified of selection for a trip/award. Payment of the youth's portion of the trip will be due by the date indicated. The Leaders Association automatically provides youth with a partial scholarship for each of the trips. **Youth choosing not to participate after submitting a signed commitment form are responsible for all trips costs including the scholarship provided by the Leaders Association.**

_____ **Key Award:** This award recognizes youth that have shown consistent growth in 4-H, have developed their leadership ability and been helpful to members of their club and community. Two or three youth, typically near the end of their 4-H career, can be selected for this award. Individuals for this recognition have been nominated by their club or can be self-nominated. Those accepting the nomination and completing a 500 word story about their 4-H experience will need to submit that to the UW-Extension office by January 4. Youth will participate in an interview on January 24.

_____ **Leaders Association Scholarship:** A predetermined number of \$100 Scholarships will be awarded to members graduating from high school in 2016 or members enrolled in college during 2016. Members submit a scholarship application, secure letters of recommendation and submit them to the UW-Extension office by January 4. Members participate in an interview on January 24.

_____ **Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference:** Eight youth in grades 7 to 10 are selected to experience campus life on the UW-Madison campus. All youth may attend the State 4-H Youth Conference up to two times in their 4-H career. Delegates attend large group seminars and performances as well as small group seminars focusing on project related topics. The conference will be held June 20-23 (tentative). Member cost is approximately \$ 150. Leaders Association scholarship is approximately \$300. Delegates split the costs of transportation and parking. Delegates are responsible for individual session fees, if applicable. Delegate's payment for their portion of the trip is due by mid-May. Youth submit an ME form to the UW-Extension office by January 4. Youth will participate in an interview on January 24.

_____ **Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference-Ambassador Option:** Two Ambassadors are selected to attend this statewide event. You will attend sessions on public presentations and marketing 4-H. The conference will be held June 20-23 (tentative). Delegates join about 600 youth from across Wisconsin. Member cost is approximately \$150. Leaders Association scholarship is approximately \$ 300. Delegates split the costs of transportation and parking. Delegates are responsible for individual session fees, if applicable. Delegate's payment for their portion of the trip is due by mid-May.

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_____ **Citizenship Washington Focus:** Two youth in grades 10 to 14 (minimum age 15 during trip) may participate in this ten day program (includes travel time) sponsored by the National 4-H Council. Youth have an opportunity to see their federal government in action, participate in mock citizenship activities and tour historic and cultural sites. Delegates select from one of three weeks. Dates for 2016 have not been posted. Typically one choice is in June and two choices are in July. Member's cost is about \$ 375. Leaders Association scholarship is approximately \$750. Youth submit an ME form to the UW-Extension office by January 4. Youth will participate in an interview on January 24.

_____ **Leadership Washington Focus:** Two youth currently in grades 6-8 may participate in this seven to nine day program organized by Wood County 4-H. The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just 1 mile from the Washington, D.C. border. This program for middle school youth is similar to the high school program, Citizenship Washington Focus. Participants are immersed in the culture and history of our nation through on-site workshops at D.C.'s most spectacular sights. The dates for the trip are in early July. Member's cost is about \$ 375, and the Leaders Association scholarship is about \$ 750. Youth submit an ME form to the UW-Extension office by January 4. Youth will participate in an interview on January 24.

_____ **National 4-H Congress:** Two delegates in grades 10-14 and no older than 18 as of Jan. 1, 2015 attend workshops, participate in a community service project, listen to nationally recognized speakers, and tour the Atlanta area. This event will be November 25-29. Member cost can range from \$300 to \$450. Scholarships are provided by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and the county 4-H Leaders Association. Youth submit an ME form to the UW-Extension office by January 4. Youth will participate in an interview on January 24.

_____ **Explore Wisconsin:** Youth currently in grades 6-8 spend three nights and four days exploring the cultural, historical, geographical/geological, political and economic aspects of one geographic region of Wisconsin. Youth can apply to participate in this trip each year that they are in the grades listed. This trip generally takes place in July, but exact dates are determined by delegates as a group. The geographic region is also chosen by the group. There are three planning meetings for this trip: one in March, one in April, and one in May. Delegates and a parent/guardian must attend all three meetings to participate in the trip. Out of pocket member cost is between \$70-\$100, depending on the number of delegates and what the group plans for activities, lodging, food, etc. The Leaders Association provides a scholarship for 67% of the total cost of the trip. To apply, youth must complete an Explore Wisconsin Application packet, which includes the application and a leader recommendation form, and submit it to the UW-Extension office by January 4. Youth will participate in an interview on January 24.

_____ **Older Youth Trip:** Youth currently in grades 9-13 spend three nights and four days exploring the cultural, historical, geographical/geological, political and economic aspects of one geographic region in the Midwest. Youth can apply to participate in this trip each year that they are in the grades listed. This trip generally takes place in July, but exact dates are determined by delegates as a group. The geographic region is also chosen by the group. There are three planning meetings for this trip: one in March, one in April, and one in May. Delegates and a parent/guardian must attend all three meetings to participate in the trip. Out of pocket member cost is between \$400-\$400, depending on the number of delegates and what the group plans for activities, lodging, food, etc. The Leaders Association provides a scholarship for 67% of the total cost of the trip. To apply, youth must complete an Older Youth Application packet, which includes the application and a leader recommendation form, and submit it to the UW-Extension office by January 4. Youth will participate in an interview on January 24.