



ADAMS COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION INFORMATION - JUNIOR DIVISION

DEAR 4-H MEMBER:

Welcome to the Adams County 4-H Recognition Award Program. This application is your ticket to recognition at the county level. Junior Division members are asked to submit this application and one recommendation form completed by an adult who has knowledge of the member's involvement in 4-H, school and community activities.

Application Criteria

To compete in the Junior Division of the 4-H Recognition Award Program, 4-H members must be 8-14 years of age as of January 1, of the current program year.

Application Guidelines

- Applicants may compete in up to 4 program areas. Junior Division applicants can only be recognized in one program area.
- Please print in black ink or type. You may use a typewriter or computer, but you must keep the same format and include all the information printed on the original form, including the Affirmative Action statement.
- List your answers in the space provided. Do not add extra pages.
- If typing, please double space.

Application Deadline

- Recognition Award applications are **DUE APRIL 1**. Your recommendation letter must be included in with your application or received at the Extension office by April 1.



**Adams County 4-H Recognition Award Program
Application Score Sheet - Junior Division**

| | Possible Points | Your Score |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Project Summary (page 2) | 5 points | _____ |
| Question 1 (page 3) | 10 points | _____ |
| Question 2 (page 3) | 10 points | _____ |
| Question 3 (page 4) | 10 points | _____ |
| Question 4 - Essay | 30 points | _____ |
| One completed recommendation form | 5 points | _____ |
| TOTAL SCORE: | 70 points | _____ |

Guidelines for Completing the Adams County 4-H Recognition Award Form

Please PRINT using black ink or type. You may use a computer, but follow the original format exactly (i.e. include Affirmative Action statement, etc.).

** 4-H members may compete in four (4) program areas. Junior Division applicants may only win in one program area.

Cover Page: Write Program Area for competition in space provided.

| <u>Program Areas for Competition:</u> | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Achievement | Beef | Bicycle |
| Child Care | Citizenship | Clothing & Textiles |
| Dairy | Foods & Nutrition | Gardening |
| Goat | Home Environment | Health |
| Horse | Leadership | Pet Care |
| Public Speaking | Rabbits | Rocketry |
| Safety | Science & Technology | Sheep |
| Shooting Sports | Swine | Wood Science |
| Agriculture | Poultry | Dog |
| Performing Arts | Photography | Entomology |
| Veterinary Science | Engines & Tractor | Electric |
| Forestry | Outdoor Ed. & Recreation | Wildlife |
| Consumer & Family Sciences | | |

Page 1: General Applicant Information

- Sign and date your application.
- Obtain the signatures of a parent/guardian and your 4-H Club Leader.

Page 2: Project Summary

- List completed projects for last 3 years including present year.
- Print using proper names of projects (i.e. Foods & Nutrition-Yr. 8 OR "Around the World in Seven Days"). Do NOT write "exhibited muffins, 10 dairy cattle, gun cabinet, 5 vegetables", etc.
- Projects in your program area of competition should be listed first.
- Junior division entrants DO NOT include a resume with their application.

Impact Question Section

This section includes three short answer questions and one brief essay dealing with your 4-H experiences. Include events that show how 4-H made an influenced your life. Think in terms of **IMPACT**. *Be creative!*

Why were these experiences so important to my growth?

What did my club and/or I learn?

Write in paragraph form and use complete sentences. Use ONLY the space provided - DO NOT add pages.

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Page 3:

- **Communications Question** - Include your two most important **4-H** related COMMUNICATION experiences from the current year, and/or two previous years. Ideas include, but are not LIMITED to, talking to a different age group than you are accustomed to; speaking in front of a large audience; creating an exhibit; leading a communications activity for your club; researching a controversial topic, etc. How have you benefited from these experiences?
- **Leadership Question** - Discuss your two most important **4-H** related LEADERSHIP experiences from current year and/or two previous years. Think about what happened to you or your group as a result of this experience. What did you learn that has helped you become a more effective leader?

Page 4:

- **Community Service Question** - Include your two most important **4-H** related COMMUNITY SERVICE experiences from the current year and/or two previous years. How did you feel after completing the activities? What did your experience teach you about the importance of community service? These could be activities accomplished as a group OR an individual.
- **Essay** - This story should answer the question "How has my 4-H involvement made a difference in my life beyond 4-H?" Use ONLY one side of one page.

Questions to ask yourself:

How have I made a difference in my school, church youth group, sports team, etc., because of my 4-H experiences?

How has 4-H helped me to become more aware of my role as a citizen in my community?

How have my plans for the future been influenced by 4-H?

Recommendation Forms: One recommendation is required for Junior applicants.

DEADLINE: April 1. Recognition and Recommendation forms must be received by the April 1, deadline.

**ADAMS COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM - JUNIOR DIVISION**

Name _____ Award Area _____ ;
_____ ; _____ ;

Address _____ County _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Male _____ Female _____ Years in 4-H _____ Phone Number (____) _____

Age as of January 1, of this year _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

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

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

Name of 4-H Leader(s) _____

Where do you attend school? _____

What grade are you in? _____

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| Shirt Size _____ |
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I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be accurate.

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 active member of the 4-H Program and I approve this application for submission into the Junior Division of the Adams County 4-H Recognition Award Program:

Date _____ / _____ / _____ Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____ / _____ / _____ Local 4-H Leader's Signature _____

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PROJECT SUMMARY

List the 4-H projects that you have completed in each of the previous two 4-H years. Include the complete name of the project and the unit level.

Year _____

Year _____

List 4-H projects that you are enrolled in this year.

1.) Please list the 4-H presentations or show and tells you have given during the last 3 years. Tell us if you went to Regional Presentation Night or presented to other groups. What did you learn about yourself from your public speaking experiences? Use only the space provided.

2.) Tell us about the committees you served on in your 4-H club(s). Share with us if you are an officer in your club and what you have learned, what you liked and what you would do over in order to do a better job.

3.) Tell us about the best community service activities you helped with since you joined 4-H. What did you do? What did you learn? How did you feel when you were helping other people or helping our environment, etc.?

4.) Attach a one-page story explaining how being in 4-H has helped you make a difference in your club or county 4-H program, school, or community. Also explain how those experiences will help you contribute to a better society in the future. Use only one side of one page and type your response if possible. All typed responses should be double-spaced.

RECOMMENDATION FORM

RECOMMENDATION FOR _____

(4-H Member)

The individual indicated above is submitting an application for recognition in the Adams County 4-H Recognition Award Program. The applicant is required to provide one completed recommendation form from an individual (i.e. 4-H leader, teacher, guidance counselor, youth group advisor, etc.) who has an understanding of his/her involvement in school and community activities. Your responses to the following questions will provide valuable input to the committee as they review applications and select county winners.

How long have you known the applicant?

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

Describe the contributions the individual has made to the 4-H program, school, and/or community in which he/she lives.

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Indicate leadership qualities currently exhibited by the applicant, as well as, potential for future leadership development.

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

Print name of person submitting recommendation _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Signature of person submitting recommendation _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____