



4-H Family News

Feb 2025

Kalamazoo County



February is full of activities!



YQCA -

February 6, 2025,
Kalamazoo Expo Center in Room B,
starting at 6:30PM

New Family Orientation -

February 12, 2025, at the Kalamazoo Expo Center
Room B at 6:30 PM

Come meet with 4-H staff, learn a little about 4-H
and have a chance to ask questions!

RSVP by February 10th at

<https://forms.gle/vL3wpkobhKBmAo7D6>

Cloverbud Fun Night

February 27, 2025, 6pm – 8pm,

Let's have fun learning about different cultures
through food, crafts, and games. If you have a
non-4-H friend sign up; your name will go into a
drawing for fun prizes!

RSVP is required by February 24th at

<https://forms.gle/B6xs1qaUntZeNjp88>

Limit of 10 Cloverbuds so sign up early!

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<http://canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo4H>

Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Kalamazoo-County-4-H-Youth-Program-122047197873078>

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YOUR 4-H NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteering can be both beneficial for the volunteer but especially for the youth involved. It creates a safe space for youth to try out new ideas, be creative, build relationships and learn what to do when things don't work out.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer to lead one of these projects, please apply online at *Become a 4-H Volunteer*. (https://www.canr.msu.edu/becoming_a_4_h_volunteer/) Your time spent as a volunteer can be as little as a few hours a year to a few hours a week.

Volunteers will need to successfully complete the Gold level MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process at https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home prior to working with 4-H youth.

We currently have youth enrolled in the following projects, but do not have a gold level volunteer to work with the youth :(

- Arts & Crafts
- Calligraphy
- Cloverbud (variety of activities to introduce Cloverbuds to projects and pique their interest)
- Communication & Expressive Arts
- Creative Writing
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Drawing
- Engines/transportation/tractors/field equipment
- Fishing/Hunting
- Food & Nutrition
 - Cake decorating
 - Candy Making
 - Food Preparation
- Hunting
- Horticulture
 - Flowers/house plants
 - Fruits/vegetables
- Jewelry making
- Knitting/cross-stitch/embroidery
- Music – vocal/instrumental
- Painting
- Performing arts
- Public speaking
- Sewing/Quilting
- Wood Crafts

**SPREAD THE
WORD**



YQCA

**YOUTH FOR THE
QUALITY CARE
OF ANIMALS**

yqcaprogram.org

There will be 4 YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) in 2024-2025. This is a requirement for all youth, ages 8-18, who will bring livestock to the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair and Family Festival in 2025. There are two options, one of the 6 face-to-face sessions or an online session. The face-to-face sessions will be a minimum of 1 hour and the cost is \$3.00 per youth. The face-to-face version is meant to include all youth 8 – 18 years old. The online version is \$12.00 but the curriculum is age specific. This certification is good for one year. There need to be 5 youth signed up to hold a face-to-face class.

The face-to-face sessions will be held on the following dates and times:

- Feb 6 -- 6:30 PM
- March 12 and 27 - 6:30 PM
- May 29 - 6:30 PM

All certificates are due to the 4-H office no later than noon on July 1, 2025

Youth who would like to take the face-to-face session will need to do the following:

- Parents will need to create a **family** profile on <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
- Parents will need to assure each child showing at fair is added and chose the face-to-face training option.
- Pay the \$3.00 registration fee.
- Youth will need to complete the pre-test.
- Once the youth has taken the face-to-face session, staff will mark your session as complete.
- **Youth will need to log back in and take the post test** (found under the child's name and a drop down that says Enrolled ILT trainings).
- Once the post test is complete the youth's certificate will be sent.

Youth who would like to take the online session will need to do the following:

- Parents will need to create a **family** profile on <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
- Parents will need to assure each child showing in the fair is added and chose the online training session.
- Pay the \$12.00 registration fee.
- Youth will then need to complete the course.

Once the youth have completed either the online session or the face-to-face session and have received their certificate, the certificate will need to be emailed to msue.kalamazoo@msu.edu by July 1, 2025.

You can find helpful registration videos and documents here:
https://yqcaprogram.org/local/resources_for_youth_parents.php.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZHW2qtMIOc>



Highlights from the Bowl-a-rama in January

The kids had a blast bowling, playing Lazer tag, eating cupcakes, and then they took home Kellogg prizes! We ended the night making Valentine's for local nursing homes. Thanks Chris Stolsky and Veronica Pero for organizing the event.





Dairy Club Update

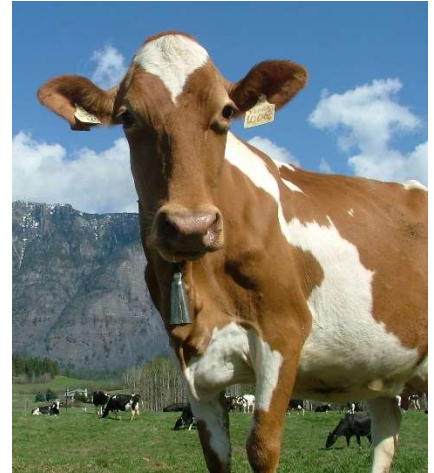
We are going to have a dairy meetings at Vlietstra Dairy Farm 6:30 pm on:

Monday, February 17

Monday, March 24

Please dress for the weather.

Dairy club members: join the Kalamazoo County 4-H Dairy 4-H club Facebook page for more education/ announcements pertaining to the project. Contact Sara if you have questions





Swine Project updates

Mark your calendars –

Thursday, February 20th at 6:30 pm at the Expo Center is our first swine meeting. We will have a guest speaker at this meeting and will also be handing out county ear tags.

Also remember to complete your YQCA certification!

Thursday, February 6th at 6:30 pm at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center is your next chance for an in-person YQCA session. YQCA (Youth for Quality Care of Animals) certification is required annually (for all species). You should plan to attend one of the in-person training dates – **February 6, March 12, March 27, and May 29** - at the Expo Center.

Pre-registration is required at the YQCA website prior to attending [YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals](#), and the registration fee is \$3.00.





Poultry Project News

A reminder that it is time to start thinking about what you might want to do for the market portion of the project as chick/poult ordering will be due by Feb 15, 2025.

2025 Kalamazoo County 4-H Poultry Market Project

ALL BIRD ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO CHERIE BY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

Bird Type	Current cost per bird*	Pick-up Date	Project Length	Number of birds*
Turkey	\$8.92 white \$9.50 bronze	March 25	19 weeks	_____ Bronze _____ White
Heavy Duck	\$7.00 - \$7.77 per bird	May 13	12 weeks	_____
Roaster Chicken	\$3.62 - \$4.60 per bird	May 28	10 weeks	_____ Male _____ Female
Market Duck (Pekin)	\$7.00 per bird	June 10	8 weeks	_____
Broiler Chicken	\$3.62 - \$4.60 per bird	June 17	7 weeks	_____ Male _____ Female
Cornish Chicken	\$3.62 - \$4.60 per bird	June 24	6 weeks	_____ Male _____ Female



This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will plunge into the world of Great Lakes fisheries.

Join us on Tuesday, February 11th, Smith; at 6:30pm EST for **“The Relationship Between Tribes and Fish.”** You will meet Jason Smith, Great Lakes Fisheries Assessment Biologist for the Bay Mills Indian Community. You'll learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is open to youth ages 12-19 years. Monthly sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm EST. Pre-registration is required:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25/



Join Us Online

WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION

“THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRIBES AND FISH”

WITH JASON SMITH
BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY

February 11 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25





Community Service/Earth Day Celebration/Garden Planting Day

Growing Community Garden,
May 17,
hours to be determined
(probably 10 am to 4 pm) – RAIN OR SHINE!
Located on 2800 Gull Road, Kalamazoo



- 4-Hers, households, and garden enthusiasts will be welcome to join with other volunteers from around the community to do spring garden prepping, planting, putting down ground cover, making signs, painting, putting up plant support structures, and more at Growing Community Garden.
- A mini-Earth Day festival will draw together representatives from various organizations and agencies that can celebrate the earth, the environment, and human partnership with nature's life and rhythms.
- 4-Hers and garden enthusiasts who want to be part of a "gardening club" for the summer may register in advance and have a planning and program introduction session at a time to be determined that day. Watch for a Google sign-up document coming soon!

Growing Community Garden (GCG) is a 2.25-acre garden/orchard on the property of Sunnyside United Methodist Church. GCG is a separate non-profit 501c3 that serves as a "foraging" garden for a broad community that is food insecure. Produce is grown for those seeking fresh, organic, quality fruits and vegetable without cost or qualification.

Website: growingcommunitygardenkzoo.com

Email: GCG.Kzoo@gmail.com



Ready to Ace Your Next Interview?

Join us for "**Ace the Interview: Tips to Land Your Dream Job**" on **Thursday, February 13 at 6 pm.**

✦ What you'll learn:

- ✓ Proven strategies to prepare
- ✓ How to communicate confidently
- ✓ Tips to highlight your value and stand out with a positive impression
- 📈 Take the next step in your career with practical tips to leave a lasting impression!

Part of the Driven for the Future: Career Webinar Series sponsored by Toyota R&D

📱 **Register now** and get ready to land your dream job:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview>

Driven for the Future: Career Webinar Series

ace the interview

Tips to Land Your Dream Job

Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 6pm EST

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4-H Future Squad- Virtual 4-H Club



What is 4-H Future Squad?

The 4-H Future Squad is a 4-H virtual club created for Michigan 4-H youth, ages 12-19 as of January 1, 2025, to learn new skills for their future. The club will meet October 2024-May 2025. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety, and basic household tasks.

Club meetings will be virtual through Zoom twice monthly along with occasional, fun, optional virtual events.

4-H Future Squad can be a primary or secondary club.

How to Join

4-H membership is free and joining 4-H Future Squad unlocks access to all 4-H benefits and programs!

Are you ready to sign up? Complete the interest form on the 4-H Future Squad website to receive more information on how to enroll in this club.

"I like the community I've met. We share some similar interests, and it's a great place to discuss topics that are important life skills, in a place with other people that care about learning also."

2023-2024 4-H Future Squad member

Contact Information:

Laurie Rivetto at
rivetto1@msu.edu,

734-727-7234

Visit the 4-H Future Squad website at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/>

"My favorite part of 4-H Future Squad was learning new things and meeting wonderful people."

2023-2024 4-H Future Squad member

Photo shows members of 4-H Future Squad members meeting, in person, at the 2023 4-H Exploration Days event.

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Ignite your passion for 4-H at the

2025 Spark and Share Summit

March 8th

Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center in Frankenmuth!

Attendees will:

- 🥰 Get energized with lots of creative and innovative ideas
- 👥 Meet and share ideas with other 4-H volunteers and teens from other counties
- 👉 Learn hands-on activities that you can reteach with youth in your club

4-H Volunteers and teens can register for this 1-day conference at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/SELeaderMeet2025/>

Registration is \$50 and includes lunch and selection of up to 3 breakout sessions.

Thanks to a generous donation by Michigan 4-H Foundation Program Committee, the price for this training has been reduced.

A link to session descriptions is available through the registration page.

The deadline for registration is February 8th.

Scholarships to attend may be available in some counties.

**MICHIGAN 4-H
SPARK & SHARE
SUMMIT**

**March 8th
9 am – 5:30 pm**

Bavarian Inn
Lodge &
Conference
Center
Frankenmuth, MI

A great opportunity for 4-H
volunteers and 4-H teens to
learn new projects &
information to take back to
their 4-H Programs!

Register by Feb. 8th at
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/SELeaderMeet2025/>



The MI 4-H Dairy Conference is back for 2025!

This event is open to 4-H members ages 12-19. This year's event will take place on the campus of MSU on March 1st & 2nd. This is an overnight event that focuses on the dairy industry, but this program is open to anyone interested in dairy and animal science.

The cost is \$130 for both youth and adult participants.

Registration closes on February 6th, 2025.

Reach out to Kendra at vanorde4@msu.edu with any questions.

Registration Link: [MI 4-H Dairy Conference - 4-H Animal Science"](#)

2025 MI 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Registration Closes February 6th, 2025



Join Us Online
**ADULTING 101
MEDICAL INSURANCE**

February 10, 2025 5:30-6:30pm ET



Understanding medical insurance can be tricky! Join us for our next

Adulting 101- Medical Insurance 101
February 10 at 5:30 pm

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between an HMO and PPO plan.
..and why knowing your out-of-pocket maximum is important?

We are excited to have Melissa Richardson, 4-H volunteer and medical insurance expert share helpful tips,
common concepts
and real-life examples in this interactive session!

Register here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-medical-insurance>



Calling all 'GALS:'

Free summer science program for high school students

The [Girls on Outdoor Adventure for Leadership and Science](#), or GALS, program is coming to the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station this summer.

GALS is a free summer science program for high school students to learn science hands-on while overnight camping and backpacking through the wilderness.

During the two-week experience, participants learn ecology, earth science, and other topics by exploring their surroundings with local scientists. The program strives to cultivate a passion for environmental science and stewardship, develop leadership abilities, enhance critical thinking skills, and promote teamwork.

A previous participant in the program said of their experience, "GALS was an experience literally like no other. I expected this program to be a camping trip that incorporated science topics, but my expectations were far exceeded."

2025 program and application details

The Michigan GALS program will run from July 12 to 26 and begin and end at the [Kellogg Biological Station](#), located at 3700 East Gull Lake Drive, Hickory Corners. GALS was created to increase opportunities for students who identify as female or gender-nonconforming, students of color, students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, and other groups historically excluded from STEM fields. However, all are welcome to apply. [Applications are open](#) now through March 2, 2025.

Contact Misty Klotz with questions at klotzmis@msu.edu or GALS@kbs.msu.edu



Girls On outdoor Adventure
for Leadership and Science



Are you interested in exploring
and learning science in the
outdoors?

Where:
Starting and
ending at Kellogg
Biological Station
Hickory Corners, MI

When:
Summer 2025

Cost:
FREE

Website:
galsmi.weebly.com

GALS is a free 2-week summer program for high-school students interested in learning about science and teamwork in nature.

You will embark on backpacking trips in the Michigan wilderness.

You will learn hands-on about the ecology, biology, and geology of your surroundings while honing leadership skills.

We invite high school-aged students identifying
as female or gender non-conforming to apply!



4-H Capitol Experience Registration is open

Who:

Youth in 9th through 12th grade. 4-H and non-4-H policy and welcome! (Non 4-H members will be asked to sign up in 4-H Online)

What:

a 3-day event where youth can meet with peers to talk about issues that are important to them, network with folks that work in a wide variety of roles related to public policy and see our state government in action.

When/Where:

Sunday, March 16 through Tuesday, March 18, in-person at the Okemos Conference Center and Michigan's State Capitol

Cost:

\$365 includes conference registration, lodging, and meals

Register Now Until March 1 at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CapitolExperience2025/>

Additional Overnight Lodging Available: Hotel reservations at the Okemos Conference Center are available to families interested in extending their stay in Lansing before or after the event at:

[Okemos Conference Center.](#)

Note that parents/guardians are responsible for their children before and after the program, including lodging and transportation if needed. Staff will not provide supervision for overnight lodging for dates other than March 16-18.

MARCH 16-18, 2025

4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE

COST \$365

OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH EXPERIENCE STATE GOVERNMENT IN ACTION AND LEARN HOW TO INFLUENCE POLICY ISSUES. INTERACT WITH LEGISLATORS, STATE AGENCY STAFF, LOBBYISTS AND OTHER RESOURCE PEOPLE!

PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 1ST AT: [HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/CAPITOLEXPERIENCE2025/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/CapitolExperience2025/)

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Registration is now open for the 2025 Michigan 4-H Livestock Workshop!

This one-day workshop will take place on Saturday, March 8 on MSU's main campus in East Lansing.

It is designed for 4-H youth ages 12-19 (as of January 1, 2025) and Active Gold MSU Extension volunteers in beef, sheep, goats, and swine project areas.

Youth will learn about different aspects of their livestock projects throughout a variety of breakout sessions, including intro to your species project, animal evaluation, marketing your livestock project, careers, anatomy, nutrition, and more!

Registration will cost \$35, which includes lunch and a t-shirt.

Full details and a link to register can be found here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2025>





Michigan 4-H Youth Code of Conduct



The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege. All 4-H participants – youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff who participate in or attend any activity or event sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to uphold the values of the Michigan 4-H program.

All 4-H youth participants must conduct themselves according to the following standards that apply to all Michigan 4-H programs, including virtual programs, and interactions such as social media and internet engagement-

1. **Create a Welcoming Environment for All.** Encourage everyone to fully participate in 4-H. Recognize that all people have skills and talents that can help others and improve the community. Though we will not always agree, we must disagree respectfully. When we disagree, try to understand why. Our first priority is to create a safe, inclusive space for learning, sharing and collaboration that is welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. Diversity includes, but is not limited to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.
2. **Bring Your Best Self.** Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H activities and programs with grace and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others.
3. **Obey the Law.** Obey the laws of the locality, state and nation and Michigan State University and Extension policies and guidelines. Commit no illegal acts. Do not possess, offer to others, or use alcohol, illegal drugs, marijuana, or tobacco products, which include e-pens, e-pipes, e-hookah, e-cigars, JUULs, vapes, vape pens or other electronic nicotine delivery systems. Do not attend 4-H activities under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. Do not possess or use weapons or firearms except as expressly permitted as part of supervised 4-H shooting sports programming. This includes dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives or similar items.
4. **Honor Diversity – Yours and Others'.** Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all persons with whom you interact as part of Michigan 4-H.
5. **Create a Safe Environment.** Be kind and compassionate toward others. Be considerate and courteous of all persons and their property. Do not carelessly or intentionally harm or intimidate anyone in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Do not insult, harass, or bully others or engage in other hostile behaviors, including sexual harassment, sexual assault or sexual abuse. Abstain from sexual behavior and intimate physical/sexual contact in either public or private situations at an MSU Extension youth 4-H activity or event.
6. **Be a Team Player.** Work cooperatively with all individuals involved in 4-H programs and activities. Be responsive to the reasonable requests of the person in charge such as volunteers and staff. Respect the integrity of the group and the group's decisions.
7. **Humane Treatment of Animals.** Treat animals humanely and provide appropriate animal care.
8. **Participate Fully.** Participate in and contribute to planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that fosters the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others.

Have fun!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Get free tickets for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin!



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on March 1! Join with other members of the 4-H community for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

In addition to the game, attendees will also enjoy 4-H activities around the concourse. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. For more information and to order tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-Breslin.

A member of the 4-H alumni community? Consider also stopping by the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception on March 1! More information and registration at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception.

February 4: Crash Course: Credit Survival 101

Online

Youth learn the basics of credit: advantages and disadvantages, credit vs. debit, credit scores, interest, and tips to managing credit wisely.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/crashcreditcoursefeb-4

February 11: 4-H Wild Spartans – The Relationship Between Tribes and Fish

Online

Plunge into the world of Great Lakes fisheries and meet Jason Smith, Great Lakes fisheries assessment biologist for the Bay Mills Indian community. Learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. Open to youth ages 12-19 years.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-february-2024-2025

February 12: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

A course for caregivers to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. This weekly series will be offered Wednesdays from Feb. 12 – Mar. 19 at no cost.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-february-march-25

February 13: Ace the Interview: Tips to Land Your Dream Job

Online

Through the partnership of Toyota and Michigan 4-H, youth will explore a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills to take on their goals. This second offering in the five-part webinar series will focus on tips for a successful interview.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview

February 15: 4-H Animal Science Career Quest 2025

Online

A career exploration program for youth ages 12-19 interested in pursuing a career in animal science. Learn about everything animal science has to offer and many career skill-building activities through hands-on sessions. Register by Feb. 3.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-career-quest-2025

February 25: 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series; Facilitation Skills for 4-H Clubs

Online

Gain essential facilitation skills to engage every voice and increase efficiency in your 4-H club. This session offers tools to create inclusive, dynamic discussions, making sure all members feel heard while streamlining club activities. This webinar will be offered at two different times:

12 p.m. www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-every-voice-facilitation-skills-for-dynamic-4-h-clubs-noon

7 p.m. www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-every-voice-facilitation-skills-for-dynamic-4-h-clubs-7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Apply for the Michigan 4-H State Awards!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence contest (10-11 years), junior state award (12-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the applicant's age.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process and Mark of Excellence Contest can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.

Participate in the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 8 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a three- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 22 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registration opens Feb. 1 and closes Mar. 15.



Seeking outstanding agricultural 4-H volunteers

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is seeking nominations of remarkable agricultural 4-H volunteers for the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award. This award recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development in the areas of 4-H beef cattle; dairy cattle; goats; horses; horticulture, crops and soils; poultry; rabbits; sheep; swine; and veterinary science.

Up to five MFB Excellence in Agriculture Award honorees are recognized each year. Selected recipients will be recognized by both Michigan 4-H and MFB. In addition, honorees receive a \$1,000 grant they designate to a 4-H agricultural program of their choice. The award is supported by an endowment with the Michigan 4-H Foundation that was established by MFB.



Nominations for the MFB Excellence in Agriculture Award should be submitted by March 15. To nominate a deserving individual or learn more about the 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award, visit <https://mi4hfdtn.org/grants-scholarships/mfb-4-h-excellence-in-agriculture-award/>.