

SECTION 6: OLDER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

The Older Youth Opportunity application for awards and opportunities is emailed and mailed each year in the October 4-H newsletter for 4-H members 13 years of age and older. The application is also the first four pages of the upcoming year Ohio 4-H Achievement Record. Below is a list of opportunities 4-H youth and parents should be aware of.

- **4-H Teen Leaders** – This is for 4-H'ers 13 years and older. Youth develop leadership skills and enjoy personal and professional development opportunities by assisting at 4-H events throughout the summer, including royalty judging, still project judging, skillathons, and other miscellaneous events. Members are expected to attend at least two meetings and assist with three activities.
- **Junior Fair Board** – Teens enrolled in 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or FCCLA ages 13 and up are selected each year to serve a two-year term. This group helps organize and promote Junior Fair activities, while having an awesome time together. A lot of work, a lot of fun! **Applications due January 1 to Fulton County OSUE, interviews for new members follow in late January or February.**
- **Host a Japanese Guest – canceled indefinitely** Families with youth ages 13-16, host Japanese visitors from mid-July through mid-August. Families involve the guest(s) in their typical routine, provide a bed to sleep in, three meals a day, maybe a few fun excursions, and emotional support. Guests will not be fluent in English, nor are you to be fluent in Japanese.

DECEMBER INTERVIEWS

- **Making Extreme Counselors – February (see 4-H calendar for specific dates)** For current and prospective 4-H camp counselors (ages 14-18). An overnight workshop held in Columbus focusing on learning skills to plan, program, and teach at 4-H camps. Registration includes a t-shirt, supplies, and tons of new ideas. The additional camp counselor application is required. Interview for a full \$55 scholarship from the Fulton Co. 4-H Endowment Fund.
- **Ohio 4-H Teen Conference – March (see 4-H calendar for specific dates)** 4-H members (ages 13 & up) from all across the state will be able to meet and share ideas throughout the day's events which include more than 50 fun and educational sessions, along with a luncheon. Interview for a full \$40 scholarship from the Fulton County 4-H Endowment Fund.
- **Buckeye Leadership Workshop – March (see 4-H calendar for specific dates)** Older youth (ages 15 & up) can attend this workshop that is a balanced program of social, physical, mental and spiritual activities. Develop new abilities, discover new interests, and expand creativity. Workshop is held in Ashley, Ohio. Interview for an opportunity to be selected for a full \$375 scholarship from the Fulton County 4-H Endowment Fund.
- **State Leadership Camp – June (see 4-H calendar for specific dates)** Recipients are to be 14 years old as of January 1 of camp year and have completed at least two years of 4-H. You will meet with 4-H'ers from all over Ohio to plan and participate in sessions developing your leadership and communication skills. Camp is at 4-H Camp Ohio. Interview for an opportunity to be selected for a full \$280 scholarship from the Fulton County 4-H Endowment Fund.
- **Camp Canopy – June (see 4-H calendar for specific dates)** Also referred to as Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp. For youth enrolled in the 8th grade through graduating seniors. Be prepared to obtain valuable forestry information, make many new friends, and have fun. Interview for an opportunity to be selected for a full \$375 scholarship from the Fulton County 4-H Endowment Fund.
- **4-H Camp Counselor - June (see 4-H calendar for specific dates)** Youth should be 14-19 years old (14 year olds and first year counselors will be Counselors-in-Training (CITs)) and may be college-age 4-H graduates. Counselors are selected from those who exhibited strong leadership characteristics in previous years. They are responsible for planning the camp's theme, program ideas, and special events. Counselors are also expected to help train CITs who will assist them in conducting 4-H Camp. Additional camp counselor application required. \$90 scholarship from Fulton County 4-H Camp if selected, \$100 fee for participants.
- **Citizenship Washington Focus – June (see 4-H calendar for specific dates)** Youth must be 16 years of age to be selected to attend this week long approach to citizenship education. Workshops reinforce the importance of governmental issues, develop a new perspective of international relations, and stress personal growth and leadership skills. Meet 4-H friends from across Ohio and around the U.S. and enjoy sight seeing tours of Washington D.C. Interview for an opportunity to be selected as the Fulton County delegate and receive a \$650 scholarship from the Fulton County 4-H Endowment Fund. The remaining fee is \$950.

- **Travel Abroad (Japan, Costa Rica, Norway, Finland/Romania) – canceled indefinitely** Youth ages 15 and up are encouraged to travel abroad for one month in the summer. A two month option is available for Japan. Language learning, cultural, and personal growth are offered through host family stays. Adult chaperones accompany each group which take off from the U.S. A separate application must be submitted to the State 4-H Office November 15, prior year of travel. Interview at Fulton County December Older Youth Opportunity interviews for an opportunity to be selected for a \$1000, \$750, or \$500 scholarship from the Fulton County 4-H Endowment Fund.
- **Ohio 4-H Sea Camp – July (see 4-H calendar for specific dates)** Recipients are to be 15-17 years old as of January 1 of current year. You will stay on Kelley's Island to learn about Lake Erie. You'll be in, on, and around the water as you go explore the science of the lake, marine related skills, history, and recreational uses of our great lake. Interview for an opportunity to be selected for a full \$400 scholarship from the Fulton County 4-H Endowment Fund.
- **Ohio 4-H Shooting Education Camp – July (see 4-H calendar for specific dates)** Overnight camps for Junior (ages 9-12, 3 days) and Senior (ages 12-18, 5 days) groups are available. Have a typical camp experience while also learning about any of the following disciplines: archery, muzzle loading, shotgun, rifle, pistol, or living history weaponry. Camp is at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, Ohio. Interview for an opportunity to be selected for a full \$325 scholarship from the Fulton County 4-H Endowment Fund.
- **Carving New Ideas Workshop – November (see 4-H calendar for specific dates)** Older youth who will be enrolled in grades 8-12 in the Fall focus on improving skills in critical thinking and program facilitations. Interview for a full \$65 scholarship from the Fulton County 4-H Endowment Fund.

4-H ROYALTY (Also described in Section 5: Local Scholarships 4-H Royalty)

Youth must fill out an **Older Youth Opportunities application**, indicating intent to interview as royalty on the cover sheet. **Application deadline is April 1** of current year. If a youth submitted an Older Youth Opportunities application for camp counseling or other opportunities, the application will be kept on file and submitted on behalf of the youth by April 1.

Upon submitting an application, youth will be contacted to schedule a royalty **interview in late May (see 4-H calendar for specific dates)**. The selection process will consist of three parts (1) a short written test (to be taken interview night, on-site, at a computer), (2) the verbal interview with one or two judges, and (3) the written application.

Royalty should not apply for the same crown back to back years. However, if a species does not have a qualified ambassador candidate in a particular year, upon review by the 4-H Educator, the current ambassador may be asked to continue reign for another year (with appropriate scholarship compensation).

Royalty scholarships will be awarded at the conclusion of reign, contingent upon: if the royalty representative remained in good standing with the Fulton County 4-H program, remained in good standing with his/her local 4-H club, and if the representative fulfilled the communicated expectations, roles, and responsibilities associated with his/her crown which are detailed in the royalty additional application page.

- **4-H King and Queen: Due April 1 of current year**, Applicants must be 13 years or older as of January 1 current year and current 4-H members in good standing. The 4-H King and Queen will each receive \$250, which is to be used for any form of education beyond high school. Applicants will be interviewed and tested.
- **4-H Species Ambassadors:** Applicants must be 13 years or older as of January 1 current year, current 4-H members in good standing, and currently be enrolled in a project for that particular species. Goat, dog, poultry, rabbit, and lamb species. One male and/or one female ambassador will be selected per species. Each species ambassador will receive \$200, which is to be used for any form of education beyond high school. Applicants will be interviewed and tested.
- **4-H Horse King & Queen:** Applicants must be 13 years old as of January 1 of the current year. Applicant must have completed at least one year in 4-H. Applicants will be interviewed and tested, must score a minimum of 85 points on the written test to earn an interview. Specific responsibilities of Horse royalty: attend and serve as ring steward at Ohio State Fair 4-H PAS Qualityfing Hore Show, Junior Fair Day (pass out horse ribbons), Small animal sale (mandatory), Large animal sale (optional), Versatility including Grand Entry (pass out ribbons), and other duties as assigned.