

# Outstanding 4-H Member

**Purpose of Award:** to recognize an exceptional 4-H'er for his/her involvement in the program over a long period of time. The winner gets their name engraved on a plaque that hangs in the Russ Room at the CCE Office and \$100.

**Criteria:** Must be a senior level 4-H member (ages 16-18) and have been in 4-H for at least 5 years. Youth may win the award just once.

## To Apply:

- 1- Fill out the 4-H Trips & Awards Application and check the box that says you want to be considered for the Outstanding 4-H'er Award.
- 2- Write an essay that includes:
  - A summary of your involvement in 4-H over the years.
  - Highlight and explain how 4-H has benefitted your life.
  - Explain how you expect 4-H to impact your future plans.

It is recommended that your essay be several pages in length and typed.

- 3- A Leader/Parent Recommendation that includes:
  - A description of how 4-H has impacted the life of the member, including specific project areas, events or activities that had a significant impact on the member.
  - How you observed the youth taking part and learning in the program.
  - How 4-H helped shape the member as they grew in the program.
- 4- Update your Project Summary Book

Be sure to submit all requirements by the deadline (usually late August)!

Questions? Contact Renee at [rh445@cornell.edu](mailto:rh445@cornell.edu).