

Fond du Lac County 4-H Community Service Member Award Application

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Each year up to two youth in grades 5 - 8 and up to two youth in grades 9 - 13 (grades are based on the grade the child was in at the start of the 4-H year, October 1) will be recognized at the Annual 4-H Achievement Program. Applications are due to the Extension Office by the Tuesday after Labor Day. Members may be recognized only once in each of the two grade divisions. Complete this form as well as providing a statement of support from a 4-H leader or parent that worked with you on planning or carrying out your service. This statement may be attached to this application or mailed directly to the Extension Office by the person writing the statement.

Name _____ Grade _____ Club _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Answer each of the following in the space provided. Please be concise and do not add pages.

1) Describe the community service that you have done as a 4-H member. Include only that done as a 4-H member, not service through other organizations. If you have done more than one 4-H service project, you may include information on each one.

2) What time period does the service cover (i.e. the last two years, this summer)?

3) How many hours have you spent on this effort during this time period?

4) How did your effort impact others? Who benefited? How?

5) What did you learn from this experience?

Optional - On a separate sheet of paper, include photos with captions of yourself at work on the community service activity.

Fond du Lac County 4-H Community Service Award - Leader Statement

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You are being asked to provide a statement of support for _____

Describe the 4-H community service that this individual has undertaken in the space provided.

How has this person grown through his/her efforts?

How did the recipient of this service benefit?

What was your role in working with this individual on this project?

Your Name _____ Your Signature _____

This form may be returned to the applicant or mailed directly to the UW Extension Office, 400 University Dr, Suite D3, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. It must be received by September 15.