

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
Shooting Sports Ambassador / National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute	<p>The National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program provides an excellent opportunity for 4-H'ers active in shooting sports projects to demonstrate their skills in leadership, citizenship and community service through ambassador activities that promote and encourage the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Youth selected to serve as Ambassadors will receive training that will allow them to return to their county and advocate for the program at the county and state level.</p>	Complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record (must follow guidelines listed on application regarding font and formatting). Applicants must be at least 15, but not yet 18 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 Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Institute held in late July / early August; also encouraged to travel with Ohio to the National Shooting Sports Competition the following year in Nebraska	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Families, Just for Teens, Awards & Scholarships



Ohio Township Association 4-H Local Government Award	Established to encourage and inspire 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
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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 11 (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 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 application providing by the Ohio State Fair.	The application will be available in January and is due no later than March 1.	2 year term, during the Ohio State Fair (late July, early August each year)	https://www.ohiostatfair.com/p/get-involved/jfb

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
Ohio 4-H Health HEROES	4-H Health HEROES (Health Education Resources for Outreach, Engagement, and Service) promotes healthy eating, encourages people to engage in physical activities, and promotes positive community change. It is a state-level group of teen healthy living advocates. Youth will: · Create an "Action Plan" to impact health in your local community. · Present your results and findings of conducting your "Action Plan" at the Ohio State Fair on Health Day	Youth in grades 9th through 12th may apply. Youth should be interested in health topics or careers and be a current 4-H'er.	Application is due mid-September.	Term starts in October and lasts a year. 2 in-person trainings, 2 virtual trainings, and many other state-level opportunities.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Statewide Programs, Healthy Living, and then 4-H Health Heroes. You can also go to go.osu.edu/HealthHEROES or email Justin Bower at bower.183@osu.edu .
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 10, 2023; Cost: \$40	March 11, 2023	Visit Ohio4h.org, click About, Ohio 4-H Conference
Ohio Youth Capital Challenge (OYCC)	Ohio Youth Capital Challenge will not be offered in 2023.				
Ohio 4-H Spark EXPO	Held on the campus of the Ohio State University, this program focuses on college and career readiness for Ohio 4-H	Must have completed 8 th grade at the end of the 2022-2023 school	TBA	June 14-17, 2023	Visit go.osu.edu/4hspark expo or contact

	members. Participants will have the chance to develop valuable skills, make new friends, and fuel individual growth.	year.			Margo Long at long.1632@osu.edu for more information
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 22-26, 2023	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, 2023. Full payment due March 15, 2023.	June 11-16; June 18-23, 2023 (depending on county)	Visit go.osu.edu/CWF
Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) <i>Cancelled for 2023</i>	National 4-H Council has made the difficult decision to not host LWF in 2023.	Open to youth in 7 th -9 th grades, application process varies by county.			Visit go.osu.edu/LWF

STATE CAMP (AND COUNSELOR) OPPORTUNITIES					
	Description/Responsibility	Application	Deadline	Term & Time	Resources
<p>Ohio 4-H Junior Shooting Education Camp</p> <p><i>County teen counselors & 4-H Alumni ages 19-20 are encouraged to apply as counselors for this program. Counselors attend camp for free thanks to a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.</i></p>	<p>Held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp – Jackson, OH</p> <p>Beginner level shooting sports disciplines are the focus for the weekend. In addition, campers will enjoy traditional 4-H camp activities, like hiking, swimming, fishing, boating, and campfire.</p>	<p>Campers who have completed grades 3-6 (Junior camp)</p> <p>Registration will be available online in January 2023</p>	<p>Registration deadline is June 1, 2023. Estimated cost is \$250-\$300 *Some County 4-H programs offer Scholarships for this camp. Please check with your local Extension office.</p> <p>Counselor applications due March 1, 2023.</p>	<p>June 23-25 with counselors coming to camp on the 22nd</p>	<p>Visit go.osu.edu/SPEcamp or contact Tracy Winters at winters.5@osu.edu for more information</p>
<p>Ohio 4-H Senior Shooting Sports Educations Camp</p> <p><i>County teen counselors & 4-H Alumni ages 19-20 may also apply as counselors for this program.</i></p>	<p>Held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp – Jackson, OH</p> <p>Beginner & Advanced shooting disciplines are the focus of this weeklong camp. In addition, campers will enjoy traditional 4-H camping activities like hiking, swimming, fishing, boating, campfire, & high ropes.</p>	<p>Campers who have completed grades 7-12 (Senior camp)</p> <p>Registration will be available online in January 2023</p>	<p>Registration deadline is June 15, 2023. Estimated cost is \$375-\$425 *Some County 4-H programs offer Scholarship for this camp. Please check with your local Extension office.</p> <p>Counselor applications are due March 1</p>	<p>July 8-14 with counselor coming to camp on the 7th.</p>	<p>Visit go.osu.edu/SPEcamp or contact Tracy Winters at winters.5@osu.edu for more information</p>

<p>State 4-H Leadership Camp</p> <p><i>Teens may also apply as counselors for this program.</i></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Application process varies by county. Open to 4-H youth ages 14+ with significant leadership potential or leadership experience.</p>	<p>County nomination due March 15, final registrations due April 30. <i>(Counselor application due March 29, must be 18).</i></p>	<p>June 1-5, 2023, at 4-H Camp Ohio.</p> <p><i>Counselors also attend training May 12-14 and May 31-June 1.</i></p>	<p>Visit Ohio4h.org, click on Camps, Leadership Camp.</p> <p>Scholarships are available in each county in the state.</p>
<p>Ohio Military Kids Camp Counselor</p>	<p>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).</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Applications are available in December and are due by February.</p>	<p>One day training held in early summer in Columbus.</p> <p>Youth Camp: Aug. Teen Camp: Aug.</p>	<p>Visit go.osu.edu/OMK and contact Justin Bower at bower.183@osu.edu for more information.</p>
<p>Sea Camp</p> <p><i>Counselors can apply who are 18 or older at the time of camp.</i></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Teens ages 15 to 17 (as of the first day of camp)</p>	<p>Registration due annually June 1. Estimated cost \$450, due with registration.</p>	<p>TBA, 2023</p>	<p>Visit go.osu.edu/SeaCamp for more information; contact Jenny Stricker Strickler.60@osu.edu or Ashley Hughey Hughey.28@osu.edu for information</p>

4-H Forestry & Wildlife Conservation Camp	Join Ohio 4-H & Hocking College professionals at Canters Cave 4-H Camp for a weekend of learning about forestry & wildlife education, fishing, hiking, tree climbing, ODNR careers & college opportunities and more!	Open to any campers completing grades 7-11. Registration is completed electronically and will be open the end of January 2023	Registration deadline is April 1, 2023. Estimated cost is \$105-\$125	April 28-31, 2023	Visit Ohio4h.org or contact Tracy Winters at winters.5@osu.edu for more information
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 November 18, 19, 20 at 4-H Camp Ohio	Contact Beth Boomershine at boomershine.10@osu.edu for more information

COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES

	Description/Responsibility	Application	Deadline	Term & Time	Resources
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					
	Description/Responsibility	Application	Deadline	Term & Time	Resources
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