The Washington County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Awards

The Washington County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association encourages all eligible 4-H members to apply for the following awards. These awards will be presented at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet. All applications must be received in the County Extension Office by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2014, to be eligible for the awards. Please adhere to the application and eligibility requirements below.

Attach answers to questions and letter of recommendation to the outside front cover of the current 4-H Record Book. Submit applicants name for the award to the Extension staff when Record Books are turned in. Do not include additional items that are not requested.

Each year a 4-H member can apply for as many awards as he/she is eligible but a 4-H member will only receive a maximum of one award each year.

These honors do not have to be awarded each year, but there can be only one recipient named for each award per year. A 4-H member can only receive each individual award once in his/her 4-H career.

Relatives or adult volunteer leaders of applicants shall not serve on the selection committee.

There are several changes regarding the awards this year. Please read the criteria closely.

WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H TEEN HALL OF FAME

The award is designed to recognize an outstanding Washington County senior 4-H member. The applicant should show outstanding leadership in all areas of 4-H, and should show evidence of participation in county and state activities.

The award consists of a plaque presented at the banquet, $250.00 check with directions to open a savings bond, and picture to be exhibited in the public meeting room of the Extension office. Up to $25 will be reimbursed for the photo expenses if the receipt and photo are submitted to the Extension office within 1 month from the banquet.

Interviews of applicants will be held as deemed necessary by the selection committee.

Applicants must:

1. Be a senior 4-H member as of January 1 of year making application or have completed their last year of 4-H eligibility the previous year.
2. Turn in a current 4-H Record Book.
3. Answer the following in a minimum of 100 words:
   Briefly describe what 4-H means to you and how it has helped you as an individual.
4. Provide a letter of recommendation by anyone other than an Extension service employee. The letter should indicate that this 4-H member has achieved at the highest level, and illustrate how the 4-H’er has provided outstanding leadership to 4-H, and how he or she has made a lasting contribution in the name of 4-H at the club, community, county and state level.
5. Not have received this award previously.
MARY GILBERT SERVICE AWARD
This award is given to a 4-H member who shows outstanding involvement in community service and 4-H promotion. The award consists of a plaque presented at the banquet and $50.00 check with directions to open a savings bond.

Applicants must:
1. Be a junior or senior 4-H member as of January 1 the year of application.
2. Turn in a current 4-H Record Book.
3. Answer the following in a minimum of 100 words:
   How did you benefit from participating in community service activities as a 4-H member?
4. Provide a letter of recommendation by anyone other than an Extension service employee.
5. Not have received this award previously.

BEGINNER ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD
This award is given to a beginner 4-H member who shows outstanding involvement in 4-H the past year. The award consists of a plaque presented at the banquet and $25.00 check with directions to open a savings bond.

1. This award is only open to 4-H members eligible to submit a Beginner Record Book, which is any 4-H member ages 9-11 as of January 1 of the year of application.
2. Only the most current year’s information submitted in the record book will be submitted to the selection committee. All other years will be blacked out. You have the option of submitting a record book format for the selection committee with only the most recent year.
3. Answer the following with a minimum of 50 words:
   What 4-H experience has meant the most to you?
4. Provide a letter of recommendation by anyone other than an Extension service employee.
5. Not have received this award previously.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD
This award is given to a 4-H member that has been in 4-H for 3 years or less, who shows outstanding involvement in 4-H during the past year. The award consists of a plaque presented at the banquet and $25.00 check with directions to open a savings bond.

1. This award is open for any 4-H member submitting a beginner, intermediate, or advanced record book and has been in 4-H for 3 years or less.
2. Only the most current year’s information submitted in the record book will be submitted to the selection committee. All other years will be blacked out. You have the option of submitting a record book format for the selection committee with only the most recent year.
3. Answer the following with a minimum of 100 words:
   What 4-H experience has meant the most to you?
4. Provide a letter of recommendation by anyone other than an Extension service employee.
5. Not have received this award previously.