

# BAYFIELD COUNTY 4-H OLDER MEMBER AWARDS

## 4-H Key Award

**Students entering your senior year:** This prestigious award provides special recognition to 4-H members in their senior year of high school who have demonstrated consistent growth in the 4-H program, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their club and community. 4-H'ers must have completed at least three years in the program. The award is sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. **Applicants need to complete the following:**

- **Include a 500-word essay:** *“How I Have Grown Through 4-H.”*
- **Complete older member award application and be sure to get a letter of recommendation from your Club Leader.**
- **All record books from past years are to be submitted**

Winners receive a framed certificate, a personalized plaque, and pin. The award will be selected by the 4-H Executive Board at that time and be presented at the fall Awards Dinner.

## Awards Selected on Basis of Older Member Award Application

### Beginning Leadership Award

This award is intended for youth in eighth grade or older who are just beginning their 4-H leadership and have demonstrated good leadership qualities. Recipients will be recognized with a certificate for outstanding beginning leadership.

### Outstanding Leadership Award

This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated consistent leadership abilities at club and county levels. Tenth grade or older will be selected and awarded a certificate of recognition.

### Outstanding Youth Project Leader

This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated the ability to teach younger members project-related skills.

### Community Service Award

This award recognizes individuals who have excelled in service to their communities. Include all community service for the last three years with your application.

### Young Entrepreneur Award

This award is intended for youth in 8th grade or older who are beginning their own small business venture.

### Advanced Entrepreneurship Award

This award recognizes an individual in 10th grade or older, who has grown in their experience in running a small business.

### 4-H Ambassadors

Youth in 4-H will be recognized for their involvement and knowledge of the 4-H program and their desire to serve as 4-H Ambassadors. Bayfield County 4-H Ambassador duties include reaching the public with the 4-H story, helping other 4-H'ers better understand the 4-H program, promoting 4-H programs and events in the media, and assisting with and hosting 4-H programs and events. This is a two-year term.

**Junior Ambassadors** will be inducted at the 4-H Awards Dinner and encouraged to attend State Conference in Madison as an ambassador.

### Legislative Citation

This prestigious award recognizes an individual in 11<sup>th</sup> grade or older who has demonstrated outstanding service and leadership in their community through their 4-H involvement. An essay describing the applicant's leadership and community service should be included with the application. All applicants must have received the 4H community and outstanding leadership award. The panel may nominate one qualified candidate per year. The successful candidate will receive a citation signed by a State legislator representing Bayfield County to be presented at the 4-H Recognition Dinner.

## TRIP, ADVENTURE, AND TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

**WINTER CAMP:** This three-day teen camp, held in January at Crosswoods camp in Delta, focuses on teen issues and recreation. Up to ten Bayfield County 4-H'ers, in eighth grade or older, are selected. *All first time Older Member Award applicants are encouraged to apply for this trip.* Award winners receive scholarships to cover ½ the cost (\$40.00) from the Leaders Association to attend. 4-H'ers may receive scholarships to attend this event more than once.

**SUPERIOR DAYS:** Superior Days is a lobbying event held in February at the State Capital in Madison where adults and youth from Northwest Wisconsin present Legislative issues unique to Northern Wisconsin through face to face conversations with elected representatives and their staff. Prior to attending, Superior Days delegates must attend three planning meetings. 4-H members have found this experience both a challenging and rewarding leadership experience. For more information about Superior Days you can visit their dedicated [Superior Days Website](#). Ian Meeker chaperones this trip and all expenses are covered by Bayfield County.

**BAYFIELD COUNTY ADVENTURE TRIP:** Work with other older 4-H members to develop a series of local Outdoor Adventure trips. They may involve but are not limited to: kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, camping, ropes courses, or other adventures that fit the group. Youth who apply for these through the Older Member Awards will receive funding to offset the cost of these adventures. The trips will be organized by the group and take place during the fall, winter, spring or summer of 2021.

**STATE 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE:** This conference is designed to help participants develop self-confidence, express and exchange ideas, increase knowledge of 4-H subjects, gain ideas for use with local 4-H programs, make new friends and experience campus life. Up to seven Bayfield County 4-H'ers, grades 8-10, will be selected to each receive a partial scholarship to attend. The conference takes place Monday through Thursday of the third week of June. Approximately 600 youth attend this educational event in Madison each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their home community.

**CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS:** Approximately 120 Wisconsin youth are selected to attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips, and social events. Bayfield County selects up to three delegates, 10th through 12th grade, to each receive a partial scholarship to attend. Participants must have attended Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference or another State 4-H event prior to going on this trip. Go to the [Citizenship Washington Focus Website](#) for more information.

**FALL FORUM:** The Forum provides youth and adult volunteers the opportunity to learn, teach, network, and discuss critical issues and initiatives with the 4-H Youth Development program area state and local staff on policies and direction affecting Wisconsin 4-H. The program kicks off Friday evening with over 20 interactive sessions. Saturday offers more than 25 workshops to choose from. Learn more at [Fall Forum Website](#)

**AMERICAN SPIRIT TRIP:** – The American Spirit Leadership Program is an opportunity for youth in grades 8-10 to develop knowledge of America's Heritage, citizenship and leadership through a 10-day educational tour of historical sites in the Eastern states, including Valley Forge, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Niagara Falls. Three Bayfield County Ambassadors attended in June 2018 and 2019 and can provide more information on the experience if requested.