

Eau Claire County 4-H Team/Experiences/Awards Chart and Information

Educational Experiences	Details	Who Can Apply and How to Apply	Cost	Requirements for Leaders Association Scholarship Requests
Summer Academy— Madison, WI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference in Madison in June-- Various leadership opportunities via seminars and assemblies. Focus on career exploration and after-high school options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth in grades 8th through 11th. Registration through 4HOnline. Youth may attend more than once. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. \$500 (includes bus fee to Madison)(2025). Apply for a scholarship from the Leaders Association via the Nomination Form and the Leaders Association may cover up to 1/3 the cost of the Experience. Clubs and OYC may offer funding per membership guidelines. Some state scholarships available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the 'apply for scholarship' section of the Nomination Form Cover letter Personal Resume Letter of Recommendation Youth Leadership page is included in your Record Book Interview <p>Request for scholarship is due to the Leaders Association the third Tuesday in September and/or the third Tuesday in January.</p>
American Spirit Experience-East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical trip encompassing U.S. history, historical landmarks, leadership/teaching opportunities for youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth in grades 8th through 10th grade when registering. Registration through 4HOnline. Date selection is first come, first serve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. \$2400 (2025) incl. travel and meals. Apply for a scholarship from the Leaders Association via the Nomination Form and the Leaders Association may cover up to 1/3 the cost of the Experience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the 'apply for scholarship' section of the Nomination Form Cover letter Personal Resume Letter of Recommendation Youth Leadership page is included in your Record Book Interview

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<p>Citizen Washington Focus</p> <p>March 24-29, 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-day leadership trip to Washington DC • Cornerstone Leadership Experience: Participants will strengthen their understanding of the democratic process and cultivate leadership skills rooted in civic responsibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth in grades 10th through 12th at time of selection (minimum age of 15 at time of trip). • Registration through 4HOnline Sep 4-29 • May attend one time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. \$2800 • Apply for a scholarship from the Leaders Association via the Nomination Form and the Leaders Association may cover up to 1/3 the cost of the Experience. • Clubs and OYC may offer funding per membership guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the 'apply for scholarship' section of the Nomination Form • Cover letter • Personal Resume • Letter of Recommendation • Youth Leadership page is included in your Record Book • Interview <p>Request for scholarship is due to the Leaders Association the third Tuesday in September and/or the third Tuesday in January.</p>

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<p>Ignite by 4-H</p> <p>March 25-29, 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5-day Spark or career-focused tracks in Washington DC—Either Animal Science (gain practical knowledge on animal health, nutrition, and agricultural practices that support ethical, sustainable animal care) or STEM (encourages creative problem solving during exploration of topics such as AI, computer science, physics, chemistry) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth in grades 10th through 12th at time of selection (minimum age of 15 at time of trip). ● Registration through 4HOnline Sep 4-29 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approx. \$2500 ● Apply for a scholarship from the Leaders Association via the Nomination Form and the Leaders Association may cover up to 1/3 the cost of the Experience. ● Clubs and OYC may offer funding per membership guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete the ‘apply for scholarship’ section of the Nomination Form ● Cover letter ● Personal Resume ● Letter of Recommendation ● Youth Leadership page is included in your Record Book ● Interview ● Request for scholarship is due to the Leaders Association the third Tuesday in September and/or the third Tuesday in January.
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National 4-H Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-day trip to Atlanta, Georgia to work on leadership, community service, and multicultural awareness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth in grades 9th through 12th at time of registration (maximum age of 18 within the 1st of January during year of trip). • Register through 4HOnline. • May attend one time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip is approx. \$1500 (2025). • Apply for a scholarship from the Leaders Association via the Nomination Form and the Leaders Association may cover up to 1/3 the cost of the Experience. • Clubs and OYC may offer funding per membership guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the 'apply for scholarship' section of the Nomination Form • Cover letter • Personal Resume • Letter of Recommendation • Youth Leadership page is included in your Record Book • Interview <p>Request for scholarship is due to the Leaders Association the second Tuesday in September and/or the third Tuesday in January.</p>
National 4-H Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-day trip to Washington DC and National 4-H Center to work with youth from other states to develop plans that affect 4-H Youth Development programming at the national level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth in grades 10th through 12th at time of program (min age 15, max age of 18 within the 1st of January during year of trip). • Register through 4HOnline. • May attend one time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. \$2000 (2025). • Apply for a scholarship from the Leaders Association via the Nomination Form and the Leaders Association may cover up to 1/3 the cost of the Experience. • Clubs and OYC may offer funding per membership guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the 'apply for scholarship' section of the Nomination Form • Cover letter • Personal Resume • Letter of Recommendation • Youth Leadership page is included in your Record Book • Interview <p>Request for scholarship is due to the Leaders Association the third Tuesday in September and/or the third Tuesday in January.</p>
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4-H Arts Ambassadors: Drama Company	<p>Selected from applicants statewide interested in drama. Perform at WI Youth Conference, WI State Fair, and Fall Forum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth in 9th through 12th grade at time of application. Selection made by state and director. Application requirements on state website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. \$700 (2025). Complete the 'request funding' section of the Nomination Form and the Leaders Association may cover up to 1/3 the cost of the opportunity. Clubs and OYC may offer funding per membership guidelines. State scholarships are also available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the 'request funding' section of the Nomination Form Cover letter (include the name and total cost of educational opportunity, a youth leadership experience you led/facilitated during the past 4-H year, and 4-H involvement) Achieving 4-H member <p>Request for funding is due to the Leaders Association the third Tuesday in September and/or the third Tuesday in January.</p>
4-H Arts Ambassadors: 4-H Communications Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected from applicants statewide interested in photography and marketing. Work press at WI Youth Conference and WI State Fair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth in 9th through 13th grade at time of application. Selection made by state and director. Application requirements on state website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. \$600, TBD for 2026. Complete the 'request funding' section of the Nomination Form and the Leaders Association may cover up to 1/3 the cost of the opportunity. Clubs and OYC may offer funding per membership guidelines. <p>State scholarships are also available.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the 'request funding' section of the Nomination Form Cover letter (include the name and total cost of educational opportunity, a youth leadership experience you led/facilitated during the past 4-H year, and 4-H involvement) Achieving 4-H member <p>Request for funding is due to the Leaders Association the third Tuesday in September and/or the third Tuesday in January.</p>
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Arts Team	<p>interested in art.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design WI Youth Conf theme work at WI State Fair. 	<p>grade at time of application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Selection made by state and director. ● Application requirements on state website. 	<p>Nomination Form and the Leaders Association may cover up to 1/3 the cost of the opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clubs and OYC may offer funding per membership guidelines. ● State scholarships are also available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cover letter (include the name and total cost of educational opportunity, a youth leadership experience you led/facilitated during the past 4-H year, and 4-H involvement) ● Achieving 4-H member <p>Request for funding is due to the Leaders Association the third Tuesday in September and/or the third Tuesday in January.</p>
Wisconsin Leadership Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● YLC represent the 4-H districts across the state. ● They promote and provide leadership at events at local and state events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed 8th grade and not to exceed the completion of 11th grade in year applying ● Elections (one youth for each of the 6 WI 4-H districts) are held at Fall Forum. ● Application requirements on state website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Responsible for registration fees and lodging at Fall Forum (\$100 in 2025); meals at training events, as well as other supplies such as t-shirts; transportation to workshops and trainings; and apparel costs. ● Complete the 'request funding' section of the Nomination Form and the Leaders Association may cover up to 1/3 the cost of the opportunity. ● Clubs and OYC may offer funding per membership guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete the 'request funding' section of the Nomination Form ● Cover letter (include the name and total cost of educational opportunity, a youth leadership experience you led/facilitated during the past 4-H year, and 4-H involvement) ● Achieving 4-H member <p>Request for funding is due to the Leaders Association the third Tuesday in September and/or the third Tuesday in January.</p>

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Space Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-day trip to Huntsville, Alabama to participate in hands-on mock space missions and NASA programs while working with other youth from WI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth in grades 6th through 8th at time of trip (maximum age of 15 at time of trip). Registration through 4HOnline. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. \$1300 (2025) Complete the 'request funding' section of the Nomination Form and the Leaders Association may cover up to 1/3 the cost of the opportunity. Clubs and OYC may offer funding per membership guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the 'request funding' section of the Nomination Form Cover letter (include the name and total cost of educational opportunity, a youth leadership experience you led/facilitated during the past 4-H year, and 4-H involvement) Achieving 4-H member <p>Request for funding is due to the Leaders Association the third Tuesday in September and/or the third Tuesday in January.</p>
Other Educational Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to be determined 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the 'request funding' section of the Nomination Form and the Leaders Association may cover up to 1/3 the cost of the opportunity. Clubs and OYC may offer funding per membership guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the 'request funding' section of the Nomination Form Cover letter (include the name and total cost of educational opportunity, a youth leadership experience you led/facilitated during the past 4-H year, and 4-H involvement) Achieving 4-H member <p>Request for funding is due to the Leaders Association the third Tuesday in September and/or the third Tuesday in January.</p>

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Base Camp Counselor	Counselor to youth at 4-H Summer Camp at Kamp Kenwood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth who have completed 9th grade. • Youth selected (number determined each year) by 4-H Program Educator. • Must have completed the Resume Process and training requirements <p style="text-align: center;">Applications due Jan 5</p>	N/A
Outpost Camp Counselor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselor to youth at 4-H Outpost Camp at Lake Wissota State Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth who are currently in 10th-12th grade. • Youth selected by 4-H Program Coordinator. • Must complete the Resume process and training requirements. • Applications due Jan 5 	N/A

**** See the 'ECC Nomination Form Guidelines' document for further details****

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Eau Claire County Leadership Awards Program

County Leadership Awards (for members who have completed at least 8th grade)

These awards are designated as:

- **“I DARE YOU” Leadership Award** – Is awarded to outstanding 4-H who have demonstrated qualities of constructive leadership, excellence in character, and personal development throughout their 4-H career. Award recipients receive a personalized award certificate and a \$100 scholarship sponsored by the Eau Claire County 4-H Older Youth Council (OYC). This award is given annually to two-three youth leaders.
- **Farm Bureau Awards** – Presented at the County Farm Bureau Banquet to two outstanding 4-H Youth who have demonstrated consistent involvement and leadership agriculture activities within the 4-H program. Honorees will have served as ambassadors for some element of the agriculture industry in our county and/or state. This is the highest honor given to 4-H youth enrolled in agriculture programs through 4-H.
- **Key Award**- The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. 2. To be eligible, candidates for this award must be in at least 9th grade and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership. The Key Award is the pinnacle of 4-H awards at the local level. Quota given by the state to the county, usually between 2-3 per year.
- **Outstanding Achiever** – Presented to youth who have demonstrated excellence in their 4-H program and who have previously received at least three county level pin awards in at least one of the following categories of achievement, leadership, and citizenship. Annually 3 to 8 awards are given based on the number of qualified youth. Youth may only earn this award once.

- **Achievement** – Pins or certificates are awarded for significant accomplishment in 4-H projects areas and/or activities. 4-H members earning pins will have completed multiple projects in an exemplary manner. 4-H members earning pins will have shown growth in their 4-H achievement in at least one project area.
- **Leadership** – Pins or certificates are awarded for leadership accomplishments in 4-H at the local, county, state, and/or national level. 4-H members earning pins will have completed multiple leadership projects in an exemplary manner. 4-H members earning pins will have shown growth in their 4-H leadership in at least one project area.
- **Citizenship** – Pins or certificates are awarded for service and involvement in 4-H, community, and similar activities. 4-H members earning pins will have completed multiple citizenship or service activities projects in an exemplary manner. 4-H members earning pins will have shown growth in their 4-H citizenship or service activities in at least one project area.

Local 4-H club and project leaders nominate Youth Leaders from their clubs for County Leadership Awards (Achievement, Leadership, and Citizenship). To be eligible for these awards, the youth must currently be in grade 9 or above, must have been an achieving member this past 4-H year, and must have completed the Youth Leadership Experience page of the record book—describing a youth leadership experience the youth led/facilitated this past 4-H year. They should be selected by a COMMITTEE in a local 4-H club.

CLUB LEADER or PROJECT LEADER must fill out the nomination form and turn it in, along with the record book and recommendation letter, to the Extension Office by the second Tuesday in September. Youth who are nominated by a 4-H leader will have their record book reviewed, and they will be interviewed in September/October by members of the 4-H Awards Committee.

Selection of the Leadership Award winners will be based on the nomination form, letter of recommendation, record book, and personal interview. The Awards Committee will determine who will receive the awards or certificates. Youth Leaders who are chosen for any of the County level awards listed above will be invited to the annual 4-H Leaders Banquet.

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Club Level Awards -

Club Leaders can identify Club Awards for county recognition. Club leaders need to complete the nomination form; the '4-H Club Recognition Self Nomination Form' is found on the county website and is also mailed to club leaders in August. Applications for club recognition and super club awards are due the first Monday in October. Along with the nomination form, the club should also turn in the club's Historian Book, annual report, or other club book or video or format that showcases why/how the club should be recognized--. The areas recognized through club level awards are: Health and Safety, Community Service, Cloverbuds, Conservation, and Recreation.

Each club's report/book/video will be reviewed by the Banquet Committee, and winners in each category will be selected. A club may receive an award in more than one category. Certificates will be given for selections in all categories.

BE CREATIVE!

Super Club Recognition is awarded to each club that submits a book/report in a special area, determined by the Banquet Committee. These awards receive a certificate of recognition, based on an area that the committee feels the club has really excelled in during the past 4-H year. The club may be recognized for a specific event they created, an event attended, etc. Each club who turns in a book/report for the Club Activity Reports/Super Club Award will receive recognition in this division.