

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

4-H Older Youth Opportunities

REQUIRES COMPLETION OF THE OHIO ACHIEVEMENT RECORD					
	Description/Responsibilities	Application	Deadline	Term & Time	Resources
State 4-H Achievement Awards	These 25 awards recognize 4-H member's achievements in a specific area. Areas include: Beef, CARTEENS, Citizenship & Community Service, Clothing & Textiles, Companion Animals, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Environmental Sciences, Family Life & Child Development, Foods & Nutrition, Gardening & Horticulture, Health & Safety, Horse, Leadership, Meat Goat, Mechanical Engineering Sciences, Personal Development, Photography, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Swine, Woodworking, and Veterinary Science. Award recipients receive a paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.	Complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record (must follow guidelines listed on application regarding font and formatting). Applicants must be at least 14 years old and currently enrolled in 4-H.	Due to the state 4-H office early February. Check with county extension office for earlier deadline.	Congress held annually in late November.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships
National 4-H Dairy Conference	The mission of the conference is to: reward delegates for their state level achievements in the area of dairy cows and dairy goats, provide delegates an opportunity to practice new dairy related skills, observe new dairy techniques, encourage delegates to conduct educational dairy activities in their local communities, foster an increased understanding and appreciation of the dairy industry, meet new people, and share ideas.	Complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record (must follow guidelines listed on application regarding font and formatting). Applicants must be at least 14 years old and currently enrolled in 4-H.	Due to the state 4-H office early February. Check with county extension office for earlier deadline.	Held annually in September/October.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships
Ohio State Junior Fair Board	State Junior Fair Board members help strengthen and coordinate State Fair activities in a fast-paced, action-packed month at the Ohio State Fair. Junior Fair Board members are expected to attend meetings and stay at the fair for the entire 12 days. Comprised of outstanding individuals from each of the youth organizations represented at the Ohio State Fair, and serves to strengthen and help coordinate State Fair activities each year.	Two applicants selected yearly, must be currently enrolled in Ohio 4-H and 16 years or older as of January 1 st , Complete the State 4-H Achievement Record and submit it to their county Extension Office.	Due to the state 4-H office early February. Check with county extension office for earlier deadline.	2 year term	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships



Ohio Township Association 4-H Local Government Award	Established in an effort to encourage and inspire more 4-H teens to become responsible citizens who are involved in local government. This award is designed to reinforce the importance of having youth become contributing citizens in their communities. Two teens are selected annually to win this \$1500 award.	Complete the State 4-H Achievement Record and submit it to their county Extension Office. Applicants must be seniors, have completed a 4-H local government activity, and plan to attend college after high school.	Due to the state 4-H office early February. Check with county extension office for earlier deadline.	Winners notified after March 20.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships
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STATE LEVEL BOARDS AND COUNCILS					
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Ohio 4-H Fashion Board	This is a small group of outstanding 4-H youth involved in 4-H textiles and clothing projects. State Fashion Board members are selected from across the state to: a) Assist in conducting Ohio State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue; b) Assist with educational programming efforts related to textiles and clothing at county, regional, and state-wide events; c) Serve as an advocate for Ohio's 4-H textiles & clothing projects & programs.	Up to 20 applicants selected from across the state, as nominated by the county (1 per county). Must complete a Clothing Achievement Record and go through an interview process.	Due at 8:30 a.m. @ Fashion Board Orientation Meeting at State 4-H Fashion Revue the day of the county judging at Ohio State Fair.	1 year term, meets throughout the year	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens.
Ohio State 4-H Ambassadors	Serve as the youth spokespersons for Ohio 4-H. Ambassadors serve as speakers, emcees, program facilitators, hosts or hostesses, committee members, and in many other youth leadership roles for 4-H and Extension programs throughout the state. They are role models expected to maintain the highest standard of excellence as they fulfill their 4-H Pledge commitments.	Applicants must be in high-school on January 1 st and have high standards of excellence. Application must be approved by the county office.	Application and nominations must be approved by county Extension Office and submitted by February 2nd; <u>AND</u> NEW IN 2016: Due Friday following the Ohio State Fair (will continue to 2017)	2 year term	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens.

Ohio 4-H Teen Advisory Council	TAC is the highest youth decision-making and advisement body in the state's 4-H program. Members work together to improve Ohio 4-H programming, administration, and relevance to youth in today's society through cooperation with State 4-H leaders, active support of new and innovative 4-H programming, and advocacy for 4-H and youth issues.	Applicants must be age 15 to 18 and have 24 consecutive months of 4-H membership prior to the application deadline. Prior membership in another state-level 4-H organization is encouraged.	Friday following the Ohio State Fair	2 year term beginning in September. Monthly conference calls or face-to-face meetings, self-led group tasks	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens.
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STATE, NATIONAL, and INTERNATIONAL TRIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES					
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Ohio 4-H Teen Conference	Held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, this day-long conference provides teens with educational sessions pertaining to 4-H projects, 4-H opportunities, leadership development, and current events. Includes buffet lunch and opportunities for networking.	All teens!	Register by deadline is \$35. Late registration is \$45.	March 12, 2016	Visit Ohio4h.org, click About
Ohio Youth Capital Challenge	Youth from across the state coming together to learn how to make their voices heard in government and make a difference. Held in 3 phases: 1) March in downtown Columbus and the Capital, 2) Work in teams in local communities, 3) Competitions (May and July/August)	Open to high school youth in 4-H, FFA, or Ohio Farm Bureau. 40 teens selected through the application process.	Applications due in January	Phase 1 March 8-9	http://ofbf.org/get-involved/youth-programs/
Buckeye Leadership Workshop	Held at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, OH. This learning, sharing "workshop" is intended as a balanced program of social, physical, mental, and spiritual activities. It's powerful learning environment in which anyone who works with people, professionally or informally, can develop programming for youth or adults.	15 years old or a freshman in High School or older	Early bird registration \$350 before 2/18/16 \$375 after, space permitting	March 30-April 3, 2016	http://www.buckeyeleadership.com/ Scholarships available at the above link and are due January 6, 2016.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)	Held at the National 4-H Center – Chevy Chase, MD. Gives 4-H youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need to be outstanding leaders in their home communities and at the national level. Through sightseeing tours in the living classroom of Washington, D.C. and hands-on educational workshops, youth will learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it, and how they can apply the leadership and citizenship skills they have learned at CWF when they return.	Open to 4-H youth in high-school, application process varies by county	County reservations are due March 1. Full \$1200 payment due April 1.	June 26-July 2; July 3-9, 2016 depending on county	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens
Leadership Washington Focus (LWF)	Held at the National 4-H Center – Chevy Chase, MD. Serves as the precursor to CWF. Using the historical backdrop of Washington, D.C., youth will build confidence in their ability to motivate and direct others in meaningful action, practice effective communication, create and accomplish goals, and develop an understanding of their own personal leadership style.	Open to youth in 7 th -9 th grades, application process varies by county.	County reservations due March 1. Full \$825 payment due April 1.	July 11-15, 2016	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens
International Programs & Exchanges	Looking for 4-H families with youth ages 10-15 to serve as a host sibling for Japanese LABO youth annually. LABO youth are ages 12-14. Outbound travel opportunities vary annually, with expanded information available online.	Varies depending on program.	Applications to host are accepted ongoing until all youth are placed. Applications for outgoing travel due in December.	LABO hosting begins late July for 3 ½ weeks. Outbound travel varies.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click Ohio 4-H Statewide Programs and then International Program.

STATE CAMP (and counselor) OPPORTUNITIES					
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State 4-H Leadership Camp <i>Teens may also apply as counselors for this program.</i>	The premiere leadership development opportunity available to Ohio 4-H members. The focus of the five-day leadership experience is the development of concrete peer leadership skills that will enable participants to have an immediate impact in their home 4-H club, county, community, or school.	Application process varies by county. Open to 4-H youth ages 14+ with significant leadership potential or leadership experience.	County nomination due April 1, final registrations due May 13. <i>Counselor application due May 1, must be 18+.</i>	July 5-9, 2016 at 4-H Camp Ohio. <i>Counselors also attend training May 20-22 and July 4-5.</i>	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Camps and then click on Leadership Camp. Scholarships are available in each county in the state.
Ohio: Military Kids Camp Counselor	Programs are designed for military youth to help them find a positive ways to cope with the stress of their family member's deployment. Residential camping is one such program; camp is held at Kelley's Island.	Application is required for teens 16 and older. 4-H and/or military background is not required, but helpful. This should not be the first year of counseling experience.	Applications are typically due in May.	Camp is in August.	Contact Candie Glover, glover.94@osu.edu for more information.
Sea Camp <i>Teens may also apply as counselors for this program.</i>	Held on Kelley's Island. Campers learn about one of Ohio's most important resources: Lake Erie! You'll be in, on, and around the water as you explore the science of the lake, learn marine- related skills, and discover the history and recreational uses of our great lake. Sea Campers will learn about safe boating in Ohio and have the opportunity to earn their Ohio Boater Education Certificate.	Teens ages 13 to 18 (as of January 1st)	Registration due annually June 1. Estimated cost \$500, due with registration.	July 9-13, 2016	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Camps and then click on Sea Camp.
Ohio 4-H Shooting Education Camp	Held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp – Jackson, OH Select a shooting sports discipline to focus on for the week, and enjoy other traditional 4-H camp activities.	Ages 9-12 or 12-18	Cost is \$220-350.00 registration *Scholarships available	July 1-3 and July 17-22, 2016	http://www.ohio4hshootingports.org/ <i>Teens may also apply as counselors for this program.</i>

COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES					
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CARTEENS	A traffic safety program conducted by 4-H teen leaders and their program partners for juvenile traffic offenders.	Speak with your county 4-H professional for more information.			Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens.
4-H County Camp Counselor	Develop advanced leadership abilities by serving as 4-H camp counselors, as peer helpers, as teen program assistants and in other capacities. A variety of day-camp and residential-camps exist in each county.	Speak with your county 4-H professional for more information.			Visit your county's website or call for information.
County Junior Fair Board Member	JFB is designed for youth who have proven leadership abilities and are willing to take on major responsibilities before and during the county fair.	Speak with your county 4-H professional for more information.			Visit your county's website or call for information.

SCHOLARSHIPS					
	Description/Responsibility	Application	Deadline	Term & Time	Resources
County Level	Speak with your county 4-H professional for more information.				Visit your county's website for information.
Ohio 4-H Scholarships	36 scholarship funds currently exist for Ohio 4-H members – majority for graduates attending OSU, but several exist for members attending any accredited post-secondary institution. Scholarship amounts and requirements vary, but application focus is on 4-H participation and leadership.	Application ONLY available online. Encourage working with your county 4-H professional to complete this process!	MUST complete online application by Feb. 15		Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships