



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

Spelling, grammar and neatness -20 points

A. 4-H Leadership Experience: -20 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 at least three 4-H leadership experiences you have had and describe their significance to your personal growth and development. (Essay, no more than 500 words.)

One of the most significant leadership experiences I have had in my 4-H career was serving as a club officer. I have held the positions of secretary, vice president and president. The last two roles allowed me to learn parliamentary procedure and how to conduct a meeting. Being a club officer taught me how to make decisions as a group

B. Citizenship and Community Service - 20 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.

Identify up to three 4-H citizenships/community service experiences you have had and describe their significance to you and your community. (Essay, no more than 500 words.)

My favorite community service project in my 4-H club was learning about world hunger and raising funds to donate to the food bank in my community. Through this community service project, our 4-H club had a guest speaker who taught us about the issue. Our club members shared what we learned with many people in our community to raise awareness about the hunger issues locally and collected funds to meet this need . . .

C. Non 4-H Experiences in School, Church or Faith Group, and Community - 20 points

Describe how you have applied your 4-H knowledge and experiences in school and other non 4-H groups/organizations. (Essay, no more than 500 words.)

D. List major 4-H Projects (also list # of years in each project) -20 points

**E. List county, state and/or national 4-H sponsored activities you have participated in.
(Examples include CWF, Expo Days, Capitol Experience) - 10 points (up to 1 page)**

F. List how you have promoted 4-H in Van Buren County (Do not list years.)- 10 points (up to 1 page)

G. Your 4-H Story = 40 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
 219 Paw Paw Street, Suite 201
 Paw Paw, MI 49079

If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H Extension Educator at 269-657-8213.