



# Minnesota 4-H Key Award Application

Study this report form carefully before filling in the blanks. It should be written in ink or typed. **Due Jan. 1, 2026**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name as you wish it to appear on certificate)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Your current grade in school \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years in youth leadership \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your 4-H club \_\_\_\_\_

**I. BASIC REQUIREMENTS** Mark X in boxes below if requirements are met.

The following 3 items must be met to apply.

1.  Completed sophomore year in high school.
2.  Completed five years in 4-H.
3.  Completed three years as a youth leader.

**II. OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Must meet 7 of the following 9 items.

All requirements under each item must be met.

1.  Attended during the past three years at least nine training meetings for adult and/or youth leaders where you received ideas and information to take back to your club. These meetings could include county leader federation or council meetings; county cluster or district youth leader meetings; demonstration workshops; etc. DO NOT include events such as County Fair, Share-the-Fun, demonstration contests, etc.

Year	Kind of Meeting	Training Received
20____	_____	_____
20____	_____	_____
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2. \_\_\_\_\_ Gave defined leadership assistance to your local club in at least three of the following ways. DO NOT include offices held.

a. Worked closely with at least two younger members to help them become active 4-H'ers. How did you help them? How did they show definite growth in their work? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Gave leadership to at least six 4-H related activities such as helping to plan and conduct a club tour, skating party, yearly program planning, booth or banner, float or Share-the-Fun planning, 4-H promotional campaign, etc. Describe your leadership responsibilities for each. DO NOT include community service projects here.

Club Activity

Your Leadership Responsibility

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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c. Served as a youth project leader in teaching part or all of some 4-H project. Describe project leadership work done. Number of project meetings held, etc.

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d. Help plan and conduct one or more community service projects related to Conservation of Natural Resources, Self-Protection Issues in Health and Safety, such as Alcohol Decisions program, environment, water quality, Community Pride and Service to Community programs, etc.

Activity

Your Leadership Role

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Held two or more Club or county 4-H offices. (Includes president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and reporter.) List 4-H offices held.

Level

Office

Year

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Served on committees or helped at events at least six times in the past three years. Committees and events must be countywide or larger in scope. For example, a member may have been on a county home economics committee, served as an assistant superintendent at the county fair, or served on the planning committee of a district or cluster youth leadership workshop during the past three years. Members employed by the Center for 4-H Youth Development to help at the state 4-H events may not include the work for which they were paid.

List Committees and/or events and give your responsibilities.

Committee or Event	_____	20
Your Responsibility	_____	
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5. \_\_\_\_\_ Complete project work in at least three different projects other than youth leadership.
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6. \_\_\_\_\_ Entered exhibits in 4-H competition at least FOUR DIFFERENT years. Must show evidence of quality work with some placings in the blue ribbon group and must show evidence of exhibits in youth leadership.

Year	Project	Placing
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Participated two different years as a County and/or State 4-H Ambassador.
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| County or State | _____ | 20 |
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8. \_\_\_\_\_ Participated two different years in three special 4-H learning experiences, such as judging contests, Share-the-Fun, communications program, 4-H camps, YELLO, District Retreats, Citizenship Washington Focus, Community Pride, demonstrations, etc.

Learning Experience \_\_\_\_\_ 20  
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9. \_\_\_\_\_ Helped acquaint others with the 4-H program – gave talks before non-4-H groups, appeared on radio or TV programs, wrote news articles, recruited new members and leaders, etc. (List two or more different things.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
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School: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATION

I have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Club Organizational Leader or  
4-H Youth Leadership Project Leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lead 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator

**Recipients will be notified in January.**

**Return application to:  
Dakota County 4-H, Attn: Key Award, 4100 220th St. West, #101, Farmington, MN 55024**

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