

4-H Older Youth Opportunities

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State 4-H Achievement Awards	These awards recognize achievements in specific 4-H project areas. Areas include: Beef, CARTEENS, Citizenship & Community Service, Creative Arts, Clothing & Textiles, Communications, Companion Animals, Dairy, Environmental Sciences, Family Life & Child Development, Foods & Nutrition, Gardening & Horticulture, Health & Safety, Horse, Leadership, Goats, Llama Mechanical Engineering Sciences, Personal Development, Photography, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Swine, Woodworking, and Veterinary Science. Award recipients receive a trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.	Complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record (must follow guidelines listed on the application regarding font and formatting). Applicants must be at least 14 years old and currently enrolled in 4-H.	Check with your county Extension office for deadline. Due in the State 4-H office early February.	National 4-H Congress is held annually in late November in Atlanta, GA.	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 achievements in the dairy industry, 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.	Check with your county Extension office for 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 12 days of 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 are 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.	Check with your county Extension office for deadline. Applications are due in early February to State Office. Interviews are conducted during Ohio 4-H Conference in March.	2 year term, during the Ohio State Fair (late July, early August each year)	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships



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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.	Check with your 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

STATE LEVEL BOARDS AND COUNCILS					
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Ohio 4-H Health Heroes	This group is made up of 4-H teens who have the opportunity to promote healthy living and leave a positive impact on family, friends, and communities. Members gain valuable leadership, communication, and teaching skills. Members in high school have the option to take on additional responsibilities and serve at the state level. Members are expected to complete one required training, attend periodic meetings in Columbus, and participate in events and activities determined by the group (e.g. Ohio State Fair, Ohio 4-H Conference)	Applicants must be in grades 9-12 as of the current school year.	On or about September 1 st	1-year term beginning in the fall with the option to renew each year.	Visit Ohio4h.org/healthheroes
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 older youth applicants selected from across the state, as nominated by the county (1 per county). Must complete a State Fashion Board application and an interview at the Ohio State Fair.	Due at the time of registration the day the applicant competes in the State 4-H Fashion Revue at the Ohio State Fair.	1 year term, meets 4-5 times throughout the year. Youth may only serve one term.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens.

4-H Event Youth Assistants	This groups of teens assists with 3 or more state fair events. Selected individuals must attend a training in July.	13-18 year olds may apply. Must have been a 4-H member for at least 1 year prior to application.	May 15	June 1-August 31	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens.
Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council	TLC is a statewide group of 4-H teens and young 4-H alumni that provides a youth stakeholder perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Ohio 4-H programming. In the process, council members develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for future success.	Applicants must be age 14 to 18 as of January 1 of the year of application. Individuals apply for different levels of involvement.	Friday following the Ohio State Fair (Leadership roles have an earlier deadline, but must have previous involvement in TLC.)	1 year term beginning in September. 4-8 face to face meetings/conference calls, self-led group tasks.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens.

STATE, NATIONAL, and INTERNATIONAL TRIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES					
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Ohio 4-H 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 (February 8, 2019) is \$40.	March 9, 2019	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 nomination/application process.	Delegate Nominations due October 26, 2018 Delegate Applications due November 30, 2018	Phase 1: March 5-6 Phase 2: Independent work Phase 3: May 18 (competition) Phase 4: July 26, 2019 (competition at Ohio State Fair)	Contact Cassie Anderson anderson.3157@osu.edu Application: http://ohioffa.org/ohio-youth-capital-challenge/
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 2/20/19 \$375 after, space permitting	March 20-24 th , 2019	http://www.buckeyeleadership.com/ Scholarships available at the above link and are due January 5, 2019.
International Programs & Exchanges	HOSTING: Looking for 4-H families with youth ages 10-16 to serve as a host sibling for international youth annually. Japanese youth are ages 12-15. Costa Rican, Norwegian and Finnish youth are 14-18. OUT-BOUND TRAVEL: Opportunities vary annually, with expanded information available online.	Varies depending on program—see online for more information.	Applications to host are accepted ongoing until all youth are placed. Applications for out-bound travel due Nov. 30 each year.	HOSTING: 1-Month in June-July (Costa Rica, Finland & Norway) and in July-August (Japan). TRAVELING: 1-Month in June-July (Costa Rica, Finland and Norway) and in July-August (Japan).	Visit Ohio4h.org , click Ohio 4-H Statewide Programs and then International Program.

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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 February 15, 2019. Full \$1300 payment due March 15, 2019	June 16-22; June 23-29, 2019 (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 leadership style.	Open to youth in 7 th -9 th grades, application process varies by county.	County reservations due February 15 th , 2019. Full \$850 payment due March 15 th , 2019.	July 15-19, 2019	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens

STATE CAMP (and counselor) OPPORTUNITIES					
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Ohio 4-H Shooting Education Camp <i>Teens/Alumni may also apply as counselors for this program.</i>	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 \$225-325.00 registration *Scholarships available Counselor applications due March 15	June 28th-30th and July 14th-19th, 2019	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Statewide programs, Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports

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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 March 15, final registrations due April 30. <i>Counselor application due April 1, must be 18+.</i>	June 1-5, 2019 at 4-H Camp Ohio. <i>Counselors also attend training May 10-12 and May 31-June 1.</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 positive ways to meet others who share the experience of growing up in a military family and to cope with the challenges of their family member's deployment. Residential camping is one such program; camp is held at Kelleys Island. Counselors are needed for Youth Camp (9-11 year old campers) and Teen Camp (12-15 year campers).	Application and interview required; teens must be 16 and older. 4-H and/or military background is not required, but helpful. Ideal for counselors looking for a new challenge; this should not be the first year of counseling experience.	Applications are available in December and are due by February.	One-day training held in early summer in Columbus. On-site training takes place Aug 3-4; Campers August 5-9, 2019.	Contact Kayla Oberstadt at oberstadt.1@osu.edu for more information.

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					
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County Level	Speak with your county 4-H professional for more information.				Visit your county's website for information.
Ohio 4-H Scholarships	Scholarships 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