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Greetings All St. Croix County 4-H Leaders,

Our 4-H year is coming to a close and it's time for year-end awards. Below is a list of awards and tools to assist you in making your decisions. All forms can be accessed on our website:

<https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships-awards/> All club awards and individual awards must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, September 6, 2023**. You can email them to me at <mailto:laura.hinz@wisc.edu>, mail or drop off at the Extension Office.

CLUB AWARDS:

Club Evaluation Evaluation of your club's activities, involvement, etc. is optional but is due no later than September 6, 2023.

Record Book Evaluation Form Record Book Evaluation Forms are available as a guide to you. If copies are needed, let us know and once completed, you MUST pick up your copies.

Club Awards **NOTE: Changes have been made to this award.** Please complete a separate award area with the Club Award Application in each area (Community Service, 4-H Education and Building 4-H).

Club Leadership Team Do you have an officer team or a committee of youth that have done an exceptional job this year? Nominate them for the Club Leadership Team Award. Please complete the form and tell us why your club leadership team should receive this award.

LEADERSHIP AWARDS:

Key Award: Nominations by leaders The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. To be eligible, candidates must be in 9th grade or above and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership.

Friend of 4-H Award An individual who is not a certified 4-H Leader and does much for the 4-H Program. Nominate a Friend of 4-H. There can be no more than 3 per club.

Florence Jensen Outstanding County Leadership Award Nominate no more than two youth (older youth).

Helen Holzer Outstanding Club Leadership Award at the club level: Nominate no more than two youth (older youth).

County Farm Bureau Award Nominate no more than two youth between Grades 8-10 who demonstrated leadership potential and overall achievement. This award is sponsored by the St. Croix County Farm Bureau Organization.

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COUNTY AWARDS AND NOMINATION FORMS

The County/Leader's Council will be providing the following awards; however, they need your help for some of the nominations:

Cloverbud Certificates: Kindergarten through second grade Cloverbuds will receive a special Cloverbud Certificate.

Year Recognition: First Year member certificate - Cloverbud years will be counted as years in 4-H. That means, first year member certificates will be awarded at the end of the members first year whether they are a Cloverbud or other first year member. Member certificates are also awarded for members at the end of the members' fifth, tenth, and fourteenth year.

Outstanding Graduate: Recognition for "outstanding" graduating members for their achievements in and their commitment and long-term contribution to 4-H. This award is meant to acknowledge any graduating 4-H member (who meets 4-H policy for graduation) who has demonstrated leadership characteristics through their participation at the club or county level during their 4-H career - overall. **Club leaders may nominate** as many graduating 4-H members for this award as they feel merit the recognition. These members will be invited to attend the Leader's Banquet, and will be recognized for their contributions at that time.

PROJECT AWARDS AND NOMINATION FORMS

Member Project Awards Complete the form to provide members with a project disc. Please check the box if members need a plaque to put their discs on.

Outstanding Livestock Member Award: The Livestock Project member must apply for this award. A member may only receive this award once.

Outstanding Breeding Stock Member Award: The Breeding Stock Project member must apply for this award. A member may only receive this award once.

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 4 from 9:00am – 6:00pm. We will have club award packet pick up at the Extension Office. If you can not make it please send another leader from your club to pick up your awards.

2023-Annual Leader Banquet location and date TBD. As always, please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks again for all you do for the St. Croix County 4-H Program.

Sincerely,



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