

4-H Older Youth Opportunities

REQUIRES COMPLETION OF THE OHIO ACHIEVEMENT RECORD					
	Description/Responsibilities	Application	Deadline	Term & Time	Resources
State 4-H Achievement Awards	<p>These awards recognize achievements in 27 4-H project areas.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Award recipients receive a trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.</p>	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, Just for Teens, Awards & Scholarships
National 4-H Dairy Conference	<p>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.</p>	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. Due in the State 4-H office early February.	Held annually in September/October.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, Just for Teens, Awards & Scholarships
Ohio State Junior Fair Board	<p>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.</p>	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. Due in the State 4-H office early February. 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, Just for Teens, 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.	Check with your county Extension office for deadline. Due in the State 4-H office early February.	Winners notified in spring.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, Just for Teens, Awards & Scholarships
STATE LEVEL BOARDS AND COUNCILS					
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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. go.osu.edu/4HEYA
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 – August 12 (Leadership roles have an earlier deadline, but must have previous TLC involvement).	1 year term beginning in September. 4-8 face to face meetings/conf erence calls, self-led group tasks.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, and then Just for Teens. go.osu.edu/TLC
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; 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. go.osu.edu/statefashionboard

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.	Open to all teens!	February 11, 2022; Cost: \$40	March 12, 2022	Visit Ohio4h.org , click About, Ohio 4-H Conference
Ohio Youth Capital Challenge (OYCC)	OYCC is for youth interested in learning more about public policy, advocacy, citizenship and local government. Youth from across Ohio work in teams to research a community issue, work with college-age mentors and share their solutions in a public format. Teams have the opportunity to meet with legislators and aides to understand the development and implementation of public policies. OYCC is a partnership between Ohio 4-H, Ohio FFA and Ohio Farm Bureau.	Open to high school youth in 4-H, FFA, or Ohio Farm Bureau. 40 teens selected through the nomination/application process.	Delegate Nominations / Applications due December 17, 2021.	In 2022, the program will be held virtually with new curriculum releasing bi-weekly through Google Classroom. Independent work will take place over a four-month period, as teams work with mentors to prepare their policies / presentations.	Contact Sally McClaskey (mcclaskey.12@osu.edu) Application: http://go.osu.edu/OYCC2022
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	Estimated cost is \$375, scholarships are available!	March 23-27, 2022	http://www.buckeyeleadership.com/ Contact Christy Leeds (leeds.1@osu.edu) or Amanda Raines (raines.74@osu.edu) for more information
International Programs & Exchanges	Due to ongoing concerns related to COVID and international travel, Ohio 4-H will not be participating in the States’ 4-H International Program through at least 2023 for both hosting and traveling.				Visit Ohio4h.org , click Statewide Programs, International Programs

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)	Hosted in Washington, D.C. - 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, 2022. Full payment (estimated ~\$1700) due March 15, 2022.	June 12-17; June 19-24, 2022 (depending on county)	Visit go.osu.edu/CWF
Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) <i>Cancelled for 2022</i>	National 4-H Council has made the difficult decision to not host LWF in 2022.	Open to youth in 7 th -9 th grades, application process varies by county.			Visit go.osu.edu/LWF
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 (Junior) or 12-18 (Senior)	Registration due mid-June. Estimated cost is \$230-330.00 *Scholarships available Counselor applications due early March.	July 15-17 (Junior) and July 24-29, 2022 (Senior)	Visit Ohio4h.org , click on Statewide programs, Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports, 4-H Shooting Ed. Camp
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 March 25, must be 18).</i>	June 1-5, 2022 at 4-H Camp Ohio. <i>Counselors also attend training May 13-15 and May 31-June 1.</i>	Visit Ohio4h.org , click on Camps, 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. Youth Camp: Aug. 7-11, training Aug. 5-6; Teen Camp: Aug. 1-5, training July 30-31	Visit go.osu.edu/OMK and contact Theresa Ferrari at ferrari.8@osu.edu for more information.
Sea Camp <i>Counselors can apply who are 18 or older at the time of camp.</i>	Held on Kelleys 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 15 to 17 (as of the first day of camp)	Registration due annually June 1. Estimated cost \$450, due with registration.	July 15-19, 2022	Visit go.osu.edu/SeaCamp for more information; contact Kayla Oberstadt at oberstadt.1@osu.edu for information
Forestry Wildlife Camp	Join Ohio 4-H and Hocking College at Canters Cave 4-H Camp for a weekend learning about forestry & wildlife education, fishing, hiking, tree climbing, and career & college information!	Ages 12-18	Registration available in January and due in March.	April 22-24, 2022	Contact Tracy Winters at winters.5@osu.edu
Carving New Ideas Camp (CNI)	CNI is a statewide teen leadership camping opportunity for any 4-H members in grades 8-12. The focus is on improving skills in critical thinking and program facilitation. This unique event is planned and facilitated by the Collegiate 4-H Club at The Ohio State University.	Open to any 4-H member in grades 8-12. Registration is completed electronically.	Registration is due in October. Estimated cost is \$75.	Weekend camp offered in November at 4-H Camp Ohio	Contact Beth Boomershine at boomershine.10@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.
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES					
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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, Just for Teens, Awards & Scholarships, Ohio 4-H Scholarships