

## WISCONSIN 4-H KEY AWARD PROGRAM

1. 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.
2. To be eligible, candidates must be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership.
3. The quota of award recipients is determined by county 4-H enrollment of youth ages 14 years and older.
4. Selection of Key Award recipients is the responsibility of each county. Selection should be based on an evaluation of the candidate's total 4-H record (membership, projects, activities, leadership, personal development, and county 4-H and community involvement.) If a leader's child applies, please identify another leader who can complete the recommendation on the youth's behalf.
5. **TWO DEADLINES:** Key Award recipient names are due to the State 4-H Office by May 30 for summer awards or September 15 for fall awards.
6. It is strongly recommended that counties include Key Award presentations as part of a county 4-H awards program or special event.
7. The State 4-H Office will mail Key Award materials to each county. Each Key Award recipient will receive a framed certificate. A list of sponsors will also be included with the materials and should be distributed to all recipients. Key Award recipients are encouraged to send a note of appreciation to sponsors.
8. Contact information for the Key Award sponsors will be mailed with the Key Awards. **Please let our sponsors know the date and location of your Key Award presentation so they may send a representative if possible.**

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