



TEHAMA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Outstanding Service Award



4-H member's all across California have used their Head, Heart, Hands, and Health to create and implement community service learning projects that make real and positive changes in their communities.

Involvement in community service instills lifelong values, and builds responsibility in youth members. Youth increase their confidence, learn to make decisions, learn to work as a team, and realize that they can make a difference in their community.

Because of the positive impact that community service has for both the individual and the community, Tehama County 4-H will present the Tehama County 4-H Outstanding Service Award to one deserving Tehama County 4-H youth member annually who exhibits the qualities of community service, dependability and leadership. The selected recipient's name will be placed on a perpetual plaque and will receive an individual award at Awards Night.

Eligibility:

- Any current Tehama County 4-H youth member who has completed a minimum of two years as a 4-H member.
- Applicant's "My Service to My Community..." essay showing the applicant's community service experience within the current program year due to the UC/4-H Office **on or before October 15** (postmarks acceptable). See *next page for essay guidelines*.
- Two letters of recommendation addressing the applicant's dependability, motivation, attitudes and community service activities due to the UC/4-H Office **on or before October 15** (postmarks acceptable): one 4-H advisor, program representative, or adult volunteer reference and one professional reference outside of 4-H (community, work or school related). *These letters may not be written by family members of the applicant.*

The selection committee will consist of (3) volunteers selected by Tehama County UC Staff, the county 4-H Community Educator and/or the County Director. *Any relatives of the current applicants are not eligible to serve as a selection committee member.*

The selection committee will determine the award honoree through the applicant's essay and letters of recommendation. In the case of a tie within the selection committee, the Tehama County UC Staff will work with the selection committee to determine the award honoree. If all applicants fail to meet the standards of the selection committee, no award will be given. The selection committee's decision is final.



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“My Service to My Community” Essay Requirements

On separate sheets of paper, complete your essay covering the topics listed below in essay format. Limit your essay to a total of two pages (one sided). Title each page “My Service to My Community for the Outstanding Service Award” and include your full name.

Include why you feel you should receive the Tehama County 4-H Outstanding Service Award.

List your 4-H community service experience within the current program year. Include activities you have led or participated in that contributed to the welfare of your club or group members, other individuals outside your family, or your community, as well as offices you have held within 4-H at club, county, district, state or collegiate level.

List other significant community service experiences you have had outside of 4-H, in school and youth, community, or religious organizations. Include the same types of information in your descriptions of these activities as you did in your descriptions of 4-H activities in the previous question.

For each activity, include in your essay:

- The dates you were involved
- The role you play in the activity
- The size and scope of your efforts (time spent, people recruited, other resource committed, number of people taught, frequency of teaching, etc.)
- What you accomplished, alone or with others
- What you learned from the experience
- How the experience contributed to your personal growth

