



4-H Family News

Oakland County



2024 Achievement Awards



The 4-H Achievement Awards is a fun afternoon that honors youth 4-H members and volunteers for their efforts and accomplishments throughout the year. It is their commitment and dedication that encourages each individual to grow, makes our community stronger, and contributes to shaping the future.

The next 4-H Awards Ceremony will be held on **Sunday, October 27th, 2024.**

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Lafayette Grande

1 Lafayette Grande Street, Pontiac, MI 48342

Award Recipients are free! Each additional guest will be \$20. Invitations and RSVP link will be coming out shortly!

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Window Display – October 6-12, 2024

All 4-H clubs are encouraged to participate in the annual Window Display Contest. The Window Display Contest is a great way to promote 4-H Clubs around the community and showcase the projects offered by the club. There are cash prizes for the top three community clubs!

Display must be set up by October 6th and judging will be done on October 9th.

RSVP:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfa9vdzqXHHvVuvTt9SXQRIsQBqN2S95Ix2YD2a0p4PqU4LZA/viewform>



We are Hiring! Join Our Team

EMPOWER YOUTH, ENRICH LIVES: BECOME AN

AMERICORPS MEMBER

Join 4-H HealthCorps and lead engaging mental, emotional, and physical health programs for youth! You'll plan workshops, host youth clubs, and work with volunteers to give youth skills to navigate life's challenges and build a foundation for a healthy future.

MEMBERS WILL:

- Serve full time, 40 hours/week, November 11, 2024 - October 24, 2025
- Be paid \$18,700, split into equal paychecks, bi-weekly
- Receive a \$7,395 education award upon service completion, usable for student loans or tuition
- Receive free health coverage, child care assistance, and student loan forbearance (subject to eligibility)
- Continual professional development opportunities!

Send a cover letter and resume to: Andrea Villanueva at villan17@msu.edu

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Join Our Team and Make a Difference in Your Community! Are you passionate about empowering youth and fostering community well-being? Do you know someone who is?

As a 4-H HealthCorps member, you'll gain valuable professional experience with Michigan State University Extension and 4-H and play a significant role in shaping the future of the next generation. If you're looking for a full-time opportunity where your time can make a difference, right here in our backyard, this could be the perfect fit for you.

This position runs from November 11, 2024, through October 24, 2025, and offers a living allowance, an education award, health coverage, childcare assistance if eligible, qualified student loan forbearance and interest accrual repayment, professional development opportunities, and more!

Send your cover letter and resume to Lisa Mazzola at mazzolal@msu.edu and Andrea Villanueva at villan17@msu.edu.



Scholarship Opportunities for 4-Hers

Michigan Rabbit/Cavy 4-H Scholarship

Award amount varies, two to four given annually. 4-Hers who will be college freshmen in Fall may apply. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years and have financial need. Application deadline: November 1.

Michigan 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Michigan 4-H Foundation offers scholarships to attend Michigan State University. Recipients for these scholarships are selected from the MSU 4-H Youth Development Scholarship applicant pool.

Michigan State University 4-H Scholarship

\$2,500 awarded annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. Six scholarships are given annually. 4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application by November 1 of their senior year. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of the university and be accepted to MSU.

Michigan State University Pre-College Program Scholarship

\$2,000 applied toward the student's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student. Students in 8th, 9th or 10th grade following their MSU pre-college program involvement (such as 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, 4-H Discovery Camp, or 4-H Capitol Experience) are eligible.

For more info regarding any of the above scholarships please visit:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships

Local Scholarships for 4-Hers:

Oakland County 4-H Event Scholarships

Scholarships are offered to enrolled 4-Hers in Oakland County 4-H Youth Development to attend local, state, national and international 4-H events. For details visit our website at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/oakland/4-h/4-h-scholarships>

Oakland County Fair Scholarships

For applications and more info please contact fair office or visit www.oakfair.org

Oakland County Farm Bureau Scholarship Information

The Oakland County Farm Bureau offers scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary agricultural course of study or related field.

For more info, please visit: <https://www.michfb.com/oakland-county-farm-bureau/news>

MSU Alumni Club of Oakland County

Each year the Michigan State University Alumni Club of Oakland County dedicates funds for scholarships. For application and info visit: <http://msuoakland.com/scholarship>



Outside Organization Scholarships:

Michigan State Fair Scholarship Program

The Michigan State Fair awards scholarships to youth exhibiting in the following areas: Home Arts/Agriculture, Livestock, Equine, Urban Farming and Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. Scholarship applications are due early August. For more info visit: <http://www.michiganstatefairllc.com/>

Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions Youth Scholarship

Each year MAFE awards to outstanding youth involved in the Michigan fair industry. Applications due 11/2. For more info, please contact: mifairs@gmail.com

GreenStone Farm Credit Services

GreenStone Farm Credit Services awards up to \$60,000 to incoming college freshmen pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related field. For additional guidelines or to apply for the scholarship today, visit www.greenstonefcs.com/community/scholarships.

MDARD - Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship

Applications are due in May each year. Qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions/mylsf>

Oakland County 4-H Sport Rocket Club Updates

Two quick updates:

The October club newsletter is now available here: [October Newsletter](#)

It includes some pictures from our recent rocket launch as well as some club news updates.

Also, the Ortonville Citizen newspaper ran its article on the Club in last Saturday's paper. If you're outside the delivery radius of the Citizen, don't worry - I took a picture of the article so you could see it: [Citizen Article](#)

The [online version](#) is also available but does not include the pictures.

I will link all of this content on the Club website as well. The link is: <https://sites.google.com/view/oc4-hsrc/home>

With the website in working order, I will use the website and Google Drive for attachments such as newsletters, so as to keep from filling up your inboxes with large attachments.

Next club meeting is October 5 at CIDL, and we'll be setting up the club window display among other things. See you then!





4-H Daniel Lumm Club Mini Grant

A very large and generous donation to Oakland County 4-H was received in 2022 from Daniel Lumm of Waterford. After hearing about Daniel’s passing earlier this year, we wanted to recognize Daniel’s generosity and decided to create the Daniel Lumm Club Mini Grant as a tribute to his support and amazing contribution to 4-H. The grant is offered to new and current clubs to support educational activities and the growth of our 4-Hers. Below is the application and additional information.

In 2022, Daniel Lumm, of Waterford, made a very generous gift to support Oakland County 4-H. In early 2024, Daniel passed away and as a tribute to his generosity and support of 4-H, a club mini grant has been established to utilize the funds as intended. Daniel wanted “...4-H to continue to grow, to continue impacting the lives of youth.” By offering the funds to clubs for educational activities and/or supplies we will be honoring Daniel’s legacy. Please read the article published in the Spring 2023 issue of Vantage, the Michigan 4-H Foundation newsletter at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/lumm-makes-special-gift-supporting-oakland-county-4-h>

Application

Club Name _____

Leader Name) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Grant Amount Requested (maximum amount \$500): \$ _____

Please describe what the funds will be used for (i.e. educational activity/training, 4-H curriculum, club educational supplies) AND how this will impact the 4-H members of your club (i.e. development of specific life skills):

of youth club members benefitting from grant funds: _____

Is there an outreach or educational component to the public? ____ Yes ____ No

Describe skills learned and/or shared by 4-H members through this activity:

***Please note a final grant report with a description of all expenses and receipts will be required within 2 weeks of the activity or purchase. For any questions, please contact the 4-H office *The final decision for the Daniel Lumm Club Mini Grant will be determined by 4-H staff.*

Date Received _____
Date Reviewed _____
Amount Funded _____
Reply Sent _____





4-H Online Enrollment Open for 2024-2025!

Enrollment is now open for the 2024-2025 4-H Year! Why is re-enrollment important?

- Ensures youth are covered under the American Income Life Insurance
- Access to updated contact and health information
- Youth are eligible to receive awards and scholarships
- Helps tell the 4-H story for youth in Oakland County
- Keeps youth "Member years in Program" number accurate.

<https://v2.4honline.com/>

We look forward to another great 4-H year!



Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute



The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is a pre-college program at Michigan State University for teens who want to improve their communities and our world through leadership and youth power! Attending the Institute will help teens gain leadership skills and approach life with their head, heart, and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. The Institute will feature a wide variety of engaging and interactive activities focused on youth leadership, community engagement, and global citizenship.

This Michigan 4-H workshop is open to ALL teens (ages 13+ by Jan. 1, 2025). The registration fee of \$175 includes meals, program materials, group transportation during the event, and overnight hotel lodging for the evenings of December 6 and 7. Scholarships are available from many county 4-H programs and for anyone in need of financial assistance.

Online registration will begin October 1 at:

<https://SYLI24.4honline.com> The deadline to register for the conference is November 1, 2024.

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation. For more information, please contact MSU Extension educators Roxanne Turner (turnerr@msu.edu ~ 517-546-3950) or Brian Wibby (wibby@msu.edu ~ 906-439-5065)



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H scholarships available!



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

October 5-6: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024

October 6-12: National 4-H Week

Nationwide

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week

October 9: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

Heritage Hall, Lansing

An education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H with Michigan legislators and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol

October 10: Wild Spartans – From the Desert to the Deep Sea

Online

Join as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, dive into the depths of the ocean to explore the world of sharks and marine science! Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2024-25

October 23: 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage

Online

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Wild Spartans series is back!

The ever popular 4-H Wild Spartans series is back for a new season! Join 4-H staff as they meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and more!

Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Sessions last approximately 30 minutes and will feature 1-2 guest researchers. Following presentations, youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists.

Suggested audience age is 12-19 years. Viewers are encouraged to watch together with their families. This free series is open to both 4-H members and non-4-H members. Monthly sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. ET, October through March.



Join Us Online
WILD SPARTANS
 MONTHLY WILDLIFE & FISHERIES WEBINAR SERIES
 FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN EXPLORING
 SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION
 October-March, 2nd Tuesday of each month | 6:30 PM EST

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For more information and registration, visit www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series.



Join
4-H FUTURE SQUAD
 A virtual 4-H club for youth 12-19 years old focused on life skills for the future

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Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12-19 year-old youth in Michigan, join 4-H Future Squad in learning more about important life skills for YOUR future.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the fourth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2024 through May 2025, virtually through Zoom. 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 for the 2024-2025 year will take place on a variety of days of the week. Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail and on the upcoming programs webpage.

"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

This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/.