

Due Date: Last Friday in May by 4 p.m.

Date Received in the Extension Office \_\_\_\_\_



**Montcalm County 4-H  
Earl Peterson 4-H'er of the Year  
Application Form**



This application must be filled out accurately and completely.  
Applicants must be 14 years or older, in 4-H for at least 3 years  
and not a previous recipient of this award.

Please complete this cover sheet in ink or type and complete the additional questions on a separate sheet(s)  
Applicants are required to schedule an interview by the 2nd Thursday of June. Please contact the MSU Montcalm  
Extension office at (989) 831-7514 to schedule your interview time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be used for publicity: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION:**

- I have completed this form and certify that it is accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- We have reviewed this form and believe it to be accurate. I feel this application    exceeds,    meets, or    does not meet the expectations to be considered for 4-H'er of the Year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Leader's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**MEDIA RELEASE**

Release for Audio, Video, Film and Photographs

All youth participants participating in this 4-H sponsored program must complete this section of the form.  
Participants are sometimes photographed and/or videotaped for use in Montcalm County 4-H promotional and educational materials.

I authorize 4-H to record and photograph my child's image and/or voice for use by Montcalm County's 4-H educational and promotional programs. I understand and agree that these audio, video, film and/or print images may be edited, duplicated, distributed, reproduced, broadcast and/or reformatted in any form and manner without payment of fees in perpetuity.

I have reviewed this form and believe it to be accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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- 1.) Please attach an individual photo that is sharply focused from shoulders up of yourself. This photo may be used for publicity purposes. Below the photo, please type and/or print in black your name, age, address, city, state and zip code.
- 2.) Using the life-skill wheel (attached) please write a paragraph for each area (Head, Heart, Health, Hands) about how you have grown in those skills through your 4-H experiences.
- 3.) Describe the community service activities you have participated in through 4-H, both alone and with others. **Use the format: Year, Activity, Description of responsibility. Please include project photos.**
- 4.) Describe significant 4-H (non-fair-related) awards you have received. **Use the format: Year, Award**
- 5.) Describe the community service activities and significant awards you have received **OUTSIDE** 4-H. **Use the format: Year, Award. Please include photos.**
- 6.) Attach photos of you in 4-H activities such as workshops where you served in leadership roles. Use captions for photos and include previous project photos.
- 7.) Have two reference forms completed for yourself. These must be submitted in sealed envelopes. Form attached.
- 8.) Write your 4-H Story using the following instructions:

#### **My 4-H Story Instructions**

"Your 4-H Story" is a very important part of your 4-H'er of the Year Application. Try to convey how your participation in 4-H contributed to your self-respect and concern for others, how it has influenced you in school, in your use of leisure time and in your career plans. "Your 4-H Story" is the place to expand on facts and figures by telling what your experiences have meant to you; how they have developed and affected your confidence, your attitude and other factors. "Your 4-H Story" adds warmth and depth to your application. It should not be a re-listing of what you included in your resume.

Your story is limited to **two** double-spaced, typed or printed 8 1/2- x 11-inch pages. Type must be no smaller than a 12-point. Have someone proofread your work before you submit it.

The following outline may help you develop "Your 4-H Story." It is divided into parts simply to help you outline what you want to say about yourself. **Do not** identify these parts in "Your 4-H Story."

#### **PART 1:**

Introduce yourself. Include information about your age, interests, family, where you live, where you go to school, when and why you became involved in 4-H.

#### **PART 2:**

Highlight your 4-H projects and activities, including major learning experiences, special interests and unusual situations you have encountered. Tell about how your projects grew in size and scope and some of your successes (and failures).

#### **PART 3:**

Explain how 4-H has helped you become a better leader and citizen, how 4-H has increased your interest and participation in community affairs, and what you have learned from your team or group involvement and efforts.

#### **PART 4:**

Describe how 4-H participation has helped you to feel about yourself, influenced your school and career goals and your use of leisure time. Tell about your future plans and the career you want to pursue.



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### Applicant Reference Form

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying to be the Montcalm County 4-H'er of the Year. This is a prestigious honor given to the best 4-H member representative each year. If selected, this individual would serve as a role model to others throughout the program and community. They would participate in many activities promoting 4-H and encouraging others to show citizenship and leadership. Please keep this in mind when answering the questions. Please place this form in a sealed envelope before returning it to the applicant.

How do you know this person? How long have you known them?

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Please use this checklist to evaluate this applicant's qualities. Use the following marking system:

E=Excellent

G=Good

F=Fair

U=Unknown

Communication Skills

Honesty

Respect for others

Flexibility

Ability to complete a task

Patience

Dependability

Initiative

Sense of humor

Enthusiasm

Resourcefulness

Do you feel the applicant is qualified for this special honor? Why?

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Any other comments:

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### Scoring Rubric

<b>Criteria- Application</b>	<b>Qualities</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
<b>Applicant Information</b>	Information complete and neat	<b>5</b>	
<b>Verification</b>	Signatures from applicant and leader	<b>3</b>	
<b>Media Release</b>	Signed	<b>2</b>	
<b>Individual Photo</b>	Photo is clear, information is below	<b>5</b>	
<b>Question 2</b>	Proper spelling and grammar, thoughts are clear and organized. All 4 areas represented.	<b>30</b>	
<b>Question 3</b>	Proper spelling and grammar, activities are described well.	<b>5</b>	
<b>Question 4</b>	Proper spelling and grammar, awards are described well.	<b>5</b>	
<b>Question 5</b>	Proper spelling and grammar, activities are described well.	<b>5</b>	
<b>Photos</b>	Photos are organized and have captions. Enough photos to tell a story.	<b>5</b>	
<b>Reference Forms</b>	Two references completed and sealed	<b>10</b>	
<b>4-H Story</b>		<b>25</b>	
<b>Criteria- Interview</b>	<b>Qualities</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
<b>Appearance</b>	Dressed presentable, properly groomed	<b>20</b>	
<b>Greeting</b>	Friendly, professional, handshake and introduction	<b>20</b>	
<b>Communication</b>	Clear speech, volume is appropriate, minimal mistakes, provides thorough answers to questions	<b>50</b>	
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Makes eye contact with judges appropriately	<b>10</b>	