

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

From:   Ian Meeker, 4-H & Youth Educator, Bayfield County

             Cindy Luzzatto, chair of 4H Awards, Recognition, & Records committee

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 Saturday morning on **September 19th** or Wednesday afternoon-evening on **September 23rd** at the Bayfield County Courthouse in Washburn. 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 pdf document you can type into, save, and print.

1. **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. Please understand that our hope is that the trips will occur as listed, but that will depend upon the current state of the pandemic at the time of the trip.
2. **Recommendation Form:**  Attach this to your completed application and give it to a parent and to your club organizational leader to write their comments.
3. **Submission:** Ask your club leader to submit all 3 pieces to the 4-H office by **Friday, September 11th.**  Be sure that you get your application materials to your club leader early enough, so they can make this deadline.
4. **Interview:** We will be offering interviews on the dates indicated above in-person at the Bayfield County Courthouse in Washburn. However, if you prefer, a Zoom interview can be conducted instead. Please indicate which method you prefer. Additional information regarding the interview include:

* If you choose the in-person interview, a mask is required. We will be practicing social distancing and there will be no more than 4 persons in addition to you in the room.
* 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 a range of times you would be available for your interview.
* After your application is turned in, you will receive a letter indicating your interview time.
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1. **Questions:** If you have any questions about this application or any of the awards, please call the office at 373-6104 and talk to Ian.

**Key Award:** If you are entering your senior year in high school, you are encouraged to apply for the Key Award.  To do this, complete the application, essay and letter of recommendation. Also, include your record books, if kept, from all past years of 4-H participation and submit them to the Extension office by **September 11.** We look forward to seeing your application!

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