

# RACINE COUNTY 4-H AWARDS & EXPERIENCES APPLICATION & INTERVIEW PROCESS



*This application is for those who are in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2022-2023 school year.*

The deadline for your application materials listed above is **Wednesday, September 21, 2022.**

Late submissions are unable to be accepted. Submission methods are as follows:

Mail: Extension Racine County, 1072 Milwaukee Avenue, Burlington, WI 53105

Drop off: Extension Racine County, Monday-Friday, between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Drop

box: Place in the green drop box in front of the Extension Racine County office in Burlington. Email:

[elizabeth.vazquez@wisc.edu](mailto:elizabeth.vazquez@wisc.edu)

Interviews will be held in October. You will be contacted to schedule an interview. Keep an eye on your email for your invitation to schedule.

We are hopeful that the opportunities listed below will be carried out, but due to unforeseen circumstances, all are subject to change.

## AWARDS & EXPERIENCES DESCRIPTIONS

All grade requirements listed below are based on current (2022-2023) school year. This application recognizes your participation and achievements from the recently completed 4-H year (2021-2022). Please double check that you meet the qualifications for the experiences and awards you are applying for. The Racine County 4-H Leaders Association will pay up to half of the total experience cost for those awarded.

Once a member has been chosen or elected to attend anything identified in the Awards & Experiences application, the opportunity of scholarship for that experience is no longer available to that member unless its date conflicts with the county fair, or state, national, or international 4-H participation. If other unforeseen circumstances arise, one must come before the Racine County 4-H Board of Directors to obtain permission to interview a second time.

### American Spirit East

Youth learn about the steps to independence and freedom on a journey through their American heritage. Visit sites of historical importance in Philadelphia, Boston, New York City, and Niagara Falls. Travel for this experience typically takes place in June and July. Youth need to have a sincere interest in learning about our history and heritage. Total cost: TBD. The Adult Leaders Association will pay up to half the cost of the experience. (2 scholarship recipients)

#### *Scholarship Requirements:*

- Currently enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Display developing leadership qualities

### Leadership Washington Focus

This is a 4-H leadership program where travel typically takes place in July to Washington D.C. 4-H members build confidence in their ability to motivate and direct others in meaningful action and practice effective communications with others through group discussion and public speaking. Total cost: TBD. The Adult Leaders Association will pay up to half the cost of the experience. (2 scholarship recipients)

#### *Scholarship Requirements:*

- Currently enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Display developing leadership qualities

### **National 4-H Congress**

Delegates from all over the country meet in late November/early December (2023), in Atlanta, Georgia to participate in seminars, tours, and a service project, while exchanging ideas with each other and learning about 4-H in other states. Total cost: TBD. The Adult Leaders Association will pay up to half the cost of the experience. (2 scholarship recipients)

#### *Scholarship Requirements:*

- Currently enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Maximum age of 18 as of January 1, of the January 1, 2023
- Outstanding project work individually and as a Junior or Teen Project Leader •
- Demonstrated continued growth and development in 4-H

### **Racine County 4-H Future Leader Award**

This award is given to youth who have displayed growth in leadership skills.

#### *Award Requirements:*

- Currently enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade
- Member of a club and county committee
- Display growth in leadership skills

### **Racine County 4-H Honor Court**

The Honor Court consists of youth who have displayed outstanding leadership in 4-H. The award is designed to recognize those youth who have displayed leadership in their project, club, county Junior Leaders Association, and other 4-H activities. (up to 12 recipients)

#### *Award Requirements:*

- Currently enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Junior Project Leader or Teen Project Leader experience
- Successful 4-H career, including project and leadership growth

### **Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference or SPARK days**

This experience is held on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus typically in late June. Members participate in educational and social activities, gain new ideas, and meet new friends. Scholarships for this experience may be awarded more than once at the discretion of the Awards Committee. Total cost: TBD. The Adult Leaders Association will pay up to half the cost of the experience.

*In 2022, Wisconsin 4-H hosted regional SPARK days and did not host WI 4-H & Youth Conference*  
Wisconsin 4-H will be hosting 3 separate 4-H Spark Days in June this summer to help youth explore their sparks at different campuses around the State! The Spark Days were held in June of 2022. Each day includes hands-on sessions, career pathway exploration, guest speakers, meeting new 4-H friends from around the state, and fun. This opportunity will be open to youth in grades 7-12. You will be awarded a scholarship to attend 1 regional event or the Conference. (10 scholarship recipients)

#### *Scholarship Requirements:*

- Currently enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Display developing leadership qualities

### **Wisconsin 4-H Key Award**

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award recognizes 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. (up to 6 recipients)

#### *Award Requirements:*

- Currently enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> grade
- At least three years of 4-H membership
- At least one year of youth leadership

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First and Last Name: 4-H Club:

Grade during 2022-23 school year: 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Years in 4-H: Email Address:

Phone Number:

Carefully review the criteria for each experience or award. You may only receive one of the asterisked (\*) experience scholarships in a single year. All grade requirements for experiences are based on current (2021-2022) school year. This application recognizes your participation and achievements from the recently completed 4-H year (2020-2021). Please double check that you meet the qualifications for the experiences and awards you are applying for.

**Check all awards and experiences you are eligible for and wish to participate in. Please rank the order preference of experiences (#1 should be your first choice).**

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| *American Spirit East (Rank: )   | Racine County 4-H Honor Court              |
| *Leadership Washington Focus (Rank: )                                    | *Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference (Rank: ) |
| *National 4-H Congress (Rank: ) Racine<br>County 4-H Future Leader Award | Wisconsin 4-H Key Award                    |

Use only the space provided to answer the following questions. Do not add additional pages.

List any 4-H offices held (club/county/state):

List any committees you have been part of and your duty on that committee (club/county/state):

List your 4-H projects with numbers years involved: (i.e. Rabbits (2))

List community service projects you have participated in and your role: (i.e.

List any non-4-H activities you are part of (youth groups, church, sports, etc.):

Using the space provided, describe two or three 4-H accomplishments you are most proud of.

Using the space provided, what have you personally gained from being a member of the Racine County 4-H program and how will this lead to your future success?

4-H Member's Signature:

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Please include a photo of the applicant with the application submission. The purpose of this photo is for recognition during the awards ceremony. A head and shoulders photo emailed in JPG format is preferred.

# RACINE COUNTY 4-H AWARDS & EXPERIENCES REFERENCE FORM



*This form should be completed by a 4-H adult volunteer who is not related to*

**applicant.** First and Last Name of 4-H Member:

As part of the process for selecting youth for Racine County 4-H Awards & Experiences, the selection committee is seeking a recommendation and more information on each candidate. Please provide us your input regarding the following areas:

Unknown Poor Fair Good Excellent

Leadership qualities  
Maturity  
Participation in 4-H program  
Responsibility  
Positive attitude

Please provide additional comments in the space below:

Name of Reference:  
Title/Role:  
Date:  
Phone Number:  
Email:  
Signature:

**Please mail or deliver this completed reference form, in a sealed envelope, to Extension Racine County, 1072 Milwaukee Avenue, Burlington, WI 53105 so that it is received by Wednesday, September 21st, 2022. Email: [elizabeth.vazquez@wisc.edu](mailto:elizabeth.vazquez@wisc.edu)**

*This is for your reference. You do not need to print and submit with your application.*

## Awards & Experiences Rubric - Grades 7-9 First & Last Name:

Grade (2022-2023): 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>

Category	10, 9 points	8, 7, 6 points	5, 4, 3 points	2, 1 points	0 points
<b>Application (Overall appearance)</b>	Application contains all details in specified instructions. It is typed and easy to read. It is free of grammatical and spelling errors.	Application contains a lot of detail. It is typed with minimal grammatical and spelling errors.	Application is somewhat detailed. It is typed with several grammatical and spelling errors.	Application is not very detailed. It is hand-written. It has many grammatical and spelling errors.	Directions were not followed in completing the application. Very disorganized and/or hand written.
<b>Application (Offices held, Projects)</b>	Youth held offices at club level. Youth Project Leader in 2 projects or more. Participates in 5 or more projects.	Youth held offices at club level. Youth Project Leader in 1 project. Participates in 4 or more projects.	Youth held office at club level. Youth Project Leader in 1 project. Youth participates in 3 or more projects.	Youth has not held any office. Is not a Youth Project Leader. Participates in 2 or more projects.	Youth is not actively involved at the club or county level. No office held. Not Youth Project Leader.
<b>Application (Community Service, Non-4-H activities)</b>	Youth participated in club and countywide service projects. Youth had a leadership role in the project. Active in several extra-curricular activities outside of 4-H.	Youth participated in and led club and countywide service projects. Active in a few extra-curricular activities outside of 4-H.	Youth participated in club or countywide service projects. Youth does not have involvement in extra curricular activities.	Youth participated in club service projects only. Youth is not involved in any extra-curricular activities.	Youth has not participated in any service projects at any level. Youth is not involved in any extra-curricular activities.
<b>Response to personal gain from 4-H question</b>	Youth gave a thoughtful, detailed response to the question, touching on all talking points that were asked in the question. Response is free of grammatical and spelling errors.	Youth covered most of the talking points in the question. Response is fairly detailed. Few grammatical and spelling errors.	Youth covered some of the talking points, provided some details but did not elaborate enough. Some grammatical and spelling errors.	Youth covered basic information in the response. Few details provided. Many grammatical and spelling errors.	Youth did not answer the question.
<b>Response to 4-H accomplishments question</b>	Youth provides three or more accomplishments in 4-H. Response is thorough and includes details. Free of grammatical and spelling errors.	Youth provides two accomplishments in 4-H. Response has some details. Few grammatical and spelling errors.	Youth provides one accomplishment in 4-H. Response is not very detailed. Several grammatical and spelling errors.	Youth does not provide accomplishments. There are few details. Many grammatical and spelling errors.	Youth did not answer the question.
<b>Interview (professional appearance, greeting of interview panel)</b>	Youth is dressed in interview attire (no shorts, flip flops, tank tops). Arrived on time. Proper greeting with interviewers. Makes consistent eye contact throughout interview.	Youth is on time for interview. Dressed in interview attire. Some effort put into greeting interviewers. Sporadic eye contact throughout interview.	Youth is late for interview. Youth is dressed casually. Minimal effort put into greeting interviewers. Poor eye contact during interview.	Youth is late for interview. Youth is wearing inappropriate interview attire. Poor eye contact.	Youth did not show up for the interview.

<p><b>Interview responses to questions</b></p>	<p>Youth answers all questions thoroughly and provides examples and details in responses. Refrains from using “um” frequently in responses. Youth holds eye contact. Youth is confident during interview.</p>	<p>Youth answers most questions thoroughly, providing examples and details. Youth uses “um” occasionally in responses. Youth holds eye contact. Youth shows confidence during some of the interview.</p>	<p>Youth answers some questions thoroughly, provides some details and examples. Youth uses “um” often in responses. Youth has poor eye contact. Youth shows some confidence during interview.</p>	<p>Youth answers questions minimally. Provides few details or examples in responses. Uses “um” frequently. Poor eye contact.</p>	<p>Youth did not show up for the interview.</p>
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