



# Fairfield County Older Youth Opportunities

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## **SECTION ONE (requires only the Ohio Achievement Record):**

**State Achievement Awards** - These 25 awards recognize a 4-H member's achievement in a specific area. Areas include: Beef, CARTEENS, Citizenship & Community Service, Clothing & Textiles, Companion Animals, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Environmental Sciences, Family Life & Child Development, Foods & Nutrition, Gardening & Horticulture, Health & Safety, Horse, Leadership, Meat Goat, Mechanical & Engineering Sciences, Personal Development, Photography, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Swine, Woodworking and Veterinary Science. Each achievement award winner will receive a trip to the National 4-H Congress and is tentatively scheduled to be held in Atlanta, Georgia in late November, 2012.

**County Merit Awards** - These awards recognize a 4-H member's achievement in a specific area. Areas are the same as those for the State Achievement Awards. Each winner will receive county recognition for their accomplishments. An award may only be received once in each area.

**State Junior Fair Board** - Is comprised of representatives from several different youth organizations in Ohio including 4-H Youth Development. State Junior Fair Board members help strengthen and coordinate State Fair activities in a fast-paced, action-packed month at the Ohio State Fair. Junior Fair Board members are expected to attend meetings and stay at the fair for the entire 12 days. The Ohio State Fair will be held in Columbus, Ohio and is tentatively scheduled for July 25-August 5, 2012.

**National 4-H Dairy Conference** - This national event provides delegates with an opportunity to learn more about the dairy industry and observe new dairy industry developments. The conference is tentatively scheduled to be held at the University of Wisconsin (located in Madison, Wisconsin) in early October, 2012.

**Ohio Dairy Goat Conference** - This conference provides delegates with the opportunity to learn more about the dairy goat industry and observe new dairy goat industry practices. The conference is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio sometime in September/October 2012.

**OTA Local Government Award** - Two \$1,500 awards are available to any 4-H high school senior who has completed a local government-type activity that has had significant impact on the applicant's community, township or county.

**4-H Sea Camp** - Experience marine biology first-hand at Kelley's Island 4-H Camp on Lake Erie (July, 2012). Fishing, ecology, marine navigation, snorkeling, SCUBA, sailing and much more.

**Carving New Ideas Workshop** - This program (December, 2012) is conducted by Ohio State's Collegiate 4-H Club at Camp Ohio and emphasizes recreational leadership skills and fun activities.

**4-H Leadership Camp** - A six day camp (August, 2012) held at Camp Ohio, Utica. This program focuses on helping youth develop leadership by actually planning, conducting, and evaluating major parts of the camp program.

## **SECTION ONE (continued):**

**4-H Citizenship-Washington Focus** (*Seniors preferred*)- A multi-day tour conducted June/July 2012 that focuses on American History and Citizenship in and around the Washington D.C. area. Members who are high school seniors and above who do not win a scholarship to this trip may choose to pay their own way if remaining space is available. Contact the 4-H Educator before the end of March to discuss this extra option.

**Outstanding 4-H'er Awards** (*all candidates meeting established criteria will be recognized*) - Applicants must complete an Ohio 4-H Achievement Record. Only information contained within that record will be used to determine eligibility for this award. Be sure to include in your Achievement Record all items that correspond to the selection criteria for Outstanding 4-H'er. See "Outstanding Award Criteria Form"

**Ohio Forestry Camp** - This six day camp (June 2012 is held at FFA Camp Muskingum, Leesville Lake, Carroll County. The program focuses on tree identification, silviculture, ecology and forest products.

## **SECTION TWO (Scholarships — form requirement depends on scholarship):**

**Ohio 4-H Scholarships** - There are 24 state 4-H scholarships available and each has its own description and its own list of eligibility requirements. Completion of an Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is not necessary to be eligible for this award/opportunity. Instead, a separate, specialized application form is required to be completed.

**County 4-H Scholarship** (usually H.S. Seniors) - Fairfield County offers county 4-H scholarships, each from donors within the county. Completion of a 4-H Scholarship Application and a copy of your current Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is required.

**Dorin & Ruth Ross Scholarship** - Fairfield County college bound youth who are or were 4-H members, FFA members or are current seniors or graduates of Bloom Carroll or Fairfield Union are encouraged to apply for the Dorin & Ruth Ross Scholarship.

**Fairfield County Cattleman's (FCCA) Scholarship** -The FCCA sponsors two \$500 college scholarships to current High School seniors and one \$500 scholarship to local youth currently enrolled in college. Preference is given to youth who have completed a beef project.

**Ohio State Fair Scholarships** - The Ohio State Fair conducts its own scholarship program. Be sure to check the state fair handbook (usually available in June) for specific descriptions and guidelines.

## **SECTION THREE (Camp Counseling — special form, selection & training required):**

**4-H Camp Counselor** - Competition for this opportunity is open to all 4-H members ages 14-18. All resident camps are held at Tar Hollow State Park. An Ohio 4-H Achievement Record does not have to be completed in order to be eligible for this award/opportunity. A separate, specialized application form including an advisor recommendation is required to be filled out for this award/opportunity for ALL counselors.

**4-H Camp Counselor In Training** - Competition for this opportunity is open to all 4-H members age 13 as of January 1. Cloverbud Day Camp is held at Alley Park in July. An Ohio 4-H Achievement Record does not have to be completed in order to be eligible for this award/opportunity. A separate, specialized application form including an advisor recommendation is required to be filled out for this award/opportunity for ALL counselors in training. *NEW IN 2012!*

#### **SECTION FOUR (Require special forms):**

**County Junior Fair Board** - Youth selected may serve up to two years. Those selected are preferred to be Juniors at fair time their first year served and Juniors or Seniors at fair time their second year served (number selected varies by year). Applicants may also be asked to come to a special selection meeting in January, 2012. Members already selected to the Junior Fair Board do not need to fill out an additional form.

**Ohio 4-H Ambassador** - Each year, delegates are selected from each county to serve a one year active term as a State 4-H Ambassador. Ambassadors are selected based on their accomplishments in leadership, public speaking, and community service. You will represent Ohio's 4-H youth at various state and local events. Completion of an Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is not necessary to be eligible for this award/opportunity. Instead, a separate, specialized application form is required to be completed.

**Ohio 4-H Teen Council** - A statewide group of outstanding teens (15 or older as of January 1) and young alumni who are selected based on past performance in providing leadership and service to the Ohio 4-H Program. You will provide leadership and service, recommend policy and direction for Ohio 4-H teen programs and opportunities, and serve as a sounding board for the Ohio 4-H teen program in addition to identifying and accomplishing at least one major Teen Council goal/project per year. Completion of an Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is not necessary to be eligible for this award/opportunity. Instead, a separate, specialized application form is required to be completed.

**International Programs** - These programs allow 4-H'ers and alumni ages 14-30 to serve as a host to a youth from another country or to travel abroad as a 4-H representative to more than 30 countries around the world. Some scholarships are available for travel. Completion of an Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is not necessary to be eligible for these awards/opportunities. Instead, a separate, specialized application form is required to be completed.

**Fairfield County Fashion & Culinary Board** – County-Wide club focusing on skills, community service, and leadership within the clothing & nutrition project areas.

#### **SECTION FIVE (Require no additional applications — non-competitive):**

**Junior Leadership Club** - Club focusing on leadership development, building responsibility, current issues, socialization, career exploration and international awareness. Members of this club come to meetings and events to learn skills that improve their local clubs and also serve as youth volunteers in the operation of the overall county 4-H program.

**Ohio 4-H Teen Conference** – This event will be held March 10, 2012 at the Columbus Convention Center. Featuring more than 75 sessions, the conference is open to all teenage 4-H members. Cost is approximately \$25, *unless an achievement form is filled out, then the fee will be reduced.* All those who register for the Teen Conference will be invited to an overnight retreat at the Fairfield County Extension Office the night prior to the conference. By choosing this as an option, more information and registration paperwork will be sent to you when it is available.

*Mark your areas of interest on your response form and return it to  
OSU Extension - Fairfield County (or complete the on-line form) by  
December 1, 2011*

*Need Some Extra Help? Want to make your form even stronger?  
Achievement Record Workshop — December 6, 2011, 7-9 p.m., Ag Center  
Bring your old (or already started) Achievement Form with you!  
Or contact Hannah for an appointment!*

*\*NOTE There is a JUNIOR Achievement Form Workshop from 6-7 p.m. the 6<sup>th</sup> for youth  
(and parents) at the Ag Center. Youth 8-13 complete Junior Achievement Forms.  
Contact Hannah for more information on this opportunity.*