

# 4-H SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

## WHAT IS A 4-H SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD?

A 4-H Service Excellence Award winner is a 4-H member who wishes to share his/her skills and knowledge in any area of 4-H to help others. This is a working honor, and members receiving this honor must complete their plan within a year from the time they are selected. They will receive a Pin when their plan is completed.

## WHAT IS A 4-H SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD PLAN?

It is a project which the member selects to plan and accomplish to help others on a county level, or in their community. The project or plan does not have to be a new idea. It can be planning a Dog or Horse Show, Field or Training Day for a project area, or doing a community service project to help others.

## WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS? *Timeline: April through March following year*

1. Any 4-H member who has achieved the Bronze Star OR completed the fourth level of SPARK achievement, and is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade or above but has not previously held the 4-H Service Excellence Award.
2. Prepare and present a plan to provide some type of leadership on a county level, or in the community.
3. The plan must reflect that you assume all financial costs: such as printing and distributing materials, etc. Should you need funding to complete the project you should identify where you are going to obtain the funding.
4. Submit one copy of the completed plan to the 4-H Office by the APRIL application deadline. (Any revisions must be completed and presented at the beginning of the 4-H Service Excellence Award interview).
5. Attend an interview discussion (Early MAY)
6. Present project to at least 2 clubs for feedback/evaluation during the project year.
7. *At the end of the project year*, provide a written self-evaluation with support materials (mid-APRIL) of work completed.
8. Attend a completion interview (APRIL), and present at the APRIL Leaders Council Meeting.

## HOW ARE 4-H SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS SELECTED?

4-H members submitting plans are interviewed by a panel of three judges. The plan they submit is reviewed to make sure that it has the following:

- ± It is of value to the Madera County 4-H Program, members and/or leaders.
- ± It is of value to the community and to others.
- ± The plan is realistic, practical and can be accomplished.
- ± The plan shows thought and is in keeping with what 4-H stands for.

# 4-H Service Excellence Award Application

INDIVIDUAL PLAN

TEAM PLAN (2-3 MEMBERS)

Send to:  
UC Cooperative Extension  
Madera County 4-H  
145 Tozer St., Suite 103  
Madera, CA 93638

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PO Box/Street

City

State

Zip Code

GRADE IN SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PO Box/Street

City

State

Zip Code

GRADE IN SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly describe the project you plan to complete (1 copy of your plan must be submitted). If this is a team plan be sure to include what each member will be doing.**

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**4-H SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD PLAN**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Club:</b>
<b>WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO?</b>	
<b>WHO ARE YOU DOING IT FOR (INTENDED AUDIENCE)?</b>	
<b>WHEN (DATE AND TIME) AND WHERE YOU WANT TO DO IT?</b>	
<b>ESTIMATED COST AND WHERE YOU WILL OBTAIN FUNDING?</b>	
<b>WHO ELSE WILL BE INVOLVED IN PLANNING &amp; COMPLETING THIS PLAN:</b>	
<b>HOW WILL YOU EVALUATE YOUR PLAN?</b>	
<b>Supervising 4-H Project Leader Signature:</b>	
<b>Service Excellence Award Applicant(s):</b>	

I understand and support my son/daughter in carrying out this project:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent

Approved: SEA Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Program Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_