



## Part 1: Overview

# State and National 4-H Awards

### Why should you write a resume and participate in an interview?

"Learning by doing" is the principle on which 4-H is founded. As you participate in 4-H and other activities, you gain knowledge and skills in your areas of interest. Many of these skills are transferable. A transferable skill is one you can use to help you reach other goals, such as applying to college, getting a job, winning a scholarship, or being selected to attend a National 4-H trip. Describing your skills and accomplishments may take some time and thought, but the effort will be worth it.

Applying for state and national 4-H awards is similar to applying for a job. Each part of the awards packet builds upon the others. Create interest in the cover letter by addressing the goals of the award opportunity, emphasize two or three 4-H strengths in the resume, and finish by focusing on other areas in the narrative. Provide clear dates and examples to make the application tell a story. Remember the judges do not know you, like your 4-H leader and county educator do, and will base their decision on the application packet. This application should be easy to adapt to a job resume.

- Each county can nominate a maximum of three applicants for each award category.
- Award recipients will be honored at the Awards Program during the Teen Conference Banquet held the last week of June.
- \*All youth who apply for a national award will also be considered for a State Achievement Award.

### What are the Awards?

<b><u>National 4-H Achievement Awards</u></b>						
<b>Name of Award</b>	<b>Age Requirement</b>	<b>Conference Location</b>	<b>Conference Objectives</b>	<b>Approx. Dates of Conference and Cost</b>	<b>Resume Requirements</b>	<b>Resumes Due to State Office</b>
<b>Agri-Science Summit</b>	Grades 9-12	National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD	This Summit emphasizes hands-on educational experiences led by experts in the agricultural community. The objectives of Agri-Science Summit are to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security and sustainability.	The National Youth Summit on Agri-Science takes place in early February and participation is paid in full by the <i>4-H Foundation of New Hampshire</i> (with the exception of airline luggage fees and minimal miscellaneous expenses).	4-H member needs to exhibit leadership experience, demonstrate excellent communication skills, and the ability to explain the scope of their 4-H experience and highlight how they would share the information from attendance at the Summit with the youth and adults when they returned.	June 1 <i>Check with your county for county deadlines</i>

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<b>American Youth Horse Council Symposium</b>	Age 15 as of Jan 1	Various Locations	This premier event is designed to assist 4-H youth in learning more about the equine industry. Youth share ideas, interests and concerns with peers nationwide and participate in group events and educational sessions. Tours are offered at varying venues each year (large farms, veterinary hospitals and university equine programs).	The American Youth Horse Council Symposium is a 3 day conference held in March or April and participation is paid in full by the <i>4-H Foundation of New Hampshire</i> . Attendees are responsible for any airline luggage fees, meals that are not part of the conference schedule, souvenirs and minimal miscellaneous expenses.	Must have at least 3 years experience in Horse Project (including current year). 4-H member must demonstrate good communication skills, have a broad understanding of the equine industry and the desire to learn more about careers with equines and/or other large animals. The member needs to be able to discuss how the 4-H experience has prepared them for leadership roles and how they would share the information gained from attending the symposium with others when they return home.	Late October Date TBD
<b>Healthy Living Summit</b>	Grades 9-12	National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD	At the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living high school students develop the knowledge and skills to address today's issues including nutrition education, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. Students are trained to create action plans to implement in their communities and teach other youth about what they have learned. The structure of the summits maximizes the amount of hands-on learning experiences and translates that learning to direct outcomes.	Healthy Living Summit takes place in February at the National 4-H Conference Center and participation is paid in full by the <i>4-H Foundation of New Hampshire</i> (with the exception of airline luggage fees and minimal miscellaneous expenses).	4-H member needs to exhibit a strong interest in projects related to nutrition, fitness and emotional well-being. Their resume should show leadership experience, demonstrate excellent communication skills, and the ability to explain the scope of their 4-H experience and highlight how they would share the information from attendance at the Summit with the youth and adults when they returned.	June 1 <b>Check with your county for county deadlines</b>
<b>Makers Summit</b>	Grades 9-12	National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD	The Maker National Youth Summit is for the creative and curious young minds of the next generation of innovators. Participants make what they can with a variety of materials from a range of fields, utilizing their resourcefulness and creativity. The Makers Summit features educational programming and tours including a guided night-time tour of the monuments and memorials in Washington, DC.	The National Youth Maker Summit takes place in November at the National 4-H Conference Center and participation is paid in full by the <i>4-H Foundation of New Hampshire</i> (with the exception of airline luggage fees and minimal miscellaneous expenses).	4-H member needs to exhibit a strong interest in projects related to STEM. Their resume should show leadership experience, demonstrate excellent communication skills, and the ability to explain the scope of their 4-H experience and highlight how they would share the information from attendance at the Summit with the youth and adults when they returned.	June 1 <b>Check with your county for county deadlines</b>

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<b>National 4-H Conference</b>	Age 15-19 as of Jan 1	National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD	<p>National 4-H Conference is an educational and leadership opportunity, where 4-H youth and adult staff and volunteers to learn and share information on current issues relevant to 4-H and youth. During the National 4-H Conference, youth will be working together in teams to develop a presentation on a topic which they will present to a corresponding Federal Agency.</p> <p>Success at this experience requires a high degree of professionalism and the ability to work independently and with a group.</p>	National Conference is a 6-day conference held between mid-March and early April and participation is paid in full by the <i>4-H Foundation of New Hampshire</i> (with the exception of airline luggage fees and minimal miscellaneous expenses).	4-H member needs to exhibit a strong interest in projects and participation related to Civic Engagement. Their resume should show leadership experience, demonstrate excellent communication skills, and the ability to explain the scope of their 4-H experience and highlight how they would share the information from attendance at the Summit with the youth and adults when they returned.	Late September Date TBD
<b>National 4-H Congress</b>	Age 14 as of Jan 1	Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Georgia	National 4-H Congress engages high school aged 4-H members in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Participants not only have the opportunity to participate in state-of-the-art educational workshops and hear from world-renowned speakers, they also have the opportunity to network with other 4-H members from across the United States.	Congress is held the weekend after Thanksgiving from Friday through Tuesday and participation is paid in full by the <i>4-H Foundation of New Hampshire</i> (with the exception of airline luggage fees and minimal miscellaneous expenses).	4-H member needs to exhibit leadership experience, demonstrate excellent communication skills, and the ability to explain the scope of their 4-H experience and highlight how they would share the information from attending Congress with the youth and adults when they returned.	June 1 <i>Check with your county for county deadlines</i>
<b>National 4-H Dairy Conference</b>		Madison, Wisconsin	This premier event is designed to assist 4-H youth in learning more about the dairy industry. Youth explore dairy careers, debate contemporary issues facing the dairy industry, share ideas, interests, and concerns with peers nationwide, and practice leadership, communication, and group participation skills.	National Dairy Conference is a 4-day conference held in late September or early October and participation is paid in full by the <i>4-H Foundation of New Hampshire</i> (with the exception of airline luggage fees and minimal miscellaneous expenses). Note: 4-H members exhibiting at World Dairy Expo or participating in the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest are not eligible to participate in Dairy Conference in the same year.	Must have at least 3 years experience in Dairy Project (including current year). 4-H member must demonstrate good communication skills, have a broad understanding of the dairy industry and the desire to learn more about careers related to the dairy industry. Must be able to discuss how the 4-H experience has prepared them for leadership roles and how they would share the information gained from attending the conference with other when they return home.	June 1 <i>Check with your county for county deadlines</i>

## State 4-H Achievement Awards

Name of Award	Age Requirement	Conference Location	Conference Objectives	Notes	Resume Requirements	Resumes Due to State Office
<b>Barry Conservation Camp Scholarship</b>	Age 14 as of Jan 1	Barry Conservation Camp, Berlin, NH	Barry Conservation 4-H Camp is a great program for kids who love the outdoors, enjoy hands-on learning in environmental and conservation programs and can benefit from participating in a small camp. Staff take pride in creating a special place where kids can discover their individual strengths. Campers and staff work together as a team in the hope that everyone leaves camp with a greater awareness of themselves and the world around them.	Scholarship funds will apply to the year <i>following</i> the resume judging, i.e. applicants selected through the judging process in June of 2017 will receive their scholarship for the 2018 camp season.	Barry Conservation Camp Scholarship recipients are those 4-H members who have significant outstanding accomplishments in the 4-H Youth Development Program with an emphasis on environmental stewardship. 4-H member must demonstrate excellent communication skills and have the ability to explain the scope of their 4-H experience.	June 1 <i>Check with your county for county deadlines</i>
<b>State Teen Conference Scholarship</b>	Age 14 as of Jan 1	UNH Campus, Durham, NH	Experience a taste of college life during this 4-day independent living and leadership conference. Each delegate will have the opportunity to gain knowledge, access resources, and actively engage in workshops designed to represent three areas of a balanced daily life; personal growth, academic/career development, and recreation/leisure. Other conference highlights are the dances, formal banquet, and County Night Out.	Scholarship funds will apply to the year <i>following</i> the resume judging, i.e. applicants selected through the judging process in June of 2017 will receive their scholarship for the 2018 Teen Conference, held in late June.	State Teen Conference Scholarship recipients are those 4-H members who have significant outstanding accomplishments in the 4-H Youth Development Program with an emphasis on leadership development. 4-H member must demonstrate excellent communication skills and have the ability to explain the scope of their 4-H experience.	June 1 <i>Check with your county for county deadlines</i>
<b>State Achievement Award Only*</b>	Age 14 as of Jan 1	N/A	N/A	State 4-H Achievement Award recipients are those 4-H members who have significant outstanding accomplishments in the 4-H Youth Development Program.	This is an opportunity for New Hampshire to recognize youth who are maximizing their potential through 4-H participation. 4-H member must demonstrate excellent communication skills and have the ability to explain the scope of their 4-H experience.	June 1 <i>Check with your county for county deadlines</i>

**Are You interested in Applying?**  
**See Part 2, Selection Criteria for New Hampshire**