

ARKANSAS 4-H GOVERNOR'S AWARD

The Arkansas 4-H Governor's Award was instituted in 1983 and was designed to recognize one outstanding Arkansas 4-H member each year. This award is **available only to current or former state 4-H Journal/ Record Book winners.**

This prestigious award is based upon a current year's 4-H Journal and the Governor's Award application. Each finalist will receive a silver bowl or a crystal vase. The Arkansas 4-H Governor's Award recipient will receive a silver tray or a crystal vase, presented by the governor, and a \$1000 scholarship (pending funding). The tray or vase is normally presented at the Awards of Excellence banquet. In addition, the award recipient's name will be added to a plaque on permanent display at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Only former state Journal/Record Book winners and any current state journal winners who are in their last year of eligibility will be considered in the selection process. In order to receive the Governor's Award, he/she must complete the Governor's Award Report Form. Those 4-H'ers who are vying for state journal winner in the current year should submit the Governor's Award Report Form clipped to the inside cover of the journal. Then, in the event he/she is named a state winner, the journal will be considered for the Governor's Award.
2. Journals, along with the Governor's Award Report Form and two letters of recommendation, are due in the state 4-H office on February 1. These materials are due prior to that date in the county Extension office.
3. The Governor's Award recipient must have had his/her 14th birthday and will be eligible to apply annually on February 1 until the year after their 19th birthday. For example, if a 4-H member has their 19th birthday on December 31 of the current year, they will be eligible to apply for the Governor's Award the following February 1 only.
4. Former state Journal/Record Book winners must submit a **current** Journal with the Governor's Award Report Form. The form should be paper-clipped to the inside front cover of the binder. All other sections of the Journal will remain the same as for state judging. The Arkansas 4-H Journal Form need only cover the years since the 4-H member was named a state Journal/Record Book winner but may include a 4-H'ers entire work.
5. All journals must show **significant** work during the current year. A 4-H'er may select any project that is eligible for state honors.
6. The Governor's Award recipient must never have been found in violation of the Arkansas 4-H Code of Conduct by the Review Board. He/she must never have been suspended for any period of time from 4-H district and state activities. He/she may receive this award only once.
7. The Governor's Award recipient will **not** be eligible to return to National 4-H Congress.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Governor's Award finalists will be selected by the state journal judging committee, which is composed of eight county Extension agents representing the three districts in the state.

The judging will take place the week of state journal judging. The committee will select the finalists, who will be interviewed by a blue ribbon panel. The panel will make the final selection.

Criteria for selection include the following:

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| 1. Experience and accomplishments in 4-H leadership | 30% |
| 2. Experience and accomplishments in 4-H citizenship and community service | 30% |
| 3. Experience and accomplishments in 4-H projects and activities | 25% |
| 4. Contributions to the overall 4-H program | 15% |

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4-H GOVERNOR'S AWARD REPORT FORM

Name of nominee (Mr.) _____
(Miss) _____
(Mrs.) (First) (Middle) (Last) (Name Used)

Club _____ County _____ Age _____ Birthdate _____

Number of years in 4-H completed _____

Project and year in which nominee was a state winner _____

Nominee attended National 4-H Congress Yes No If yes, year _____

Items to be included on this form should be examples of innovative projects and activities instigated and/or implemented by the 4-H'er rather than merely attending workshops and activities.

I. Commitment to 4-H

Give examples that show nominee's strong commitment to 4-H. Specifically, include examples that show commitment since being named a state winner.

II. Contributions to 4-H

Explain how nominee has made significant contributions to the 4-H program at the local, county, state, and national levels.

III. Assistance to Others

Explain how the nominee has used personal 4-H accomplishments to help others achieve.

- no additional pages -

IV. Letters of Recommendation

Nominee must attach two letters of recommendation detailing the nominee's attitude, contributions to the overall 4-H program, and worthiness of being named the Arkansas 4-H Governor's Award recipient.

County

County Extension Agent

Date

This form is due in state 4-H office attached to the front, inside cover of the 4-H'ers Journal binder.

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