



PENNSYLVANIA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD 2009

The winner of this award will be announced during Recognition Ceremonies at the State 4-H Horse Show on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Finalists will also be recognized. Applications due by August 25, 2009.

Application Criteria

Applicants for the Outstanding Member Award must be at least 15 years old as of January 1 of the current year and must be in at least their third year of membership in the 4-H horse program. Members currently enrolled in any 4-H horse project are eligible. Ownership of a horse is not mandatory for completing an application.

This award is to recognize an outstanding 4-H member active in the 4-H horse/horse science program. Emphasis is on the member and his/her participation in the horse program, plus his/her leadership and impact on club, county, and community in general. Finalists will be recognized during the State 4-H Horse Show. The member with the highest-scoring entry will receive a tack trunk (or similar item).

Application Procedure

Each county may nominate one outstanding 4-H horse program member for this award. The selection procedure should be determined by the individual county. Selection of the county nominee should be made by an appropriate process determined by the extension educator and local horse program leaders. Former finalists may apply if selected by their county. Former saddle/tack truck recipients may not apply.

Checklist for completed application packet (forward all items to the state level for judging):

- _____ 1. Completed Application Form. Use our form or format. Do not include news clippings, photographs, or more than two letters of reference.
- _____ 2. Two completed recommendation forms, at least one which must be from a non-4-H related person (i.e., a teacher, employer, counselor, coach). Note: Do not ask a member of your immediate family to complete a recommendation form.

Application Deadlines

A completed application for ONE nominee per county should be sent to:
Nancy Kadwill, Montgomery County Cooperative Extension, 1015 Bridge Road, Suite H, Collegetown, PA 19426-1179. **Send the original and two copies of the application and letters** (one for each judge). Do not send materials in a notebook or plastic sleeves. Applications must be received in the Montgomery County Extension Office by August 25, 2009. There are absolutely no exceptions to this deadline! No faxes will be accepted! Send the entire packet as a unit; there is no guarantee that additional "pieces" sent under separate cover or via e-mail will be included with the final application at the time of judging.

Finalists may be interviewed to determine the top winner if deemed necessary by the judges. If you have questions or need further information, contact Nancy Kadwill at 610-489-4315.

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SCORE SHEET

I. Project Summary	10 points	_____
II. 4-H Story	30 points	_____
III. Communications	20 points	_____
IV. Leadership	20 points	_____
V. Community Service	20 points	_____
VI. County/Regional Events	15 points	_____
VII. State/National Events	15 points	_____
VIII. Involvement in Non-4-H Activity	15 points	_____
IX. Clarity and Neatness of Application	5 points	_____
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TOTAL SCORE:	150 points	_____

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County _____

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COVER PAGE**

Entry Number: _____

Name _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Male _____ Female _____ Years in 4-H _____ Phone No. (____) _____

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

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

Name of 4-H Club(s) _____

Name of 4-H Leader(s) _____

Name of high school, college, or vocational program _____

Year in school _____ Major area of study _____

If you are not in school, list your present job or career _____

I have 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 and active member of the 4-H Youth Development Program, and I approve this application.

Date _____ Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Date _____ Local 4-H Leader Signature _____

Date _____ County Agent Signature _____

NOTE: Two completed recommendation letters must accompany the application. Recommendations should include one from the applicant's 4-H club leader and another from a community-based individual (such as a teacher or other adult in the community who can speak for the community involvement). Extension educators may also include comments on a separate sheet attached to the application. Please do not have a member of your immediate family give you a recommendation. If your parent is your only club leader, have an extension educator or a leader from another club complete a recommendation form. **Remember to send three total copies of the application/letters (and double check that both sides of pages are copied where applicable).**

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Tips: Be concise, truthful and highlight key accomplishments. Be sure your application is neat and easy to read. Don't assume the selection committee will always know what a local event is by just listing a name. You may wish to describe (briefly) that event. Use our form or format. Do not include news clippings, photographs, or more than two references!

I. Project Summary (10 points)

List the 4-H projects that you have completed in each of the previous two years. Be specific as to the project level or unit. List only 4-H projects for which you have kept project books and record books. Note: Capital Days, Ambassador Program, etc. are state activities listed elsewhere in this application. They are not projects.

Year: 2007

Year: 2008

List the 4-H *projects* that you are enrolled in for the current year (2009):

II. 4-H Story (30 points)

Attach a 1-3 page description of your accomplishments and experiences in the 4-H horse program. Focus on your current year's accomplishments and those of the two previous years. Include the goals you have achieved, knowledge and skills you have acquired, and/or special 4-H events, activities, and programs that were important to you. You need not list your projects again. Type or word-process your response. Stories should be double-spaced using a highly legible font (Times, 12 point is good). The emphasis should be on **you**, not just on your horses or show ring accomplishments.

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III. Communications (20 points)

Describe your two most important 4-H related communications experiences from the current year or two previous 4-H years (such as presentations, public speaking, marketing 4-H, etc.). Limit your response to the space provided.

IV. Leadership (20 points)

Describe your two most important 4-H related leadership experiences from the current or two previous 4-H years (such as club or county offices, county or regional committees, teen council, camp counselor, show chairperson, etc.). Limit your response to the space provided.

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V. Community Service (20 points)

Describe your two most important community service experiences from the current or two previous years. Limit your response to the space provided.

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4-H ACTIVITIES

VI. County or Regional 4-H Events (15 points)

Include 4-H events planned and conducted for county or multi-county area involving participation from several 4-H groups or clubs (such as Teen Leader Conference, Roundup, tours, officer training, camp, Achievement Night, exchange trip, benefit shows, etc.). Also include your specific duties and any honors won. Limit to last 5 years (2005-2009).

EXAMPLES

- 2009 County 4-H Achievement Night - received sportsmanship medal; served as Mistress of Ceremonies
County Day Camp - counselor for horse science project
- 2008 County Achievement Night - presented skit; on decoration committee
Equine Awards Banquet - named Outstanding County Equine Member
Regional Teen Weekend - helped with recreational activities
Regional Horse Show - participated in 6 classes
Regional Hippology Contest - team placed 6th overall

(Type your answer below)
(You may add additional sheets as needed)

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VIII. Involvement in Activities Other Than 4-H (15 points)

Briefly summarize your participation, leadership, and recognition in your school, community activities, religious institution, etc. You may include jobs and work experience as part of these listing. You may also describe items as needed to help judges understand your involvement. Limit to last 5 years (2005-2009).

EXAMPLES

2009	Work School	Summer - Counselor at community recreation site Class Play - Actor ("Oklahoma")
2008	Community Church School	Little League Baseball - Equipment Manager Vacation Bible Camp Instructor Christmas Play - Props Manager Band (played French Horn; 3 concerts, plus traveled to be in Rose Bowl Parade!)

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(4-H Member)

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How long have you known 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 Horse Program, his/her 4-H club and community in which he/she lives. Obviously, recommendations from community or school leaders do not need to include knowledge about the member's involvement in the 4-H horse program, as this may not be their area of expertise.

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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