

*Application Guidelines*

**4-H Youth In Action Award  
2015**

**DEADLINE:**

**Monday, January 12th, 2015**

**11:59 PM ET**

Questions will be accepted until 12:00pm ET

APPLICANTS MUST HAVE APPROVAL BY A STATE OR COUNTY 4-H  
EXTENSION AGENT FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE OFFICIALY  
SUBMITTED.

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## A. EVENT AND AWARD DESCRIPTION

National 4-H Council's 6th annual Legacy Awards will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at the Newseum in Washington D.C. This special evening of celebration honors the accomplishments of both 4-H youth and the adults who make life-changing experiences possible for millions of 4-H young people.

Proceeds from the event will continue to support National 4-H Council in its valued work of helping bring the remarkable 4-H experience to more young people. Through funds raised by this event, National 4-H Council is able to provide grants, support programs, design and publish curriculum, and foster the impact of 4-H'ers.

The Youth in Action award recognizes an outstanding 4-H'er who epitomizes 4-H youth empowerment. We are looking to acknowledge and honor a confident, accomplished 4-H'er who has gained critical life skills through their 4-H program and has utilized those skills to overcome a challenge, or challenges, they have faced. The award winner will also demonstrate how they positively impact the community through their 4-H experience.

## B. QUALIFICATIONS

Youth in Action Nominees should possess the following qualifications:

- Nominees should be a 4-H member or recent alumni within the United States, ages 16-21.
- Nominees should represent the diversity and passions of 4-H youth nationwide, demonstrate outstanding leadership, showcase the essence of 4-H positivity and possess a proven ability to engage others.
- Nominees should be able to demonstrate
  - **Personal Impact:** How 4-H personally impacted their life;
  - **Community Impact:** How 4-H has empowered them to positively impact peers and/or community; and
  - **Project Excellence:** How they have demonstrated excellence in a 4-H project.
- The project focus areas are agriculture science, food security, healthy living, citizenship, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

## C. AWARD INFORMATION

One national Youth in Action Award Winner will be selected and will receive:

- A \$10,000 scholarship for higher education.
- An all-expenses paid trip for the youth winner and one chaperone to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at the 4-H Legacy Awards on April 23rd, 2015.
- An official reference letter from National 4-H Council President and CEO, Jennifer Sirangelo and National 4-H Council Chair of the Board of Trustees Alison Lewis, Global Chief Marketing Officer, Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc.
- An opportunity to be featured as an official 4-H Youth Spokesperson.
- A shopping experience (valued at \$1,000) to select attire for the 4-H Legacy Awards event. (Business Attire: Black or dark colored suit. Pants or skirt for women, jackets and tie for men).

## D. AWARD TIMELINE

January 12th, 2015 (11:59 PM ET)	<b>Application deadline</b> Questions regarding applications will be accepted until 12:00pm ET
February, 2014	Award notification will be sent. All applicants will be notified via email. No phone or email inquiries, please.
March, 2014	Professional coaching for acceptance speech Video shoot for 4-H Legacy Awards spotlight Travel arrangements made (April 22-24, 2015, may be extended depending on schedule)
April 23rd, 2015	4-H Legacy Awards (award recipient must attend)

## E. AWARD SELECTION

The award selection is a competitive process, determined by a selection committee comprised of National 4-H Council staff based on how well the applicant demonstrates Personal Impact, Community Impact and Project Excellence. Once chosen, the winner will be informed by National 4-H Council, offering congratulations and providing additional details for next steps. The winner agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in the application and to utilize the 4-H Name and Emblem (Clover) when publicizing the award.

Those not selected will receive an email message indicating that their application was not selected. Scores and/or comments concerning individual applications will not be released.

## F. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following criteria will be required for an acceptable application. Proper preparation of the application is required and must include each of the following elements as listed. Successful applicants will receive an email confirmation of their submission.

### 1. Video Submission Component

In a **4 minute or less** video, the nominee should address the following questions/statements:

- How has 4-H changed your life? What critical life skills did you grow through 4-H?
  - How have you applied those critical life skills to an adversity or challenge you were facing?
  - What positive impact have you had on your community or others?
  - What is your 4-H project of excellence?

**File size should not exceed 50MB or 4 minutes.**

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2. **Online Application-** Deadline: Monday, January 12th, 2015, at 11:59pm ET. Questions regarding the application process will only be accepted until 12 p.m. ET, January 12th, 2015. The online 4-H Youth in Action Award application can be found at: [www.4-h.org/YouthinAction](http://www.4-h.org/YouthinAction). Only applications submitted via the National 4-H Council online portal will be accepted for review. Applications that deviate from the instructions outlined in the application **will not** be reviewed.
  3. **Applicants must have approval by a State or County 4-H Extension Agent for an application to be officially submitted.** The online application allows applicants to supply their State or County 4-H Extension Agent's email address. An automated email will be sent to the Agent, asking them to review and approve the application. Once reviewed and accepted, the applicant will receive a confirmation email that their application has been accepted.

It is highly recommend you connect with your State or County 4-H Extension Agent prior to completing the online application. If State or County office information is unknown, please utilize the Find 4-H Website here: [www.4-h.org/find4h](http://www.4-h.org/find4h).

#### **G. APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Only applications that include all of the following sections will be considered:

- Uploaded video
- Completed online application form
- Approval from State or County 4-H Extension Agent

#### **H. QUESTIONS?**

General Award Questions contact: Rachel Mentzer at [rmentzer@4-H.org](mailto:rmentzer@4-H.org) or (301) 961-2940.  
Online Submission Issues contact: [webadmin@4-H.org](mailto:webadmin@4-H.org).