

Applying for Awards, County Scholarships and Other Honors

Applying for County Scholarships provided by 4-H Council (1/4 registration costs):

If ...you are interested in applying for:

- Camp Scholarship (In-State 4-H Events)

Then:

- Place a check mark by the scholarship line on the front of the enclosed Awards Application.
- Turn the Entry Sheet in with your 4-H record books by **September 30**.
- No special awards booklet is needed or required. The awards committee simply needs to know that you are interested.

Applying for Outstanding Phelps County 4-H Member:

Complete the included application form, and write a short paragraph outlining your 4-H accomplishments. Submit the application form, and your 4-H record book to the Extension Office **by September 30**. You may nominate yourself, or you may be nominated for this award by 4-H members and volunteers. **New in 2017** – To be eligible for the Outstanding 4-H Member, your 4-H Career Portfolio, must be submitted by September 30.

Applying for the Awards and Incentives Program:

To apply for project awards and incentives (to win county project pins and certificates- all the way up to winning a national trip or scholarship) follow the summary of what needs to be included in your awards booklet below. Call the Extension Office and we will get you a packet of information which lists complete instructions for this awards program. Put your awards application in a green 4-H binder available at the office.

You must follow these instructions carefully if you participate in the awards program.

You may apply for a maximum of 3 county project awards.

JUNIOR DIVISON (4-H'ers ages 8-11 (4-H age). 4-H age for 2017 is defined as the age you were on December 31, 2016.

▪ **Yearly 4-H Story OR 4-H Career Portfolio.**

1. **County Awards Application Sheet** - This must come first! **USE THE County Awards Application PROVIDED ON THE NEXT PAGE**, not the one from the Career Portfolio as it does vary slightly.
2. **4-H Yearly Story** – This is the general, yearly story the 4-H'er wrote for their annual record book.
3. **4-H Project Story** – A short story, one page or less, that specifically tells about the **project (Beef, Photography, Etc.)** in which you are applying. **Tip:** The Project Story is different from the 4-H Yearly Story.
4. **Pictures** – One page of photos is required but up to four pages is allowed.
5. **Other Information (Optional)** – Up to two pages of additional information such as an awards certificate, but not newspaper articles.

It is hoped that you will all wish to participate in the 4-H scholarship/awards/incentives program either through special county scholarships or through the awards/incentives program. **Please call** the office if you have any questions or need any assistance.

SENIOR DIVISION - 12 years of age and older – 4-H age. 4-H age for 2017 is the age the 4-H'er was on December 31, 2016.

▪ **4-H Career Portfolio – Must include Sections 1-5 plus County Awards Application Sheet**

1. County Awards Application Sheet - This must come first! **USE THE County Awards Application PROVIDED ON THE NEXT PAGE**, not the one from the Career Portfolio as it does vary slightly. (The form from the Career Portfolio is used when records are sent to State Record Book competition)

2. Sections 1-5 of the Career Portfolio

i. Sections 1, 2, 3 as listed in the Career Portfolio.

ii. Section 4

- Follow the instructions in the Career Portfolio carefully when writing this story.
- The Curriculum Story is specific to the curriculum/project area in which you are applying.
- A Curriculum Story is needed for **each** project area in which you are applying.
 - For example, if you circle leadership and swine on the County Awards Application sheet, you will need a curriculum story to support your role in leadership and a second story to support role in swine.
- The Curriculum Story is different from the 4-H Yearly Story. Yearly stories are not needed in this awards book.

▪ **Section 5 – Supplemental Information**

- As listed in the Career Portfolio- four pages maximum photos per award book.
- Two additional pages of supplemental information, such as award certificates, but not newspaper articles.

Tip: Follow the instructions in your Career Portfolio

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County Awards Application

Use for ALL County Awards – Place this as the FIRST item in your record book!

2017 4-H Awards Application – Phelps County Due: September 30, 2017

Name _____ Age (Jan 1, 2017) _____

_____ I would like to be considered for a **camp scholarship through the Phelps County 4-H Council** (4-H camp, workshop, or conference scholarship). To apply for a scholarship, check the line and submit this form as the front page of your record book. *No special awards folder is necessary.* This scholarship would be in addition to the 4-H Foundation activity scholarships.

I would like to apply for the following **awards and incentives**. I am including my special awards booklet. I am in the:

_____ **Junior Division (11 and under, Jan 1 of this year)** _____ **Senior Division (12 and older, Jan 1 of this year)**

_____ I would like to be considered for a **Phelps County Award** in the following Project Area (Circle the projects from the list below)

County Project Areas:

- **Circle** those project areas in which you are applying.
- You may apply for awards in up to **three project award** areas.
- You must have been in the project area for more than one year.
- Write a Project Area Story for **each** application area

Animal Science, Beef, Cat, Companion Animal, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine, Veterinary Science

Communications, Photography, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts

Clothing & Textiles, Consumer Management, Entrepreneurship, Heritage, Home Environment, Human Development, Money Management, Visual Arts

Conservation, Entomology, Forestry, Range, Shooting Sports, Wildlife

Food & Nutrition, Health, Healthy Living, Safety

Citizenship, Community Service, Leadership,

Agriculture, Gardening and Horticulture, Plant Science

Aerospace, Computers, Electricity, Engineering, Forestry, Robotics, Small Engines, Technology and Engineering, Woodworking

State Awards for Senior Division:

State competition is based on quality and content of the 4-H Career Portfolio and the 4-H'ers accomplishments in a Curriculum Area. The Phelps County Awards Committee will determine eligibility for State consideration. An individual 4-H member may be selected at the county level for state competition in two curriculum areas. If selected, you will be given instructions on competing at the state level.

State Competition for National 4-H Congress: Youth must be *14 years of age* prior to Jan 1 of current year to advance to State competition

(Select from the curriculum list below. You may select two area. You may have a Career Portfolio for each.)

State Curriculum Area	
(Indicate area applying in)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Animal Science
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communication & Expressive Arts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consumer & Family Science
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Education & Earth Sciences
<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy Lifestyles Education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leadership & Citizenship
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plant Science
<input type="checkbox"/>	Science & Technology

National 4-H Congress is an award program, which provides recognition to 4-H youth for their outstanding performances and achievements in 4-H. It is held annually in Atlanta Georgia. Nebraska delegates are selected for a trip to National 4-H Congress by submitting their 4-H Career Portfolio for state competition. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H to attend National 4-H Congress.

- All applicants must turn 15-19 during the calendar year in which the trip to National 4-H Congress is actually taken.
- 4-H'ers must have completed at least two years of a 4-H project in order to attend National 4-H Congress in that project curriculum area.
- The applicant must also be enrolled in a related project at the time of the application and remain enrolled through National 4-H Congress.
- The 4-H Career Portfolio must be selected by the Phelps County Awards Committee to represent the county at the State level competition.
- At the State level twenty-three applicants will be chosen for partial scholarships to attend National 4-H Congress.
- Alternates are also selected and may attend National 4-H Congress at their own expense.

National 4-H Conference

____ I would like to apply for the Nebraska State competition for **National 4-H Conference** (Age 14-18, as of Jan 1, 2017). I understand that I will be required to complete a separate application, consisting of a cover letter and resume, if I am selected to represent the county in this area.

Phelps County 4-H Application Form

Outstanding 4-H Member Outstanding 4-H Alum Outstanding Friend of 4-H

Name of Applicant: _____

Award: (check one)

- Outstanding 4-H Member (A current 4-H Career Portfolio is needed)
 Outstanding Alum
 Outstanding Friend of 4-H

Tell in a short paragraph, or in a short list, the applicant's 4-H accomplishments. Please list what the applicant has given back to the 4-H program, activities the applicant has been involved in, and leadership in 4-H or other areas. Write your information in the space provided below. **No extra sheets are allowed.**

Awards may be presented to each of the above award areas each year in Phelps County. The 4-H Awards Committee in Phelps County will choose the recipients of these awards. You may nominate yourself for one of these awards, or you may be nominated for these awards by a 4-H member or volunteer.

Notes for Outstanding 4-H Member:

- Must be a current 4-H member in Phelps County
- Preference given to 4-H'ers 16 years or older. (4-H age).
- Submit a 4-H Career Portfolio
- You may nominate yourself or be nominated by someone else for this award.