

2017-2018

Illinois Farm Bureau® & Affiliates

4-H PREMIER LCP AWARD



Description of Program

The 4-H Premier LCP Award is sponsored for older 4-H members in Illinois. The purpose of the award is to reward members exhibiting outstanding leadership, citizenship, cooperation, and professionalism during the past 4-H program year (September 1 through August 31). Although all members can apply, the program is designed to recognize and promote achievement in the agricultural industry.

Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled 4-H members who are at least 17 years of age by December 1, and cannot have reached their 19th birthday by September 1 of the year they submit the application. A maximum of two applicants per geographical county may be submitted for the state competition.

Awards

The 4-H members with the highest cumulative point total will receive the State 4-H Premier LCP Award, which will be presented at a special recognition event scheduled for October 2018.

The final award is the opportunity to attend the Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates two-day Premier 20 Leadership Conference. This award will be made available to the ten (10) 4-Hers with the highest cumulative score who indicate their availability to participate. This conference will begin on Wednesday morning, April 18 and run through Thursday, April 19, 2018, at the Illinois Farm Bureau headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois. The Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates will pay all necessary expenses (excluding travel and personal purchases) for delegates to attend the Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Premier 20 Leadership Conference.

NOTE: Once the applicant has attended the conference as a winner or an alternate through the Illinois 4-H Program or the Illinois Association FFA, they are ineligible to participate in the conference again. They are however, if not a previous winner, eligible to apply for the 4-H Premier LCP Award.

Sponsors

The Illinois Farm Bureau®, COUNTRY® Financial, GROWMARK, Inc., Prairie Farms Dairy and the IAA Credit Union are the sponsors of this program in cooperation with the Illinois 4-H Program.



Application

This application (pages 1–6) requests information on the member's:

- Leadership & Citizenship Activities
- General 4-H Experiences
- Participation in Other Events
- 4-H Goals
- Cooperation/Teamwork/Professionalism

There is also space to list additional significant activities. The entry form is completed by checking whether or not the 4-H member participated. No additional pages, except those requested, will be accepted.

The completed application, including the appropriate signatures, as well as the required three (3) Reference Evaluations (see page 6), **must be submitted to your local Extension office by their stated deadline or no later than Thursday, January 4, 2018** for submission to State 4-H Award Selection by the Friday, January 5, 2018 deadline.

Judging

Judging on the County Level

A selection committee should complete selection of the county's nominee for submittal to the state contest in mid-November. Suggestions for members of the committee include, but are not limited to: County Extension Director or Council President; Farm Bureau® Manager or President; FS Service Company Manager or President; COUNTRY® Financial Agency Manager; Volunteer 4-H Leaders; County Foundation President.

If county selection is necessary to nominate the two applicants, then and only then are the Reference Evaluation letters allowed to be opened by the selection committee. If this is necessary, a letter to the Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Youth Education Committee from the County Extension Director must accompany the application explaining the opened letters.

Signatures of the 4-H member, parent, and an Extension Unit staff member are required on page 1 for the application to be evaluated by the state evaluation committee.

Judging on the State Level

Judging should be completed by March 15. The judging committee will consist of members of the Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Youth Education Committee. The judging committee will break all ties.

The Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Youth Education Committee will contact winners by March 20 via email.



ILLINOIS 4-H PREMIER LCP AWARD PROGRAM

2017-2018 Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Gender _____

Home Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

College Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Best time to reach you by telephone _____

4-H Membership County _____ Year in School _____

Certification

I have read the foregoing application and statements in full, and to the best of my knowledge the information is true and accurate. **ALL signatures are required for selection purposes.**

Signatures:

_____ Applicant _____ Parent or Guardian _____ Extension Unit Representative

Availability to Participate in the Award Conference

Responses provided below will not have any effect on the judging of your application or in the determination of the 4-H LCP Award Recipients.

Prior to completing this section, please check with your parents, school advisor, administration, instructors, athletic coaches, or anyone else you need approval from so that your participation information is accurate.

Please note: Only students that attend the entire conference will be designated as completing the program and recognized accordingly.

Yes, if selected, I will be able to participate in all or the majority of the Premier 20 Leadership Conference.
The Premier 20 Leadership Conference will take place from approximately 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18 to approximately 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 at Illinois Farm Bureau in Bloomington.

No, I will not be able to participate in the Premier 20 Leadership Conference.

Please indicate your size in either an adult male or adult female polo shirt:

MALE SIZE ONLY: Small Medium Large XL 2XL

FEMALE SIZE ONLY: Small Medium Large XL 2XL

Section I – 4-H Leadership & Citizenship Participation

Indicate activity participation or award earned throughout your 4-H membership. This section is NOT limited to the past program year. Do not duplicate items listed in any other section of this form. (This section is worth a maximum of 275 points.)

Participation & Recognition

A. County/Club Level Participation & Recognition

- | | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. County/Unit 4-H Federation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. County/Unit 4-H Ambassadors | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Gold, Silver, or Bronze 4-H Experience Award (Leadership or Community Service Area) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. County 4-H Excel Award
(Communications, Community Service, Leadership, or Personal Growth Area) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. 4-H Achievement Medal Recipient (prior to 2017) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Other County/Unit Participation (Group name): | | |
| a. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Other 4-H Leadership-oriented Activities/Awards: | | |
| a. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B. State and Multi-County Level Participation & Recognition (attendance at event)

- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Illini Summer Academies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. State Fair Exhibitor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Legislative Connection (Youth Leadership Team or Speaking for Illinois 4-H only) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Camp Counselor/Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Diamond or Emerald 4-H Experience Award (Leadership or Community Service Areas) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. State 4-H Excel Award
(Communications, Community Service, Leadership, or Personal Growth Area) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. State 4-H Recognition Event | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C. National Level

- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. National 4-H Conference (Washington, DC) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Citizenship Washington Focus (Washington, DC) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. 4-H International Exchanges (Japanese Exchange, IFYE, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. National 4-H Congress (Atlanta, GA) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. National 4-H Youth Summits (Washington, D.C.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Other National 4-H Activities (not noted in Section III) | | |
| a. _____ | | |
| b. _____ | | |

D. Leadership Demonstrated

Yes **No**

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Illini Summer Academy Planning Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Teen Leadership Conference Planning Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Speaking for Illinois 4-H (SFI4H) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. 4-H Teen Teacher, Mentor, Planner, Promoter, Advocate, or Advisor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. County/Unit 4-H Officer (i.e. Federation, County Leadership Team)
Extension Council or 4-H Youth Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. County or Unit 4-H Committees or other 4-H Teen Leadership position | | |
| a. _____ | | |
| b. _____ | | |
| c. _____ | | |
| d. _____ | | |
| 9. National 4-H Leadership (list position): | | |
| a. _____ | | |
| 10. Other 4-H Leadership (list positions): | | |
| a. _____ | | |
| b. _____ | | |

E. Other Leadership and Citizenship Awards & Recognition

Please list any leadership demonstrated or citizenship awards you have received **outside the 4-H Program**.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Section II – General 4-H Experiences

Responses in this section are to be based on the past program year only (September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018). (This section is worth a maximum of 90 points.)

	Yes	No
1. Attended at least 5 4-H club meetings or program sessions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Participated in a 4-H group learning experience related to my project area (i.e. workshop, camp, tour, Illini Summer Academies, judging contest, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Participated in a community service activity organized by my 4-H club.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Planned a group service activity for my 4-H club or county 4-H program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Served on committee, held an office, or served in a club leadership role.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Recruited a new 4-H member to join my club or a current 4-H member to participate in a new 4-H experience.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Served as a teen mentor to a younger 4-H member in my club.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Participated in a 4-H competition or exhibit experience related to my project area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Designed and taught a 4-H learning experience for others related to my project area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Attended a 4-H leadership training on the county, multi-county or state level.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Developed and gave a presentation to tell others about 4-H.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Participated in one or more multi-county, state, or national level learning experience(s) (different than #2 group project learning or #10 leadership training).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section III – 4-H Contest/Activity Participation

Indicate your participation in the following activities throughout your 4-H membership. This section is NOT limited to the past program year. **Do not duplicate items listed in Section I.** (This section is worth a maximum of 125 points.)

Level of Participation	County/Unit	State	National
1. Judging Teams			
a. Dairy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Horses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Livestock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Meats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Poultry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other:			
g. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	County/Unit	State	National
2. Quiz Bowls			
a. Dairy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Horses (Hippology Contest OR Quiz Bowl)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Livestock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Competition			
a. Team Robotics Competition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Public Presentation Contests (Includes Horticulture, Horse, and Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. 4-H Shows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Level of Participation	County/Unit	State	National
4. 4-H Camp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Other 4-H Contests or Activities:			
a. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section IV – 4-H Goals (This section is worth a maximum of 110 points.)

In narrative format, please tell us about the goals you set for yourself this past year or have set for the future and how 4-H has played (or is playing) a part in helping you reach those goals. (This could include such things as project or career goals, personal skills, new programs initiated, etc.) You may only use the space provided below – no additional pages may be added.

Section V – Cooperation/Teamwork/Professionalism

(This section is worth a maximum of 85 points.)

Reference Evaluations

Three (3) completed reference evaluations must be attached to this application. They should be completed by the following individuals:

1. An Extension Unit Staff Member OR 4-H Volunteer Leader
2. High School or College instructor OR Community Leader
3. Peer from the 4-H program

NO Reference Evaluations should be completed by a family member.

Each evaluator should place the completed form in a sealed envelope with the applicant's name on the front and the evaluator's signature across the seal. Envelopes should be returned to the 4-H member for attachment to the application. Envelopes **MUST** be sealed when received by the state selection committee! (See "Judging at the County Level.")

