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**WESTMORELAND COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**
**OUTSTANDING MEMBER APPLICATION INFORMATION**
14 -17 year old

To be considered as Westmoreland County Outstanding 4-H Member you are asked to submit an **application, a résumé based on the outlined criteria** and **two letters of recommendation for judging**. Members scoring in the top percentile of applicants will be invited to a personal interview. Application is based on documentation of life skill development; **understanding self, communicating, getting along with others, learning to learn, decision making/problem solving, managing, & working with groups.** Applicants in this recognition program:

- ✓ must be at least 14 years old and no older than 17 years of age as of January 1 of the current year
- ✓ must be in at least their third year of 4-H membership.

The written materials and the personal interview will be considered equally. Applications need to be in word format.

## Evaluation Criteria

## I. Application Form

- Neat and complete

## II. 4-H Resume

In resume format, use the categories below to list your involvement, accomplishments, and skills you feel you have gained in the 4-H program.

**Project Work:** (*learning to learn, decision making, problem solving, managing*)

- Demonstrated a broad spectrum of project work
- Demonstrated a depth of educational project work
- Demonstrated a mastery of project work
- Participated in educational experiences based on project work i.e. (quiz-bowls, judging etc.)

**Communication** (*communicating, working with groups, problem solving*)

- Documentation of skill development with formal presentations at county, regional and / or state level.
- Served as a 4-H ambassador or spokesperson in their community.
- Documentation of skill development by serving in a communication role at club, county, regional or state level.
- Documentation of skill development by presenting an oral presentation on 4-H to a non 4-H group i.e. school, church, community service group etc.

**Leadership** *(working with groups, communicating, understanding self, managing)*

- Accepted and completed leadership roles at the club level
- Served as a teen leader or camp counselor that assisted younger members
- Served in a leadership capacity at the county, regional, state or national levels

**Club or Group Experience (***working with others, getting along with others, managing***)**

- Attendance at meetings
- Supportive of club functions
- Supportive of club financial needs
- Showed an appreciation for others

**Citizenship/Service Learning** *(getting along with others, making decisions, understanding self)*

- Demonstrated the member's willingness to give back to the community
- Demonstrated their willingness to give back to the 4-H Youth Program
- Served as a positive role model for 4-H

## III. Letters of Recommendation

At least one letter of recommendation must be from a non 4-H related person (e.g. a teacher, employer, counselor, coach). Do not ask a member of your immediate family to complete a recommendation form.

> NOTE: Completed recommendation forms may be attached to the application or forwarded directly to your county extension educator. Two recommendation forms are attached to this packet for your convenience.

**Checklist for completed application packet**

_____ 1. Completed Application.

_____ 2. Resume based on outlined criteria.

_____ 3. Two completed recommendation forms.

_____ 4. Please attach a picture that may be used for publicity purposes.

Date_____

Name_____

Address_____County_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Male_____Female_____Years in 4-H_____Phone Number (____)_____

Age as of January 1st of this year_____Date of Birth_____/_____/_____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)_____

Name of 4-H Club (s) or Program(s)_____

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Name of 4-H Leader(s)_____

_____

Ladder of Achievement Highest Clover Award achieved _____

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be accurate. I agree to serve as a positive role model both at 4-H activities and in my community and uphold the 4-H Code of Conduct.

Date_____/_____/_____Member's Signature_____

My signature below indicates that I have read this application and believe it to be correct. I certify that this individual is a current and active member of the 4-H/Youth Development Program, and I approve this application for submission to the Westmoreland County 4-H Board of Directors for consideration for the Westmoreland County Outstanding 4-H Member:

Date_____/_____/_____Parent or Guardian's Signature_____

Date_____/_____/_____Local 4-H Leader's Signature_____

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**WESTMORELAND COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**
**RECOGNITION APPLICATION**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR**_____
(4-H Member)

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How long have you know the applicant?

How have you been involved with or how do you know the applicant?

Describe the contributions the individual has made in the 4-H / Youth Development Program and the school or community in which he or she lives.

Indicate the applicant's leadership qualities (both those currently exhibited and future potential).

Indicate other qualities, strengths or special talents that you believe the applicant has.

Name of person submitting recommendation_____

Address_____Phone_____

Signature of person submitting recommendation_____

Date_____/_____/____

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