



2008-2009 Illinois Farm Bureau® & Affiliates 4-H PREMIER LCP AWARD

Description of Program

The 4-H Premier LCP Award is sponsored for older 4-H members in Illinois. The purpose of the award is to reward members exhibiting outstanding leadership, citizenship, cooperation, and professionalism during the past 4-H program year (September 1 through August 31). Although all members can apply, the program is designed to recognize and promote achievement in the agricultural industry.

Eligibility

Applicants must be 4-H members who are at least 17 years of age by December 1, and cannot have reached their 19th birthday by September 1 of the year they submit the application. **A maximum of two applicants per geographical county may be submitted for the state competition.**

Awards

Three distinct awards are available through this program. First, the two entries submitted by a county will receive the county LCP Award. Next, the 4-H members with the highest cumulative point total will receive the State 4-H Premier LCP Award, which will be presented at the Illini Summer Academies.

The **final** award is the opportunity to attend the Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates two-day Premier 20 Leadership Conference. This award will be made available to the ten (10) 4-Hers with the highest cumulative score who indicate their availability to participate. This conference will begin on Wednesday evening, April 22 and run through Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Illinois Farm Bureau headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois. The Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates will pay all necessary expenses (excluding travel and personal purchases) for delegates to the Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Premier 20 Leadership Conference.

NOTE: Once the applicant has attended the conference as a winner or an alternate through the Illinois 4-H Program or the Illinois Association FFA, they are ineligible to participate in the conference again. They are, however, if not a previous winner, eligible to apply for the 4-H Premier LCP Award.

Sponsors

The Illinois Farm Bureau, GROWMARK, Inc., COUNTRY® Financial, Prairie Farms Dairy and the IAA Credit Union are the sponsors of this program in cooperation with the Illinois 4-H Program.



Preparing Tomorrow's Agricultural Leaders

Application

This application (pages 1–6) requests information on the member's:

- Leadership & Citizenship Activities
- Completion of “Standards of Excellence”
- Participation in Other Events
- 4-H Goals
- Cooperation/Teamwork/Professionalism

The form lists 54 such items, plus space for listing additional significant activities. The entry form is completed by checking whether or not the 4-H member participated. No additional pages, except those requested, will be accepted.

The completed application, including the appropriate signatures, as well as the required three (3) Reference Evaluations (two additional Reference Evaluations are optional) (see page 7), must be **postmarked by December 15, 2008** and mailed to:

Young People's Activities Department
Illinois Farm Bureau®
1701 Towanda Avenue
Bloomington, IL 61701

Judging

Judging on the County Level

A selection committee should complete selection of the county's nominee for submittal to the state contest in mid-November. Suggestions for members of the committee include, but are not limited to: County Extension Director or Council President; Farm Bureau® Manager or President; FS Service Company Manager or President; COUNTRY® Financial Agency Manager; Volunteer 4-H Leaders; County Foundation President.

If county selection is necessary to nominate the two applicants, then and only then are the *Reference Evaluation* letters allowed to be opened by the selection committee. If this is necessary, a letter to the Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Youth Education Committee from the County Extension Director must accompany the application explaining the opened letters.

Signatures of the 4-H member, parent, and an Extension Unit staff member **are required** on page 5 for the application to be evaluated by the state evaluation committee.

Judging on the State Level

Judging should be completed by February 1, 2008. The judging committee will consist of members of the Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Youth Education Committee. The judging committee will break all ties.

The Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Youth Education Committee will contact winners by March 1.



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Name _____

Home Address _____ College Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ College Phone _____

Best time to reach you by telephone _____

Age _____ Gender _____ Date of Birth _____ Year in School _____

Home County _____ E-mail _____

Section I – 4-H Leadership & Citizenship Participation

Indicate activity participation or award earned throughout your 4-H membership. This section is NOT limited to the past program year. Do not duplicate items listed in Section III.
(This section is worth a maximum of 265 points.)

Participation

A. National Level

- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. National 4-H Conference (Washington, DC) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Citizenship Washington Focus | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. International Exchanges (Japanese Exchange, IFYE, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. National 4-H Congress | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. North Central Volunteer Forum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. National Technology Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Other 4-H Activities _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B. State and Multi-County Level

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Illinois 4-H Leadership Convention/Illini Summer Academies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Regional Legislative or Leadership Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. State Fair Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Legislative Connection | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Regional/State Volunteer Forum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. State 4-H Blue Award Recipient (Achievement or Community Involvement & Global Awareness.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

		County	
		Yes	No
B. State and Multi-County Level (continued)			
7.	Camp Counselor/Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Space Camp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Other 4-H State/Multi-County Activities		
	a) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	b) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C. County/Club Level			
1.	County 4-H Federation (or equivalent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	County 4-H Ambassadors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	County 4-H Show Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Officer Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	I Dare You Award Recipient	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	4-H Key Award Recipient	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	4-H Achievement Medal Recipient	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Community Involvement & Global Awareness Medal Recipient	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Other 4-H Activities/Awards:		
	a) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	b) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D. Leadership Demonstrated			
1.	State 4-H Youth Leadership Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Illinois 4-H Leadership Convention/Illini Summer Academy Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Regional Legislative or Leadership Conference Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	State Fair Jr. Department Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	State Technology Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	4-H Ambassador/Legislative Ambassador	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	County 4-H Officer (Federation, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.	Extension Council or 4-H Youth Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Jr. Leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	County or Multi-County 4-H Committees		
	a) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	b) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	c) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	d) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	

D. Leadership Demonstrated (continued)	County	Yes	No
	11. National Leadership (list position): _____		<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other Leadership (list positions)			
a) _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	
b) _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	

E. Other Leadership and Citizenship Awards & Recognition

Please list any leadership and citizenship awards you have received outside the 4-H Program.

1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section II – Completion of “Standards of Excellence”

Responses in this section are to be based on the past program year only (September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008).

(This section is worth a maximum of 90 points.)

1. Establish plans for member’s project and make report on project to leader. Independent members must present a completed 4-H Project Plan and report to Unit Staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Attend at least 2/3 of club meetings (or number determined by club). Independent members must meet with mentor a minimum of four times during the program year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Share project experiences by giving a presentation or making an exhibit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Serve on committee or hold an office.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Take part in a community service activity related to member’s project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Assist group leaders with a special activity, tour or program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Participate in one or more unit, regional, or state level learning experience.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Provide leadership for project, an activity or for a group.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Assist in conducting programs at the county level or beyond.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section III – 4-H Contest/Activity Participation

County _____

(This section is worth a maximum of 123 points.)

Indicate your participation in the following activities throughout your 4-H membership. This section is NOT limited to the past program year. Do not duplicate items listed in Section I.

		Level of Participation		
		Co/Multi-Co	State	National
1.	Judging Teams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Livestock</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Dairy</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Poultry</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Meats</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Horses</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Forestry</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Horticulture</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Wildlife</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Other:</i> a) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	b) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	c) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	d) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.	Quiz Bowls			
	<i>Dairy</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Horses</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Livestock</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Foods</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3.	Public Presentations (<i>Includes Foods, Horticulture, Horse, and Other</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	4-H Shows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.	4-H Camp	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.	National 4-H Dairy Conference			<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	4-H Performance Showcase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8.	Other 4-H Activities:			
	a) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	b) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	c) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	d) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	e) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section IV – 4-H Goals

County _____

(This section is worth a maximum of 110 points.)

In the space provided, describe, in narrative form, any goals that you have reached during the past year or any future goals in which your participation in 4-H has played a part. (This could include such things as project or career goals, personal skills, new programs initiated, etc.)

Section V – Cooperation/Teamwork/Professionalism

(This section is worth a maximum of 120 points.)

Reference Evaluations

A minimum of three (3), to a maximum of five (5), completed reference evaluations must be attached to this application. The first three are designated: **(1 each) for an Extension Unit Staff Member; 4-H Volunteer Leader; and a High School or College instructor.** The two optional evaluations may be completed by a non-family adult who is familiar with the applicant (i.e., employer, minister, etc.). If the student is home-schooled, the required instructor letter may be completed by another adult familiar with the applicant.

Note: You will need to make copies of the evaluation form for all reference evaluators.

Each evaluator should place the completed form in a sealed envelope with the applicant's name on the front and the evaluator's signature across the seal. Envelopes should be returned to the 4-H member for attachment to the application. **Envelopes MUST be sealed when received by the state selection committee!** (See "Judging at the County Level.")

Certification

I have read the foregoing application and statements in full, and to the best of my knowledge the information is true and accurate. **ALL signatures are required for selection purposes.**

Signatures:

Applicant

Parent or Guardian

Extension Unit Representative

Availability to Participate in the Award Conference

This will not have any effect on the judging of your application or in the determination of the 4-H LCP Award Recipients.

Prior to completing this section, please check with your parents, school advisor, administration, instructors, athletic coaches, or anyone else you need approval from so that your participation information is accurate.

Please note: Only students that attend the entire conference will be designated as completing the program and recognized accordingly.

_____ Yes, if selected, I will be able to participate in all or the majority of the Premier 20 Leadership Conference.

Indicate your attendance plans:

Please note, participants will not be allowed to leave the conference and return. Once a participant leaves the conference, they will not be allowed to return.

_____ Entire Conference (Estimates times: 6 p.m. on Wed., April 22 – 1 p.m. on Fri., April 24

_____ Wed. evening, April 22 – Thurs. evening, April 23

_____ Thurs. a.m., April 23 – 1 p.m. Fri., April 24

_____ Other. Please describe: _____

Please indicate your adult male Polo shirt size: *(check one)*

- S M L XL XXL XXXL

_____ No, I will not be able to participate in the Premier 20 Leadership Conference.

Signature of 4-H Member

Additional Comments or Suggestions Regarding This Program

(This section is worth a maximum of 0 points.)



Illinois Farm Bureau® & Affiliates 4-H PREMIER LCP AWARD Reference Evaluation

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Evaluator _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Check one: Extension Staff 4-H Volunteer High School/College Instructor Other: _____

Evaluator, please rate the applicant on the following (*-unknown and 1-poor to 5-excellent). **Written statements will NOT be accepted in lieu of this form!** Each evaluator should place the completed form in a sealed envelope with the applicant's name on the front and the evaluator's signature across the seal. Envelopes should be returned to the 4-H member for attachment to the application.

Leadership, Teamwork, Volunteerism:

	unknown	1	2	3	4	5
	*					
1. Ability to work w/different and diverse audiences (i.e., adults, younger children, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does fair share of work on joint projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Serves as an appropriate role model.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Communicates ideas effectively.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Ability to get others to work together; compromise.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Volunteers to assist; carries through with responsibilities; knows when to say "No."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Citizenship:

1. Willingness to work with others, irrespective of diversity within a group.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Participates in activities involving issues of local importance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Takes a stand on issues that applicant believes in.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Ability to work w/authority figures to establish new and/or revised policies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Involvement in community service activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Professionalism:

1. Attitude (i.e. positive, professional, not arrogant).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Appearance (neat, well-groomed).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Accepts/completes work assignments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Exhibits enthusiasm in regard to increasing knowledge of subject matter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Use of proper etiquette.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Exhibits appropriate behavior in public venues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature of Evaluator: _____

Date: _____