

The Massachusetts 4-H Key Award recognizes 4-H members ages 15 – 18 for their outstanding personal development and overall achievement gained through 4-H participation. The 4-H program strives to inspire members to become active youth leaders who communicate effectively and give back to their local communities.

Applicant Name _____
Regional 4-H Office _____ Club _____
Mailing Address _____
Town _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Years in 4-H _____

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, 4-H members must meet the following criteria:

1. Have reached 15 years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H year.
2. Have been a 4-H member for at least 3 years.
3. Have submitted 4-H Project Records for the current year.
4. Submit a brief essay describing the impact 4-H membership has had on their personal development.
5. Return completed application to your local/regional 4-H office by October 1 with all required signatures.
6. Have not received the Key Award in a prior year; members are eligible to receive this award one time only.

Scoring

The applicant must receive a minimum of 25 points in each of these sections:

- Section I – Achievement
- Section II – Leadership and Community Service
- Section III – Communication
- Section IV – Personal Development

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Section I – Achievement

Note that all activities must be related to 4-H

1. Number of years of completed 4-H membership as of August 31 of this year. _____

Earn 1 point for each year of membership: _____

2. List all projects for which you have successfully completed 4-H records and indicate the number of years you carried each project.

Project	# of Years	Project	# of Years	Project	# of Years
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Earn 1 point for each project for each year you carry that project, maximum of 12 points: _____

3. List county medals awarded for specific 4-H projects.

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Earn 2 points for each different type of project medal, maximum of 12 points: _____

4. Have you exhibited an individual project at a 4-H fair (or other 4-H event such as a horse show, rabbit show, dog show, etc.) for three or more years?

Yes ____ Number of Years _____

Earn 5 points if yes: _____

5. List or circle State 4-H competitions where you represented your county/region with an individual 4-H Project.

State 4-H Horse Show State 4-H Dairy Show State 4-H Dog Show
 State 4-H Visual Presentation Day Other(s) _____

Earn 3 points for each competition, maximum of 6 points: _____

6. List or circle NE Regional or National competitions where you have represented your state.

Eastern State Exposition Regional Horse Round Up National 4-H Congress
 National 4-H Conference National Dairy Conference Other(s) _____

Earn 4 points for each competition, maximum of 8 points: _____

Total Number of Points for Section 1 - Achievement: _____

Section II – Leadership and Community Service

Note that all activities must be related to 4-H

1. List or circle any offices held in local 4-H clubs and number of years in that role.
President ___ Vice President ___ Secretary ___ Treasurer ___ Reporter ___
Photographer ___ Other _____

Earn 1 point for each year of office held, maximum of 8 points: _____

2. If you have been a 4-H Ambassador list or circle what you have done to promote 4-H in this role.
Set up or staffed a 4-H promotional exhibit Gotten a press release published
Given a promotional speech to a local organization Visited a legislator
Other _____ Other _____

Earn 2 points for each Ambassador role, maximum of 8 points: _____

3. Have you ever served as a 4-H camp CIT or Counselor? If yes, indicate the number of years as 4-H camp CIT _____ Number of years as 4-H camp Counselor _____

Earn 1 point for each year as CIT; 3 points for each year as Counselor, maximum of 8 points: _____

4. Have you served as a Junior Middlesex Fair Director, Berkshire Youth Fair Board member or on a 4-H Fair or 4-H Advisory Board? Name board and state number of years served. _____

Earn 3 points for each year in any of these roles, maximum of 9 points: _____

5. Committees/Councils served on for county/regional/state 4-H programs. List each committee/council and indicate the number of years served.

Name of Committee or Council	# of Years Served
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

Earn 3 points for each, maximum of 9 points: _____

6. List community service activities where you represented 4-H. Be specific.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Earn 3 points for each, maximum of 15 points: _____

7. Circle or list each time you have represented the county/region at a Massachusetts 4-H Leadership Event. Mass. Ag Day
Teen Leadership Retreat Other _____

Earn 4 points for each, maximum of 8 points: _____

Total number of points earned on Section II – Leadership/Comm. Service: _____

Section III – Communication

Note that all activities must be related to 4-H

1. How many presentations/speeches have you given at local 4-H club meetings? _____

Earn 1 point for each, maximum of 5 points: _____

2. List 4-H presentation/speeches given to non-4-H groups. List the name of each group.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Earn 4 points for each, maximum of 12 points: _____

3. List when and for whom you have written, participated in, or prepared any media outreach information such as newspaper articles, radio PSA's, blogs, or social media postings for your club or group.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Earn 4 points for each, maximum of 12 points: _____

4. List when you have participated in county, regional, or state 4-H communication events (Visual Presentations, 4-H talent show, 4-H fashion show, Big E New England Center stage or action exhibit, etc.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Earn 2 points for each, maximum of 8 points: _____

5. List events where you have served as master of ceremonies, guest speaker, workshop leader, etc., at a county, regional or state 4-H event. (Awards event, banquet, Winter Workshops, Massachusetts 4-H Foundation meeting, etc.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Earn 2 points for each, maximum of 6 points: _____

Total number of points earned on Section III – Communication: _____

Section IV – Personal Development

Submit a brief essay with this application describing the impact your 4-H membership has had on your personal growth and development. The essay must include information about your 4-H experiences and be at least one page long. Please be sure your name is on the essay.

For Judge's Use:

_____The applicant has adequately conveyed the impact that 4-H has had on their personal growth and development. The applicant is awarded 25 points.

_____The applicant has not adequately conveyed impact and is not awarded points.

Judges Comments:

Total Number of Points for Section IV – Personal Development: _____

Verification

By signing below, each signer is verifying that to the best of their knowledge the 4-H member has personally completed this application and that a 4-H project record has been submitted this year for judging at the 4-H office.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____
Parent Signature _____ Date _____
4-H Club Leader/Mentor Name _____
Region/County 4-H Educator Signature _____ Date _____

Review Committee

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

Total points earned (minimum of 25 required in each Section)

Section I _____ Section II _____
Section III _____ Section IV _____

TOTAL POINTS (minimum of 100) _____

The key award for this applicant has been

_____ Approved

_____ Not Approved

Committee Chair Signature _____ Date _____

Committee Chair (printed name) _____

Educator Signature _____ Date _____