

4-H Older Youth Opportunities

REQUIRES COMPLETION OF THE OHIO ACHIEVEMENT RECORD					
	Description/Responsibilities	Application	Deadline	Term & Time	Resources
State 4-H Achievement Awards	These awards recognize achievements in specific 4-H project areas. Areas include: Beef, CARTEENS, Citizenship & Community Service, Creative Arts, Clothing & Textiles, Communications, Companion Animals, Dairy, Environmental Sciences, Family Life & Child Development, Foods & Nutrition, Gardening & Horticulture, Health & Safety, Horse, Leadership, Goats, Llama Mechanical Engineering Sciences, Personal Development, Photography, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Swine, Woodworking, and Veterinary Science. Award recipients receive a trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.	Complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record (must follow guidelines listed on the application regarding font and formatting). Applicants must be at least 14 years old and currently enrolled in 4-H.	Check with your county Extension office for deadline. Due in the State 4-H office early February.	National 4-H Congress is held annually in late November in Atlanta, GA. Dates: November 27 – December 1, 2020	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships
County Merit Awards	These awards recognize a 4-H member's achievement in a specific project area. Areas are the same as those for the State 4-H Achievement Awards. Each winner will receive county recognition for their accomplishments. A county merit award may only be received once in each project area.	Complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record (must follow guidelines listed on the application regarding font and formatting). Applicants must be at least 14 years old and currently in 4-H.	Check with your county Extension office for deadline. Due in the State 4-H office early February.	County Award Recognition Banquet will be held in April.	
National 4-H Dairy Conference	The mission of the conference is to: reward delegates for their achievements in the dairy industry, provide delegates an opportunity to practice new dairy related skills, observe new dairy techniques, encourage delegates to conduct educational dairy activities in their local communities, foster an increased understanding and appreciation of the dairy industry, meet new people, and share ideas.	Complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record (must follow guidelines listed on application regarding font and formatting). Applicants must be at least 14 years old and currently enrolled in 4-H.	Check with your county Extension office for deadline.	Held annually in September/ October. Dates: September 27-30, 2020	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships



Ohio State Junior Fair Board	State Junior Fair Board members help strengthen and coordinate State Fair activities in a fast-paced, action-packed 12 days of the Ohio State Fair. Junior Fair Board members are expected to attend meetings and stay at the fair for the entire 12 days. Comprised of outstanding individuals from each of the youth organizations represented at the Ohio State Fair, and serves to strengthen and help coordinate State Fair activities each year.	Two applicants are selected yearly, must be currently enrolled in Ohio 4-H and 16 years or older as of January 1 st , Complete the State 4-H Achievement Record and submit it to their county Extension Office.	Check with your county Extension office for deadline. Applications are due in early February to State Office. Interviews are conducted during Ohio 4-H Conference in March.	2 year term, during the Ohio State Fair (late July, early August each year) Ohio State Fair Dates: July 29 – August 9, 2020	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships
Ohio Township Association 4-H Local Government Award	Established in an effort to encourage and inspire more 4-H teens to become responsible citizens who are involved in local government. This award is designed to reinforce the importance of having youth become contributing citizens in their communities. Two teens are selected annually to win this \$1500 award.	Complete the State 4-H Achievement Record and submit it to their county Extension Office. Applicants must be seniors, have completed a 4-H local government activity, and plan to attend college after high school.	Check with your county Extension office for earlier deadline.	Winners notified after March 20.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships

STATE LEVEL BOARDS AND COUNCILS					
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Ohio 4-H Health Heroes	This group is made up of 4-H teens who have the opportunity to promote healthy living and leave a positive impact on family, friends, and communities. Members gain valuable leadership, communication, and teaching skills. Members in high school have the option to take on additional responsibilities and serve at the state level. Members are expected to complete one required training, attend periodic meetings in Columbus, and participate in events and activities determined by the group (e.g. Ohio State Fair, Ohio 4-H Conference)	Applicants must be in grades 9-12 as of the current school year.	September 15	1-year term beginning in the fall with the option to renew each year.	Visit Ohio4h.org/healthheroes
Ohio 4-H Fashion Board	This is a small group of outstanding 4-H youth involved in 4-H textiles and clothing projects. State Fashion Board members are selected from across the state to: a) Assist in conducting Ohio State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue; b) Assist with educational programming efforts related to textiles and clothing at county, regional, and state-wide events; Serve as an advocate for Ohio's 4-H textiles & clothing projects & programs.	Up to 20 older youth applicants selected from across the state, as nominated by the county (1 per county). Must complete a State Fashion Board application and an interview at the Ohio State Fair.	Due at the time of registration the day the applicant competes in the State 4-H Fashion Revue at the Ohio State Fair.	1 year term, meets 4-5 times throughout the year. Youth may only serve one term.	Visit Ohio4h.org , click on Families, and then Just for Teens.
4-H Event Youth Assistants	This groups of teens assists with 3 or more state fair events. Selected individuals must attend a training in July.	13-18 year olds may apply. Must have been a 4-H member for at least 1 year prior to application.	May 15	June 1-August 31	Visit Ohio4h.org , click on Families, and then Just for Teens.
Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council	TLC is a statewide group of 4-H teens and young 4-H alumni that provides a youth stakeholder perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Ohio 4-H programming. In the process, council members develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for future success.	Applicants must be age 14 to 18 as of January 1 of the year of application. Individuals apply for different levels of involvement.	Friday following the Ohio State Fair – August 14 (Leadership roles have an earlier deadline, but must have previous TLC involvement).	1 year term beginning in September. 4-8 face to face meetings/conf conference calls, self-led group tasks.	Visit Ohio4h.org , click on Families, and then Just for Teens.

STATE, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL TRIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES					
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Ohio 4-H Conference	Held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, this day-long conference provides teens with over 75 educational sessions pertaining to 4-H projects, 4-H opportunities, leadership development, and current events. Includes buffet lunch and opportunities for networking.	All teens! Fairfield County Youth who complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Form will have their registration fee reimbursed after they attend by the 4-H Advisory Committee.	Register by deadline (February 14, 2020) is \$40. County Registration Deadline: February 7, 2020.	March 14, 2020	Visit Ohio4h.org, click About
Ohio Youth Capital Challenge	Youth from across the state coming together to learn how to make their voices heard in government and make a difference. Held in 3 phases: 1) March in downtown Columbus and the Capital, 2) Work in teams in local communities, 3) Competitions (May and July/August)	Open to high school youth in 4-H, FFA, or Ohio Farm Bureau. 40 teens selected through the nomination/ application process.	Delegate Nominations due October 31, 2019 Delegate Applications due November 30, 2019.	Phase 1: March 2-3 Phase 2: Independent work Phase 3: May 16 (competition) Phase 4: July 31, 2020 (competition at Ohio State Fair)	Contact Sally McClaskey (mcclaskey.12@osu.edu) Application: http://ohioffa.org/ohio-youth-capital-challenge/

Ohio Youth Institute	<p>The Ohio Youth Institute at The Ohio State University is designed to build awareness of global poverty and hunger issues through a writing competition. Students in grades 9-11, working under the direction of a teacher-mentor, select a developing country and research a key factor affecting food security. This program is part of the Global Youth Institute created by Norman Borlaug, a Nobel Peace Prize winner for his worldwide efforts in food security. Participants to the Ohio Youth Institute are called Borlaug Scholars and through their participation are eligible for scholarship opportunities at OSU's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.</p>			<p>The Ohio Youth Institute is in early spring at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on the campus of The Ohio State University.</p> <p>In addition, selected Ohio Borlaug Scholars and their teachers will receive an expense-paid trip to the World Food Prize and Global Youth Institute in Iowa in October.</p>	<p>For more information, visit: http://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/ohio/</p>
Buckeye Leadership Workshop	<p>Held at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, OH. This learning, sharing "workshop" is intended as a balanced program of social, physical, mental, and spiritual activities. It's powerful learning environment in which anyone who works with people, professionally or informally, can develop programming for youth or adults.</p>	15 years old or a freshman in High School or older	Early bird registration \$350 before 2/25/20 \$375 after, space permitting	March 25-29, 2020	http://www.buckeyeleadership.com/ Scholarships available at the above link and are due with your registration.

<p>International Programs & Exchanges</p>	<p>HOSTING: Annual opportunities for 4-H families with youth ages 10-16 to serve as a host sibling for youth visitors from Japan (ages 12-15), Costa Rica (ages 14-18) and Finland (ages 14-18).</p> <p>TRAVELING: 2020 destinations are Japan, Costa Rica, Norway & Romania. Countries vary annually. See online for additional information.</p>	<p>Varies depending on program—see online for more information.</p>	<p>HOSTING: Applications are accepted until all youth are placed, usually in April or May.</p> <p>TRAVELING: Applications are due Nov. 15 each year</p>	<p>HOSTING: <u>Costa Rica and Norway:</u> June 23 to July 18. <u>Japan:</u> July 23 to August 17. TRAVELING: <u>Romania and Norway:</u> June 24 - July 24. <u>Costa Rica:</u> June 18 - July 17. <u>Japan:</u> June 10 - August 6 (2 months) OR July 8 - August 6 (1 month).</p>	<p>Visit Ohio4h.org, click Ohio 4-H Statewide Programs and then International Program.</p>
<p>Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)</p>	<p>Held at the National 4-H Center – Chevy Chase, MD. Gives 4-H youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need to be outstanding leaders in their home communities and at the national level. Through sightseeing tours in the living classroom of Washington, D.C. and hands-on educational workshops, youth will learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it, and how they can apply the leadership and citizenship skills they have learned at CWF when they return.</p>	<p>Open to 4-H youth in high-school, application process varies by county.</p> <p>Seniors preferred as of January 1.</p> <p>Members who are high school seniors and above who do not win a scholarship to this trip may choose to pay their own way if remaining space is available. Contact the 4-H Educator before the end of March to discuss this extra option.</p>	<p>County reservations are due February 15, 2020. Full \$1375 payment due March 15, 2020</p>	<p>June 14-20; June 21-27, 2020 (depending on county)</p>	<p>Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens</p>

Leadership Washington Focus (LWF)	Held at the National 4-H Center – Chevy Chase, MD. Serves as the precursor to CWF. Using the historical backdrop of Washington, D.C., youth will build confidence in their ability to motivate and direct others in meaningful action, practice effective communication, create and accomplish goals, and develop an understanding of their leadership style.	Open to youth in 7 th -9 th grades, application process varies by county. Members going into grades 7th through 9th in the fall of 2020 are encouraged to apply. Typically, one Junior Achievement Award participant and one Ohio 4-H Achievement Award Participant are selected to attend.	County reservations due February 15, 2020. Full payment due March 15, 2020.	July 27-31, 2020	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens
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STATE CAMP (AND COUNSELOR) OPPORTUNITIES

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Ohio 4-H Shooting Education Camp <i>Teens/Alumni may also apply as counselors for this program.</i>	Held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp – Jackson, OH Select a shooting sports discipline to focus on for the week, and enjoy other traditional 4-H camp activities.	Ages 9-12 (Junior) or 12-18 (Senior)	Cost is \$225-325.00 registration *Scholarships available Counselor applications due March 15	June 26-28, 2020 (Junior) and July 19-24, 2020 (Senior)	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Statewide programs, Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports
State 4-H Leadership Camp <i>Teens may also apply as counselors for this program.</i>	The premiere leadership development opportunity available to Ohio 4-H members. The focus of the five-day leadership experience is the development of concrete peer leadership skills that will enable participants to have an immediate impact in their home 4-H club, county, community, or school.	Application process varies by county. Open to 4-H youth ages 14+ with significant leadership potential or leadership experience.	County nomination due March 15, final registrations due April 30. <i>(Counselor application due April 1, must be 18).</i>	June 1-5, 2020 at 4-H Camp Ohio. <i>Counselors also attend training May 8-10 and May 31-June 1.</i>	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Camps and then click on Leadership Camp. Scholarships are available in each county in the state.

Ohio Military Kids Camp Counselor	Programs are designed for military youth to help them find positive ways to meet others who share the experience of growing up in a military family and to cope with the challenges of their family member's deployment. Residential camping is one such program; camp is held at Kelleys Island. Counselors are needed for Youth Camp (9-11 year old campers) and Teen Camp (12-15 year campers).	Application and interview required; teens must be 16 and older. 4-H and/or military background is not required, but helpful. Ideal for counselors looking for a new challenge; this should not be the first year of counseling experience.	Applications are available in December and are due by February.	One-day training held in early summer in Columbus. On-site training takes place Aug 3-4; Campers August 5-9, 2019.	Visit go.osu.edu/OMK and contact Kayla Oberstadt at oberstadt.1@osu.edu for more information.
Sea Camp <i>Counselors can apply who are 18 or older at the time of camp.</i>	Held on Kelleys Island. Campers learn about one of Ohio's most important resources: Lake Erie! You'll be in, on, and around the water as you explore the science of the lake, learn marine-related skills, and discover the history and recreational uses of our great lake. Sea Campers will learn about safe boating in Ohio and have the opportunity to earn their Ohio Boater Education Certificate.	Teens ages 15 to 17 (as of the first day of camp)	Registration due annually June 1. Estimated cost \$500, due with registration.	July 11-15, 2020	Visit go.osu.edu/SeaCamp for more information; contact Kayla Oberstadt at oberstadt.1@osu.edu for information
Carving New Ideas Camp (CNI)	CNI is a statewide teen leadership camping opportunity for any 4-H members in grades 8-12. The focus is on improving skills in critical thinking and program facilitation. This unique event is planned and facilitated by the Collegiate 4-H Club at The Ohio State University.	Open to any 4-H member in grades 8-11 as of January 1. Registration is completed electronically.	Registration is due in Mid-October. Cost is \$65.	Weekend camp offered in November at 4-H Camp Ohio	Contact Beth Boomershine at boomershine.10@osu.edu for more information
Camp Canopy (formerly known as Ohio Forestry Camp)	Experience the great outdoors with hands-on forester activities and cool forestry technology. This six-day camp (June 7-13, 2020) is held at FFA Camp Muskingum, Leesville Lake (Carroll County). The program focuses on tree identification, silviculture, ecology and forest products. Youth must be in 8 - 12th grade as of January 1st.	Open to any 4-H member in grades 8-12 as of January 1.	Cost is \$375.	June 7-13, 2020	Visit campcanopy.org

COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES					
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CARTEENS	A traffic safety program conducted by 4-H teen leaders and their program partners for juvenile traffic offenders.	Speak with your county 4-H professional for more information.			Visit ohio4h.org , click on Families, and then Just for Teens.
Outstanding 4-Her	Applicants must complete an Ohio 4-H Achievement Record. Only information contained within that record will be used to determine eligibility for this award. Be sure to include in your Ohio 4-H Achievement Record all items that correspond to the selection criteria for Outstanding 4-H'er. Eligible 4-H'ers will receive a request to update their Ohio Achievement Form along with the Outstanding 4-H'er application form in July of 2020. Award winning Outstanding 4-H'ers will be recognized at the Junior Fair Panorama at the 2020 Fairfield County Junior Fair.				
4-H County Camp Counselor	<p>Develop advanced leadership abilities by serving as 4-H camp counselors, as peer helpers, as teen program assistants and in other capacities. A variety of day-camp and residential-camps exist in each county.</p> <p>This opportunity is open to all 4-H members ages 14-18. All resident camps are held at Tar Hollow State Park. Our one-day Cloverbud Camp is held at Alley Park in June. Counselors must be 14 by the time camp starts be a selected for training.</p>	<p>Speak with your county 4-H professional for more information.</p> <p>A separate, specialized application form including an advisor and additional adult recommendation is required to be filled out for this opportunity.</p>			<p>Visit your county's website or call for information.</p> <p>fairfield.osu.edu</p>

County Fashion and Nutrition Board Member	This countywide opportunity focuses on skills, community service, and leadership within the clothing and nutrition project areas. Youth ages 13 and up with at least 3 years of clothing and/or nutrition projects are encouraged to apply.	Applications required for first year applicants. Applications are due January 10, 2020. Returning membership is considered at the recommendation of the Fashion & Nutrition Board Advisor annually.	fairfield.osu.edu
County Junior Fair Board Member	<p>JFB is designed for youth who have proven leadership abilities and are willing to take on major responsibilities before and during the county fair.</p> <p>This group of 4-H and FFA members works with the Junior Fair Directors and advisors to help with the Junior Fair. Youth who will be Freshman in High School by October 1st, 2020 and up are encouraged to apply (as long as they are still eligible to exhibit at the 2020 Fairfield County Junior Fair as an exhibitor).</p>	<p>Speak with your county 4-H professional for more information.</p> <p>Application required for new and returning applicants. Applications are due January 10, 2020.</p>	<p>Visit your county's website or call for information.</p>
County Junior Leadership Club Member	<p>This club is open to members ages 13 and up and focuses on leadership development, building responsibility, current issues, socialization, career exploration and international awareness. Members of this club come to meetings and events to learn skills that improve their local clubs and also serve as youth volunteers in the operation of the overall county 4-H program. Members may join at any point in the year once they reach age 13.</p>	<p>No application.</p>	fairfield.osu.edu

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

	Description/Responsibility	Application	Deadline	Term & Time	Resources
County Level	Speak with your county 4-H professional for more information.	Visit your county's website for information.			
Fairfield County 4-H Scholarships	Fairfield County offers county 4-H scholarships, each from donors within the county. High School Seniors as of January 1st.	Completion of the Fairfield County 4-H Scholarship Application and a copy of your current Ohio 4-H Achievement Form is required.	January 10, 2020	Scholarships will be announced in early April.	fairfield.osu.edu
Dorrin & Ruth Ross Scholarship	Fairfield County college bound youth who are or were 4-H members, FFA members or are current seniors or graduates of Bloom Carroll or Fairfield Union are encouraged to apply for the Dorrin & Ruth Ross Scholarship.	Application available by contacting OSU Extension, Fairfield County.	March 15, 2020		
Fairfield County Cattlemen's (FCCA) Scholarship	The FCCA typically sponsors two \$500 college scholarships to current High School seniors and one \$500 scholarship to local youth currently enrolled in college. Preference is given to youth who have completed a beef project.	Application available by contacting OSU Extension, Fairfield County.	TBA		
Ohio 4-H Scholarships	Scholarships currently exist for Ohio 4-H members – majority for graduates attending OSU, but several exist for members attending any accredited post-secondary institution. Scholarship amounts and requirements vary, but application focus is on 4-H participation and leadership. Completion of the Ohio 4-H Achievement Form is not necessary to be eligible for Ohio 4-H Scholarships. However, a completed and up to date Ohio 4-H Achievement Form will be helpful with application requirements.	Application ONLY available online. Encourage working with your county 4-H professional to complete this process!	MUST complete online application by Feb. 15		Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships

Ohio State Fair Scholarships	The Ohio State Fair conducts its own scholarship program. Be sure to check the state fair website (http://ohiostatefair.com/scholarships/) for specific descriptions and guidelines.				
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