

February 2020

TO: All Youth enrolled in 4-H in Monroe County

FROM: The Awards Committee - Monroe County 4-H Board of Directors

RE: 2020 Outstanding 4-H'er Award

The Board would like to offer an opportunity to all Monroe County 4-H'ers to submit an application to be considered for the Outstanding 4-H'er Award for 2020.

1. The enclosed Application Form is **due to the Extension Office by 4pm on Friday, March 27**. Late forms will not be accepted. This award is based **ONLY** on 4-H related participation, activities and contributions to your club(s) and the Monroe County 4-H program. Some suggestions to include would be meeting attendance, outstanding leadership, participation in club/community events, projects taken, offices held, 4-H awards received, involvement during fair week, etc. **Please do not include any non 4-H activities such as church or school related activities as these will not be considered.**
2. There will be two divisions: **Junior: Grades 3 – 8** and **Senior: Grades 9 – 12**. The 4-H Board Awards Recognition Committee will be choosing the top five finalists for each division. Notification letters will be sent to the top five candidates by April 15. Finalists will be required to submit a 5" x 7" picture (appropriate dress required) electronically to the Extension Office within one week of receiving this letter.
3. Outside judges will be brought in to interview and rank the finalists. **The interviews will be held on Wednesday, May 6 from 6 – 8 pm**. You will be notified of a specific time for your interview. If you cannot attend the interview **in person** on this night, please notify the Extension Office so that another applicant can be given the opportunity to interview and be considered for this award.
4. Each finalist in the **Junior** division will be required to prepare a **3-5 minute presentation** for the interview. Each finalist in the **Senior** division will be required to prepare a **5-7 minute presentation** for the interview. Your presentation should be related to 4-H, such as *"What 4-H Means to You"* or *"Life Skills You Have Learned in 4-H"* or something similar.

5. The winners will be revealed at the Awards Night during the Monroe County Fair on Friday, July 3, 2020 at the Awards Night.
6. There will be a display set up in the 4-H Building during fair week honoring the top 5 finalists in each division. A plaque will be awarded (only if an appropriate picture is submitted) to each.
7. The top **three** candidates in each division will be recognized by receiving a monetary gift along with their framed award. A member will only be allowed to receive 1st place once per division. The payout chart is below:

	Junior Division	Senior Division
1 st place	\$500.00	\$750.00
2 nd place	\$250.00	\$500.00
3 rd place	\$150.00	\$250.00

We hope that you are as excited about this opportunity as we are. If you have any questions or comments, please forward them to the Purdue Extension Office, and they will be answered by the Awards Committee ASAP.

We look forward to seeing your application!

The Monroe County 4-H Board of Directors