

## Door County 4-H Key Award Application

Due: June 4, 2026



**4-H Key Award is the highest 4-H recognition you can receive!** 4-H youth in 11<sup>th</sup> grade or older in Door County will be able to apply for the Key Award. **Up to two** youth will be chosen to receive this award.

### Key Award Requirements:

**4-H Key Award** is the highest 4-H recognition you can receive. 4-H Key Award applicants must have:

1. Consistent 4-H growth
2. Be a 4-H youth in 11<sup>th</sup> grade or older
3. Must have completed at least 3 years of 4-H
4. 1 year of youth leadership
5. Contributed to service to their club, community, and county

### Applications must include:

- **Resume** highlighting 4-H involvement and achievements (see enclosed sample; maximum length is 2 pages).
- **Answers** to questions (max length is 500 words per question)
- **Two** reference forms completed by someone not directly related to you and sent directly to the Extension Office:
  - ✓ **4-H Leader**, etc. Someone who knows your 4-H involvement
  - ✓ **Individual** of your choice (teacher, community leader, another 4-H leader)

### Interview:

- You will be contacted to schedule an interview once applications are received.
  - Interviews will be held in July
- Send completed applications and reference forms to:
  - Extension-Door County  
4-H Key Award  
421 Nebraska Street  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

**RESUME OUTLINE**  
**NAME**  
**ADDRESS LINE 1**  
**ADDRESS LINE 2**  
**PHONE NUMBER**  
**EMAIL (if applicable)**

- EDUCATION** School or college name, then Freshman, Sophomore, etc.
- 4-H SUMMARY** 4-H club name, years in 4-H (do not count years as a Cloverbud)  
List all projects in which you are or have been enrolled. Include the number of years you have been or were a member of that project.
- 4-H ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT** Summarize all 4-H activities in which you have participated and the number of years you participated. Include both club and county involvement.
- SKILL DEVELOPMENT** Translate what you have learned as a result of participation in 4-H projects and activities into skills you have developed.
- PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT** Translate what you have personally gained as a result of participation in 4-H projects and activities into personal attributes.
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** Describe your leadership experience, what you have learned personally, and how you have gained additional responsibility. Use action words.
- OTHER ACTIVITIES** In this section, include school activities, work experience, special activities, etc. and the number of years you participated.

## SAMPLE RESUME

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**EDUCATION** Green Meadow Middle School, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**4-H** Lucky Clovers, 6 years

**SUMMARY** Horse and Pony, Foods and Nutrition, 6 years  
Arts and Crafts, 5 years  
Poultry, 3 years  
Flowers, 2 years

**4-H ACTIVITY  
INVOLVEMENT**

**Club**

Booster Button Sales, 5 years  
Dairy Bar Worker, 5 years  
Club Fundraiser, 5 years  
Sr. Citizens Holiday Party, 5 years  
Club Float, 3 years

**County**

County Fair Exhibitor, 5 years  
Speaking Contest, 5 years  
Horse Committee Volunteer, 4 years  
Quality Market Animal Sale, 2 years  
County Fair Helper, 2 years  
In-state Exchange, 2 years  
Horse Drill Team, 2 years

**SKILL  
DEVELOPMENT**

- \* Knowledge of healthy food choices.
- \* Knowledge of various food preparation options including microwaving, cooking, baking, and slow cooking.
- \* Knowledge of horse nutrition, fitting, training, and showing in both Pleasure and Gymkhana.
- \* Knowledge of poultry nutrition, grooming, background, and showing.
- \* Basic knowledge of various flowers and care needed.
- \* Cultural arts skills: drawing, painting, macramé, leathercraft, and stenciling.

**PERSONAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

- \* Effective communication skills including spoken and written.
- \* Ability to work well with others including youth and adults.
- \* Ability to work toward personal goals from start to finish.
- \* Effectively works well in team situations, including showing sportsmanship.

**ACTIVITIES**

- \* Religious Education, 3 years
- \* Church volunteer, 3 years
- \* Honor Roll, 2 years
- \* Chorus, 2 years

## QUESTIONS FOR KEY AWARD APPLICANTS

To help the selection committee gain a better sense of your qualifications, please **type** your answers to the following questions. (max length is 500 words per question)

1. Based on your experiences in 4-H, what is an important concern of youth that you feel 4-H has helped you deal with positively? What has 4-H specifically done to help you in dealing with this concern? Could changes be made for 4-H to help even more? How would your proposed change help?
2. 4-H teaches life skills – skills that you learned in 4-H (your club, a project, an activity). Write about what life skill or skills you have learned through 4-H, including how you have learned those skill(s).
3. Please share anything else you think will give the selection committee insight into who you are, what your 4-H experience has been and why you should be considered for the 4-H Key Award.



## 4-H Key Award Reference Form

Name of 4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_ Your relationship to the 4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_

As part of the Door County 4-H Key Award selection process, each applicant must include two recommendations for this individual. You have been asked to complete one of the required recommendations. Please provide your input regarding the following areas:

	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership qualities</li> </ul> <i>Example:</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in 4-H program</li> </ul> <i>Example:</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in other activities</li> </ul> <i>Example:</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsibility</li> </ul> <i>Example:</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive attitude</li> </ul> <i>Example:</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential for future success</li> </ul> <i>Example:</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please provide additional comments of why the candidate is a worthy 4-H scholarship recipient. Use a separate sheet. (300 words or less)

Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE BY JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>.**

***THANK YOU!***