

## Massachusetts 4-H Key Award

**Application packet is due November 30**

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. To be eligible for the Key Award, 4-H members must be at least 15 years old, have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, and achieve a minimum of 100 points on an application judged by their local UMass 4-H Extension Educator. This prestigious award may only be earned once by any individual 4-H member.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Regional 4-H Office \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address (including house number) \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for consideration, 4-H Members must:

1. Have reached 15 years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup> 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. At a minimum submitted records during the same year as the application.
4. Submit a brief essay describing the impact 4-H membership has had on their personal development.
5. Return completed application to regional 4-H office by November 1 with all required signatures

**SCORING**

1. Applicant must receive a minimum of 25 points in any given section, and at least 100 total points on the total Key Award Application.



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**Section I – Achievement**

1. Number of years of completed 4-H membership as of Aug. 31 this year. \_\_\_\_\_

Earn 4 points total for first 3 years of membership; add 1 point extra for each additional year \_\_\_\_\_

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

Project	#Years	Project	#Years	Project	#Years
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

1 point for each project. Maximum of 12 points \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you completed at least one 4-H project for three (3) or more consecutive years?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which projects? \_\_\_\_\_

0 points if no; 5 points if yes. 10 points if more than three projects \_\_\_\_\_

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

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2 points for each different type of project medal; maximum of 12 points \_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you exhibited an individual project at a 4-H Fair (or equivalent) for 3 or more years?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5 points if yes \_\_\_\_\_

6. List state 4-H competitions where you represented your county/region with an individual 4-H project.

_____	_____
_____	_____

4 points for each competition; maximum of 8 points \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal of Achievement points (minimum of 25 needed for consideration): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Section II – Leadership and Community Service**

1. Indicate any offices held in local 4-H clubs. Indicate the number of years each office was held.

President \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter \_\_\_\_\_ Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

1 point for each year of office held; maximum of 8 points \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you served as a 4-H Ambassador?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, indicate number of years served as a 4-H Ambassador \_\_\_\_\_

4 points for each year as an Ambassador \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you served as a 4-H Camp CiT or Counselor?

If yes, indicate number of years as a 4-H Camp CiT \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years as a Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

1 point for each year CiT; 3 points for each year Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you served as a 4-H Junior Fair Apprentice, Junior Fair Director, or on a Fair or Advisory Board?

If yes, indicate number of years for each.

4-H Junior Fair Apprentice \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Fair Director \_\_\_\_\_ Fair or Advisory Board \_\_\_\_\_

1 point for each year as an apprentice; 3 points for each year as Junior Fair Director or Advisory/Fair board member \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Committee or Council	# of Years Served	Name of Committee or Council	# of Years Served
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

3 points for each; Add 2 points each for multiple years. Maximum of 10 points \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3 points for each; . Maximum of 10 points \_\_\_\_\_

7. List each time you have represented the county/region at a Massachusetts 4-H Leadership Event (Conference, Retreat, AG Day, etc.).

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\_\_\_\_\_

4 points for each; . Maximum of 8 points \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal of Leadership/Community Service points (minimum of 25 needed for consideration) \_\_\_\_\_**



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**Section III – Communication**

1. How many presentations/speeches have you done at local 4-H club meetings?  
1 point for each; maximum of 5 points \_\_\_\_\_

2. List 4-H presentations/speeches given to non 4-H groups. List group.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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.  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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, public speaking, talent show, fashion show, Big E, etc.).  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
2 points for each; maximum of 8 points \_\_\_\_\_

5. List where you have served as master of ceremonies, guest speaker, workshop leader, etc., at a county/regional/state 4-H event. (Awards event, banquet, Winter Workshop, etc.)  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
2 points for each; maximum of 6 points \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal of Communication points (minimum of 25 needed for consideration) \_\_\_\_\_**



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**Section IV – Personal Development**

Submit a brief essay with this application describing the impact your 4-H membership has had on your personal development. Essay must include information about your 4-H experiences and be at least six (6) paragraphs long. Use additional pages; be sure your name is on the essay.

**Subtotal of Personal Development points (minimum of 25 needed for consideration)**

**VERIFICATION**

This application has been personally completed by the 4-H member . A 4-H Project record has been submitted this year for judging at the 4-H Office.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club Leader/Mentor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Region/County 4-H Educator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Review Committee FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

**TOTAL POINTS EARNED (minimum of 100 needed for consideration)** \_\_\_\_\_

*The Key Award for this applicant has been*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Approved*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Not Approved*

Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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