

To: **4H Members entering the 8th grade and older**
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Re: Award Opportunities

As a 4-H member in the 8th grade or older you are eligible to apply for a number of recognitions and travel opportunities through the Older Member Award process. This begins with submitting a written application and then participating in a short interview with a panel of 4-H leaders on either Wed. morning **Aug. 31** or Wed. afternoon-evening **Sept. 7**. It's a great opportunity to practice job application and interviewing skills with a panel of friendly, supportive adults who are genuinely interested in what you have to say! We hope you will consider taking this opportunity to expand your leadership and receive recognition for the things you have already done in 4-H. Here's what to do:

1. **Complete the written application.** We encourage you to type your application. Go to the Bayfield County 4-H website at: <http://bayfield.uwex.edu/older-member-awards/>
There you'll find a Word document you can type into, print, and save.
2. **Awards and Trip List:** indicate the awards and/or trips you are interested in and include the list with your application. A description of all awards is enclosed.
3. **RECOMMENDATION FORM:** Attach this to your completed application and give it to a parent and to your **club organizational leader** to write their comments.
4. Ask your club leader to submit all 3 pieces to the 4-H office by **Monday, Aug. 22**. Be sure that you get it to them early enough so they can make this deadline.
5. After your application is turned in, you will receive a letter indicating your interview time. Interviews will take place on **Wed. Aug. 31** beginning at 9 am at the Eileen Town Hall. A second interview opportunity for those who can't make it on Aug. 26 will be **Wed. Sept. 7**, beginning at 3:30 pm at 4H office in Washburn. Each interview will last approximately 10-15 minutes and will be conducted by a panel of 4-H leaders. We suggest you dress as you would for a job interview. **Please indicate which interview date you prefer.**
6. If you have any questions about this application or any of the awards, please call the office at 373-6104 and talk to Ian or Donna.

Key Award: If you are entering your senior year in high school, you are encouraged to apply for the Key Award. To do this, submit your record books from all past years of 4-H participation and submit them to the Extension office by **Monday, September 15**. The 4-H Executive Board will review them at the Sept. 15 Leaders meeting and determine this year's winners to be announced at the October 15th Recognition Dinner.

We look forward to seeing your application and wish you a great new year in 4-H!