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# 4-H AWARDS APPLICATION

4-H BINDER COVER - purchase at Extension Office (\$3.00)

CAREER PORTFOLIO - AWARDS APPLICATION SECTION TABS - purchase at Extension Office (\$3.50)

## Assemble in the following order:

- ➡1. **4-H AWARDS APPLICATION** (4-H Form 2017) - Projects are listed under curriculum areas. Check the project/s in which you're applying for county awards, as well as scholarships & awards. Circle curriculum area/s of state application (ages 13-18).
- ➡2. **4-H CAREER PORTFOLIO** (4-H 9000) - Summary of projects and activities participated in this year and previous years. May be typed, hand-written, or computer printed. Add pages as needed. Website: <http://4h.unl.edu/career-portfolio>
- ➡3. **4-H PROJECT OR CURRICULUM STORY** - Maximum six (6) pages, landscape format. Write a story of your 4-H experiences; emphasize project work, personal growth and development, leadership, and community service. ▶If competing in more than one project or curriculum area, write a story for each area. See guidelines.

## 4-H (project or curriculum area) Story

The 4-H story should add tell about 4-H project work, leadership & citizenship and add warmth and depth to your 4-H experiences. Maximum length per story is six (6) 8-1/2 x 11" pages, one side, hand-written or typed double-spaced (preferred). There should be a 1-1/2" top margin with a 1" side and bottom margin. Use Times New Roman, 12 point font, landscape format. (Do not identify A - E headings in story).

- A) **INTRODUCTION** : Introduce yourself, include information about your family and personal interests. Tell when and why you joined 4-H, why 4-H is important to you, etc. Include a 4-H experience, interesting statement, etc.
- B) **PROJECT/CURRICULUM INFORMATION (area of application)**: Describe your growth in project work, 4-H experiences, how 4-H and your project helped you learn new knowledge and skills. You may want to include some things you tried successfully or unsuccessfully. This section should be the major part of story.
- C) **OTHER 4-H PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCES**: Share highlights of other 4-H projects, activities, events, etc.
- D) **LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE**: Highlight leadership and citizenship in your area of application. Explain how 4-H helped you become a better leader and citizen, share your leadership and community service accomplishments, and tell how 4-H increased your community involvement.
- E) **CONCLUSION**: Summarize the impact of 4-H on you, your 4-H goals, future plans, etc.

- ➡4. **PHOTOGRAPHS**: Maximum four (4) pages mounted on 8-1/2 x 11" paper (white or colored), one side only, landscape format, with brief caption. Photos may show highlights of the project/activity, year-to-year progress, action, leadership, recognition received. **DO NOT** write on front or back. **DO NOT** shingle (where one photo must be lifted to see another). Photocopies of newspaper print pictures are **NOT** acceptable. Color photocopies and/or digital photos are acceptable. Photos may be cropped.
- ➡5. **SUPPORTING MATERIAL (optional)**: Maximum two (2) pages, 8 1/2"X11", (landscape format), must relate to area of application. No letters of recommendation, newspaper clippings or articles, photos.