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INTRODUCTION

Each year Montana 4-H offers a wide variety of opportunities, awards and events for members, leaders, agents and staff. This guide is intended to be an information source for the deadlines, locations, costs and summaries relative to each program offered. However, information available at the time of printing may vary for each program. **Complete and updated information for these programs is available at www.montana4h.org.** Some of the events and opportunities listed have related forms and specific details which are also available to download the Montana 4-H website.

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General Information: “Definition of Terms”

- 4-H Program Year:** The 4-H year starts October 1 and ends September 30th of the following year. 4-H enrollment and participation revolves around this time line.
- “Junior” 4-H Members:** Typically this references 4-H members who are under age 14 as of October 1 of the current 4-H year.
- “Senior” 4-H Members:** Senior membership references 4-Hers who are age 14 as of October 1 of the current 4-H year.

Montana 4-H Age Guidelines

Age requirements are designed to give youth involved in 4-H events and activities the optimum experience in their respective programs. It is important to be aware of the various age requirements for participation in 4-H events and activities. These are listed on the information sheet for each area. Please contact the Montana 4-H Center For Youth Development with questions.

4-H Enrollment Guidelines:

Cloverbuds – must turn 6 anytime during the 4-H year.

4-H member – must turn 9 anytime during the 4-H year. Ineligible if turns 19 before October 1st unless still in high school.

Collegiate 4-H – must be an enrolled student at a college or university with an active club.

Some projects have specific age minimums. These are including but not limited to: **the shooting sports program (must be 9 by October 1 to participate)** and the **colt to maturity project (must be 12 to participate)**. Please refer to **Clover Project Selection Guide** or your **County Extension Office** for project specific requirements.

Many Montana 4-H events and opportunities have individual age requirements as well. These are listed within the description of each individual event or opportunity.

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October 2009

- 1 Order Greytak Calendars from Foundation
- 1 Foundation Innovative Programming & Staff Development Grant Application Due
- 2-4 State 4-H Horse Show
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 15 Apps Due for Alberta Leaders' Forum
- 15-17 4-H Ambassador Fall Training, Fairmont
- 20-22 Annual Extension Conference

November 2009

- 1 Ambassador Plans of Action Due
- 27-Dec.3 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA

December 2009

- 1 State 4-H Congress Planning Apps. Due
- 1 Request for IFYE Reporting Due
- 1 Japan year-long internship Applications Due
- 5-6 State Shooting Sport Training-Kalispell

January 2010

- 6-10 Western 4-H Roundup
- 8-10 Alberta Leaders Forum, Red Deer, Alberta
- 15 International Outbound Application Due—Delegate & Chap.
- 15 Japanese Outbound Applications Due
- 20 Legislative Breakfast—Helena
- TBA Montana 4-H Professional Development Conference

February 2010

- 1 People Partner Grant Apps. Postmarked
- 1 CWF Applications Postmarked
- 1 Susan Kay Dufner Scholarship App. Due
- 19-21 Alberta Horse Forum
- TBA JCEP Regional Leadership Development Workshop
- TBA Foundation Statewide Phon-a-Thon

March 2010

- TBA State 4-H Shooting Sports State Tournament
- 15 Japanese Host Family Applications Due

- 15 Host Family Apps Due—All International Programs
- 15 IFYE Host Applications Due
- 20-25 National 4-H Conference, Chevy Chase, MD

April 2010

- 1 Foundation Innovative Programming & Staff Development Grant Application Due
- 15 State Award Selection Committee Apps Due
- 18-24 National Volunteer Week
- TBA Montana IFYE Alumni Association Meeting
- TBA Rec Lab, District 7

May 2010

- 1 Outstanding 4-H Alumni Nominations Due
- 1 Outstanding 4-H & FFA Joint Alumni Award Nominations Due
- 1 State Award Applications Due
- 1 Foundation Scholarship Applications Due
- 1 Hall of Fame Nominations Due
- TBA State Awards Selection
- TBA 4-H Ambassador Roster Due & Dues
- TBA State 4-H Shooting Sports Training

June 2010

- 1 Pre-Congress Weekend Registration Due
- 12-19 Citizenship Washington Focus
- 15 4-H Congress Registration Due
- 15 State Ambassador Officer Applications Due
- 28-July 3 National 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament

July 2010

- TBA Ambassador officer Selection
- 5-7 Pre-Congress Weekend
- 7-10 Montana 4-H Congress, Bozeman
- 10 MT 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting
- TBA Japanese Inbound Delegates Arrive in U.S.

August 2010

- TBA Japanese Inbound Delegates Depart U.S.

September 2009

- 15 Tribute to Volunteer Excellence Nominations Due
- 15 4-H Enrollment Report for Current Year Due



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ALBERTA LEADER'S CONFERENCE

Purpose An opportunity for Montana leaders to absorb new ideas and experiences that can be shared with their club back home while enjoying an educational, action packed program.

- Eligibility Guidelines**
- Applicants must be a leader enrolled in a Montana county during the prior 4-H year.
 - Priority consideration will be given to applicants:
 1. Who have not previously attended.
 2. From counties who have not sent delegates in the previous two years.
 3. Who have served as leaders for 3 or more years (including the current year).
 - Remaining delegate positions will be selected based on information provide in the application.

Procedure for Participation To be considered in the selection process for attendance of the 2010 Alberta 4-H Leaders' Conference, complete the application and submit to the Montana 4-H Center by October 15, 2009. **Application available in the programs/events section of the Montana 4-H website. www.montana4h.org**

Dates The **2010** Conference will be held January 8-10, 2010 with an application due date of **October 15, 2009**

4-H Center Contact **Cody Stone** · cstone@montana.edu · 994-3503

Additional Information The Montanan 4-H Leadership Council provides partial funding for this event. Participants will be expected to contribute a portion of the cost to attend.

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AMBASSDOR FALL TRAINING

Purpose Create and instill enthusiasm in county Ambassadors that attend the event, with the intent that they will leave the weekend prepared and excited to take the knowledge and skills they have gained and apply them in their counties. It is also a great place to have teen and key leaders exchange ideas and create a statewide network of resources.

Eligibility Guidelines Each county may send:

- 1 senior Ambassador
- 1 junior Ambassador
- 1 key leader
- 2 prospective Ambassadors.

Procedure for Participation Complete online registration and mail applicable forms and fees to 4-H Center by registration deadline. Applications and detailed information are mailed directly to county extension offices and registered ambassadors and key leaders each Fall.
Register at www.montana4h.org by going to: [programs/events/ambassador fall training/program details](#).

Dates **October 15-17, 2009**
October 14-16, 2010
Ambassador Fall Training is traditionally held over the MEA long weekend each year.

4-H Center Contact **Cody Stone** · cstone@montana.edu · 994-3503

Additional Information This event is funded in part by the Montana 4-H Foundation and user fees.

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CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Purpose A travel opportunity designed to take the 4-H experience to another level through citizenship education. The experience is a six-day intensive summer citizenship program for youth ages 15-19. CWF delegates learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens while experiencing our nation's capital. Get the inside scoop about how government really works from prominent guest speakers. College-age program fellows lead bill writing workshops, a national issues forum and mock elections and congressional sessions that prepare participants for leadership now and in the future.

Eligibility Guidelines Must be a current 4-H member age 15 –19 as of October 1st of the 4-H year.

Procedure for Participation Complete registration form and mail with appropriate fees to 4-H Center by **February 1st**. **Application and detailed information is available in the programs/events section of the Montana 4-H website. www.montana4h.org**

- Dates**
- **June 12-19, 2010**
 - Deadline for registration **February 1**
 - Chaperone application due **February 1**

4-H Center Contact **Stephanie Davison** · sdavison@montana.edu · 994-3502

- Additional Information**
- Partial funding is provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation. The amount of support per person is dependent on the number participating.
 - The **Susan K. Dufner Scholarship** is available to one participant. Please see scholarship section of this handbook for application process.

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LIVESTOCK & HORSE LEADERS' FORUM

Purpose To provide horse and livestock leaders an opportunity to participate in educational and training workshops specific to their needs and become more effective leaders. New industry challenges and opportunities will be presented.

Eligibility Guidelines Any volunteer leader or junior leader may attend.

Procedure for Participation Complete registration and return to host county by deadline.

Dates **There is no event in 2010. Next Forum will be in 2011.**
Visit www.montana4h.org for up to date information on this event.

4-H Center Contact **Todd Kesner** · tkesner@montana.edu · 994-6816

Additional Information This event does rotate to various locations around the state and is traditionally held on alternating years.

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MONTANA 4-H CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR

Purpose Participants will have the opportunity to experience the responsibility, challenges and excitement of being an elected official as they gain first hand the knowledge of the legislative process. Youth take on the role of a government official and learn how to write, debate, and vote on bills presented by their peers.

Eligibility Guidelines 4-H members 14-18 as of October 1st of the 4-H year. Delegates should be first time participants.

Return delegates should contact the 4-H Center for special opportunities related to this event.

Procedure for Participation Complete online registration and mail applicable forms and fees to 4-H Center by registration deadline. Applications and detailed information are mailed directly to county extension offices.

Register at www.montana4h.org by going to: [programs/events/citizenship seminar/program details](#).

Location State Capital—Helena

Dates

- **March 2011**
- Look for registration information **December 1, 2010**

4-H Center Contact **Stephanie Davison** · sdavison@montana.edu · 994-3502

Additional Information Return delegates may apply for leadership opportunities. Contact the 4-H Center for more information.

This event is funded in part by the Montana 4-H Foundation and user fees.

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MONTANA 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS—INSTRUCTOR TRAININGS

Purpose Opportunities for Adult leaders to become certified shooting sports instructors. 12 hours of instruction is required to become a Certified Shooting Sports leader in the state of Montana. The State Shooting Sports workshops are sponsored by the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports State Training Team. Certifications are offered three times per year in Archery, Coordinator, Hunting, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle, Cowboy Action Shooting and Shotgun.

Eligibility Guidelines Open to any youth (14 or older as of October 1st) or adult, with a recommendation from the County Extension agent. Adults over 21 years of age may become fully certified leaders, while 18-20 year olds can become assistant leaders and youth aged 14-17 can become junior leaders.

Procedure for Participation **Registration for each of the three trainings can be obtained from the 4-H Center or by visiting www.montana4h.org.**

In order to complete registration one must take the pre-test administered at the County Extension Office. Submit the pre-test and registration form prior to registration deadline.

Location **Workshops take place in various locations around the state each year.** Three statewide workshops will be held throughout the 4-H year. One in each of the following regions: Eastern, Central and Western Montana. Exact dates and locations to be announced annually.

4-H Center Contact **Todd Kesner · tkesner@montana.edu · 994-6816**

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MONTANA 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS—STATE SHOOT

Purpose The State Shoot provides a competitive event for current participants in the shooting sports program offering contests in the following disciplines: air rifle, smallbore rifle, precision air rifle, air pistol, and various archery classifications.

Eligibility Guidelines The State Shoot is open to any youth, age 9+, currently enrolled in a county 4-H Shooting Sports Program

Procedure for Participation Complete registration, available in January specified due date.

Further registration information available in the programs/events section of the Montana 4-H website. www.montana4h.org

Dates Early March 2010

Location Gallatin County hosts this event each year.

Award Awards will be given to the top shooter in each event, as well as to the top three shooters in each event by the age group entered.

This event is also the qualifying match to attend the National 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament in air rifle, air pistol and small bore.

4-H Center Contact Todd Kesner · tkesner@montana.edu · 994-6816

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MONTANA RANGE DAYS

Purpose To educate youth about the current trends in rangeland management and provide basic information regarding evaluating sites including weed identification.

Eligibility Guidelines Visit www.montanarangedays.com for more info.

Procedure for Participation Contact 4-H Center in the spring for host county information and registration. Registration should be completed directly with host county.

Dates June 20010

Location Various Locations around the state.

4-H Center Contact **Todd Kesner** · tkesner@montana.edu · 994-6816

Additional Information Several Scholarships are available as a result of event participation. Visit www.montanarangedays.com for more information.

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MONTANA 4-H RECREATION LAB

Purpose This event provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader.

Eligibility Guidelines Current 4-H members age **13+** as of October 1st of the 4-H year.

Procedure for Participation Complete online registration and mail applicable forms and fees to host district by registration deadline. Applications and detailed information are made available to county extension offices by host district.

Register at www.montana4h.org by going to: [programs/events/recreation lab/program details](#).

Location The location of this event rotates around the state each year, being hosted by a different district each year.

Dates **Spring 2010—District 1**
Spring 2011—District 2

4-H Center Contact **Brett Schomer** · bschomer@montana.edu · 994-1721

Additional Information This event is funded in part by the Montana 4-H Foundation and user fees.

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MONTANA 4-H LEADERSHIP FORUM

Purpose Provide a forum setting for the gathering of ideas for leaders and junior leaders. Updates on 4-H programming will be provided along with recognition for outstanding volunteers.

Eligibility Guidelines Any and all adult and teen leaders may attend.

Procedure for Participation Registration and event information is provided by the host district each summer. Check www.montana4h.org for updates.

Dates Fall 2009—District 4 September 25-27, 2009
Fall 2010—District 5
Fall 2011—District 6

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Additional Information

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MONTANA 4-H LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Purpose The breakfast provides an opportunity to educate legislators about the work of 4-H and Extension, bringing constituents, both youth and adult, from all across the state together with their legislators. During preparations the evening before all youth and adults work on how best to speak with their legislators.

Eligibility Guidelines Participation in this event is determined by the county.

Procedure for Participation Information is sent directly to county extension offices each fall. **Visit www.montana4h.org for updates.**

Location Red Lion Inn—Helena

- Dates**
- January 2011
 - January 2013

4-H Center Contact Jill Martz · jmartz@montana.edu · 994-3099

Additional Information The advocate group Montanans for 4-H organizes this event and pays for the breakfast through private donations and other support.

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MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS PLANNING

Purpose To bring together those individuals who have a vested interest in the success of Montana 4-H Congress in order to develop events and activities that will provide all participants with a fun and educational state congress experience.

Eligibility Guidelines Open to youth and adult members who have attended Montana 4-H Congress at least one year.

Those individuals interested in working on Congress committees or becoming committee chairs should contact the 4-H Center prior to this event.

Procedure for Participation Application is available by going to: [program/event/Montana 4-H Congress](http://program/event/Montana%204-H%20Congress) section of the Montana 4-H website. www.montana4h.org

Dates December 2009/January 2010

4-H Center Contact Brett Schomer · bschomer@montana.edu · 994-1721

Additional Information Lodging and meal expenses are paid by Montana 4-H Congress.

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MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS

Purpose Montana 4-H Congress provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman for 4 days and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth and adults a venue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all have a great time with their peers. Montana 4-H'ers have been attending an event like Congress for over 75 years. Congress has become an important tradition and is the signature event for the Montana 4-H Program. Its purpose is to provide a safe and fun environment for youth to experience all that 4-H Congress has to offer including: contests, workshops, entertainment, social events, and much more.

Eligibility Guidelines 4-H members 14-19 as of October 1st of the 4-H yr & county chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. It is the responsibility of each county to enforce these age guidelines when recruiting Congress participation.

Procedure for Participation Registration information will be sent directly to County Extension offices in March. The registration process for Congress includes both online and paper forms. Individuals must register as a part of their county delegation. **Registration is available by going to: [program/event/Montana 4-H Congress/program details](http://www.montana4h.org/program/event/Montana-4-H-Congress/program-details) section of the Montana 4-H website. www.montana4h.org**

Dates **July 6-9, 2010**
Registration Deadline—**July 15**

4-H Center Contact **Brett Schomer** · bschomer@montana.edu · 994-1721

Additional Information Youth and adults are invited to submit applications for workshops they have an interest in presenting at Congress. All State Award winners and 4-H Foundation Scholarship recipients are recognized during Congress. Montana 4-H Congress is made possible each year through user fees, support from the Montana 4-H Foundation and MSU Extension.

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MONTANA 4-H PRE-CONGRESS

Purpose As members of Congress committees 4-H Ambassadors and other member of the Congress staff put the final touches on plans for the Congress event during Pre-Congress weekend. The planning and work that takes place during Pre-Congress makes this large scale event what it is. Along with this work, the selection process for State 4-H Officers occurs during Pre-Congress Weekend.

Eligibility Guidelines First priority will go to junior or senior ambassadors and key leaders. **However, prospective ambassadors, Extension staff and motivated youth are encouraged to apply.**

Procedure for Participation Pre-Congress committee and event information will be sent directly to registered junior and senior ambassadors, key leaders, and county extension offices in March. Ambassadors and other individuals interested in attending Pre-Congress weekend **MUST** actively participate in a Congress committee of their choice.

Those individuals interested in working on Congress committees or becoming committee chairs should contact the 4-H Center prior to this event.

Application is available by going to: **program/event/Montana 4-H Congress/program details** section of the Montana 4-H website.
www.montana4h.org

Dates **July 4-6, 2010**
Registration Deadline—**July 1**

4-H Center Contact **Brett Schomer** · bschomer@montana.edu · 994-1721

Additional Information There is a \$40 housing fee for all participants. However all other expenses are paid my MT 4-H Congress and Ambassador program.

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NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Purpose National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, state and county Extension staff from across the US, its territories, and Canada. Conference delegates are prepared, personally and professionally, to become more active participants within their communities and effectively develop youth-adult partnerships for community action. Participants are expected to develop and implement a plan of action focused on increasing youth-adult partnerships or engaging youth in governance.

Eligibility Guidelines Youth delegates must be 15-18 as of January 1st and not a High School senior during the 4-H year in which they will attend. Adult Chaperone must be an enrolled volunteer in the Montana 4-H Program (25 years or old)

Procedure for Participation To be considered in the selection process for attendance of the 2009 conference, complete the application and submit to the Montana 4-H Center by November 15.

Application is available in the programs/events section of the Montana 4-H website. www.montana4h.org

Dates **March 20-25, 2010**
Application Deadline—November 15th

Location National 4-H Conference Center—Chevy Chase, MD

4-H Center Contact **Cody Stone** · cstone@montana.edu · 994-3503

Additional Information Partial funding is provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation to selected delegates. The amount of support is dependant on the number of delegates. Delegates will be responsible for a portion of the approximate \$1200 total cost per participant.

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NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Purpose This national travel opportunity is the award trip for those qualifying in the top four positions in the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports qualifying events. Winners in air rifle, air pistol, small bore rifle, muzzle loading, hunting, shotgun, recurve archery, and compound archery are eligible to compete in this event. At the Invitational, both 4-H member teams and individuals are recognized from national champions to 10th place.

Eligibility Guidelines Participants must have past their 14th birthday by January 1 of the current year and may not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1 of the current year in which the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational is held. Only those qualifying in state events are eligible to attend. If one of the top four shooters cannot attend, the next shooter in line becomes eligible. Competitors may only attend once in any particular shooting sports discipline.

Procedure for Participation Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Project members will be notified of each qualifying event through their county 4-H newsletter and state 4-H newsletter. Members must register for each qualifying event per the instructions provided with the announcement. A separate registration is required for the national tournament and will be made available to qualifying shooters.

Dates June 28- July 3, 2010
Registrations due June 1, 2010.

Location Kerrville, TX

4-H Center Contact **Todd Kesner** · tkesner@montana.edu · 994-6816

Additional Information Each competitor is awarded funds to support their trip through the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee. Amounts vary depending on number participating and available funds.

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NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

- Purpose** This national travel opportunity services as an award trip for individuals recognized as State Award and State Contest winners. Those individuals eligible to attend National 4-H Congress will gain insight on leadership, youth empowerment, and cultural diversity.
- Eligibility Guidelines** Youth eligible to attend national Congress receive recognition at Montana 4-H Congress as a State Award winner or placed in the following State Contest areas: Quilting (1), Stir-Ups (1), Fashion Revue (1), Demonstrations/ Illustrated Talks (4). Youth are only eligible to attend once. The Montana 4-H leadership Council sponsors one leader at large and one council member to attend as chaperones
- Procedure for Participation** Those youth that meet eligibility requirements for this award trip will be contacted directly by the 4-H Center in mid August.
- Leaders interested in being chaperones to National 4-H Congress are required to complete an application and return to the 4-H Center by July 1st.
- Chaperone application is available in the programs/events section of the Montana 4-H website. www.montana4h.org**
- Dates** **November 27—December 1, 2008**
Deadline for Chaperone Application July 1st
- Location** Hyatt Regency at Peachtree Center—Atlanta GA
- 4-H Center Contact** **Shanna Romero** · shanna.romero@montana.edu · 994-3501
- Additional Information** Partial funding is provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation to eligible delegates. The amount of support is dependant on the number of delegates. Delegates are typically responsible for a portion of the total cost per participant.

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STATE AWARDS SELECTION

Purpose The Award Selection committee is formed each year to review State Award applications and select State Award winners. Participation on this committee is an excellent opportunity to learn and experience the state award process from a different perspective.

Eligibility Guidelines Open to 4-H youth 15+, volunteer leaders and extension staff.

Procedure for Participation Complete and return application to the 4-H Center by April 15th.

Application is available in the programs/events section of the Montana 4-H website. www.montana4h.org

Dates **May 2010**

Location Montana 4-H Center—Bozeman

4-H Center Contact **Brett Schomer** · bschomer@montana.edu · 994-1721

Additional Information All expenses for State Award selection paid as a special project of the Montana 4-H Foundation.

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WESTERN NATIONAL ROUNDUP

- Purpose** This regional travel opportunity services as an award trip for individuals recognized as State Contest winners. The first place livestock, horse, and meats judging teams, as well as the horse skill-a-thon team, Gavel Games team and top 2 Public speaking winners are eligible to attend and compete at this event.
- Eligibility Guidelines** Eligible contest teams are awarded the trip and arrangements for attendance are made through the county Extension Office. 4-H members may only attend the event once (see state policy in contest guidebook for details)
- Procedure for Participation** Eligible teams should complete the registration process on western roundup website. www.westernnationalroundup.org/
- Dates** **January 6-10, 2010**
Registration begins **November 15, 2009**
- Location** Denver, CO
- 4-H Center Contact** **Brett Schomer** · bschomer@montana.edu · 994-1721
- Additional Information** Each team or individual is awarded funds to support their trip by the Montana 4-H Foundation.

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WESTERN REGIONAL LEADERS' FORUM

Purpose An opportunity for leaders from the western region to take part in idea sharing and workshops geared to arm leaders with skills to make them more effective at what they do.

Eligibility Guidelines Must be a current 4-H volunteer or junior leader.

Procedure for Participation Registration is available each year from the host state.

Look for up to date information and links in the programs/events section of the Montana 4-H website. www.montana4h.org

Dates March 11-14, 2010

Location Albuquerque, NM

4-H Center Contact **Cody Stone** · cstone@montana.edu · 994-3503

Additional Information The Montana 4-H Foundation and State Leadership Council provides partial funding for this valuable opportunity.



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MONTANA 4-H HALL OF FAME

Purpose To recognize individuals who have significantly helped to generate opportunities for 4-H youth by raising funds, gifting, or other support of 4-H program at the county or state level.

Sponsor/Donor Montana 4-H Foundation

Eligibility Guidelines Nominations should be of those whose long-time work and efforts through giving, volunteering, leadership, and community support to 4-H need to be recognized and honored at the state level.

Procedure for Participation Complete the nomination form and return to Montana 4-H Foundation by applicable deadline.

Nomination form can be found on the Montana 4-H website, www.montana4h.org in the programs/awards & recognition.

Dates Nomination Deadline—**May 1st**
Recognition of Inductees during Leadership Forum in the Fall.

Award Inductees are honored with a plaque during the Montana 4-H Leadership Forum and become a member of a group of distinguished supporters of the 4-H program.

4-H Center Contact **Martha Klaumann** · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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OUTSTANDING 4-H/FFA ALUMNI

Purpose To annually recognize and honor an outstanding community, business and/or educational leader who was both a member of the 4-H and FFA organizations.

Sponsor/Donor Montana 4-H Foundation

Eligibility Guidelines The honoree must have been a 4-H club member for at least four years and an FFA member for two. Their membership can be in Montana or another state. The person must have made an impact and a difference for 4-H and FFA in Montana as part of their life's work and vocation. The individual must be considered a leader by their peers, as well as by 4-H and FFA.

Procedure for Participation Complete the nomination form and return to Montana 4-H Foundation by applicable deadline.

Nomination form can be found on the Montana 4-H website, www.montana4h.org in the programs/awards & recognition.

Dates Nomination Deadline—**May 1st**

Award Honored with a plaque at Montana Leadership Forum in the Fall.

4-H Center Contact **Martha Klaumann** · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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OUTSTANDING 4-H ALUMNI

Purpose To annually recognize an outstanding 4-H Alumni.

Sponsor/Donor Montana 4-H Foundation

Eligibility Guidelines Must be a 4-H alumni.

Procedure for Participation Complete the nomination form and return to Montana 4-H Foundation by applicable deadline.

Nomination form can be found on the Montana 4-H website, www.montana4h.org in the programs/awards & recognition.

Dates Nomination Deadline—**May 1st**

Award Honored with a plaque at Montana Leadership Forum in the Fall.

4-H Center Contact **Martha Klaumann** · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE

Purpose This award acknowledges leaders who have made a unique, innovative, special contribution or impact to the 4-H program, positively affecting the lives of youth, and creating a standard of excellence that helps motivate and encourage others.

Eligibility Guidelines Must be a current 4-H volunteer leader. Each Montana county may nominate one leader to be considered for this award.

Procedure for Participation Complete the nomination form and return by applicable deadline. Nominations must be accompanied by two letters of support.

Nomination form can be found on the Montana 4-H website, www.montana4h.org in the programs/awards & recognition.

Dates Nomination Deadline—**September 15**

Award One leader from each district (8 maximum) will receive the Montana Tribute to Volunteer Excellence Award. Recipients will be recognized with a plaque paid for by the Montana 4-H Foundation at Leadership Forum.

4-H Center Contact **Cody Stone** · cstone@montana.edu · 994-3503

Additional Information Two recipients of this award are nominated at the national level for the National Salute to Volunteer Excellence.

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STATE CONTESTS

Purpose State contests are designed to provide educational and state level competitive events to Montana 4-H'ers age 14 years and older. Most state contests take place and are recognized at Montana 4-H Congress each year. See the Contest Guidelines & Policy booklet for more specific contest information.

Eligibility Guidelines State Contest participants must be 14-18 as of October 1 of the 4-H year. 4-H members participating in statewide contests held during Montana 4-H Congress must follow appropriate Congress registration in order to participate.

Dates Montana 4-H Congress competitive events—Wednesday July 7, 2010
KMON meats judging contest—January 2010
Montana 4-H State Shoot—March 2010

Award Please refer to Contest Guideline & Policy booklet for award information specific to each contest. The following are recognized state contests and receive award recognition:
Demonstrations, Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Stir-Ups, Horse Skill-a-thon, Illustrated Talks, Gavel Games, Fashion Revue, Quilting, Public Speaking, Meats Judging (held at KMON in Great Falls).

4-H Center Contact **Brett Schomer** · bschomer@montana.edu · 994-1721

Additional Information

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STATE AWARDS

- Purpose** To recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in project and activity award areas.
- Eligibility Guidelines** All applicants must be 14-19 years old prior to October 1 of the current 4-H year.
- Procedure for Participation** Complete and return the current State Award Application by May 1 Deadline
- Dates** Application Deadline—**May 1st**
State award recognition—**Montana 4-H Congress July 2010**
- Award** State award winners are recognized at Montana 4-H Congress and receive a certificate of achievement and a medal. Winners are also eligible to attend National 4-H Congress.
- 4-H Center Contact** **Brett Schomer** · bschomer@montana.edu · 994-1721
- Additional Information** Partial funding is provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation to eligible National 4-H Congress delegates. The amount of support is dependant on the number of delegates. Delegates will be responsible for a portion of the approximate \$1200 total cost per participant.

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DOUGLAS A. DEAR SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose	Provide a scholarship for higher education to an individual who has actively participated in the 4-H horse project.
Sponsor/Donor	Nancy Dear and the Douglas Dear Family, in memory of Douglas Dear, an instrumental contributor to the Montana 4-H Horse Program.
Eligibility Guidelines	<p>Must have completed senior year in high school in year of application. Must be enrolling in any junior or 4-year college. Scholarship will go to an outstanding applicant meeting eligibility requirements and the provisions listed below.</p> <p>The recipient of the scholarship will be selected and the award given under the following provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Any 4-H member who has demonstrated proficiency in 4-H club work in the horse project over a period of three years, preferably more, would be able to compete for the scholarship.2. Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application: One from applicant's county extension agent, and the other from someone else familiar with applicant's 4-H work.3. Judging will be based on the following: 30% on 4-H project work, 15% on leadership qualities, 15% on personal growth in club work, 30% on future plans, and 10% for letters of recommendation.4. The Montana State 4-H Awards selection committee will select a recipient, plus a first and second alternate.5. In order to receive funds, the scholarship recipient:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Must have completed 1 quarter or semester of college work, maintaining at least a GPA of 2.0.b. Must be enrolled for a second quarter or semester
Procedure for Participation	Visit www.montana4h.org to download scholarship application.
Dates	Application Deadline—Postmarked on or before May 1st Scholarship Recognition— Montana 4-H Congress in July
Award	One \$500 Scholarship will be awarded. (Amount and quantity based on availability of funds)
4-H Contact	Martha Klaumann · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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AGRI-BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

- Purpose** Provide a scholarship for higher education to a 4-Her/former 4-H pursuing a degree in agricultural business, economics or a closely related field.
- Sponsor/Donor** Montana 4-H Foundation
- Eligibility Guidelines**
1. Any 4-H member who has demonstrated proficiency in 4-H club work for at least three years.
 2. The individual should be senior in high school or graduated from high school, and may be already attending college or have completed some course work towards an agriculture business related degree.
 3. Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application. One letter should be from applicant's county extension agent, and the other from someone else familiar with applicant's 4-H work.
 4. Judging will be based on the following: 30% on 4-H project work, 15% on leadership qualities, 15% on personal growth in club work, 30% on future plans, and 10% for letters of recommendation. Selection committee will select a recipient, plus a first & second alternate.
 5. In order to receive funds, the scholarship recipient must have completed one semester of college work with at least a GPA of 2.0 and be enrolled for a second semester
- Procedure for Participation** Visit www.montana4h.org to download scholarship application.
- Dates** Application Deadline—Postmarked on or before **May 1st**
Scholarship Recognition—**Montana 4-H Congress July**
- Award** One \$500 Scholarship will be awarded.
(Amount and quantity based on availability of funds)
- 4-H Contact** **Martha Klaumann** · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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MONTANA MEAT PROCESSORS SCHOLARSHIP

- Purpose** Provide a scholarship for higher education to a 4-Her/former 4-Her with an interest or background in meat science or related fields.
- Sponsor/Donor** Montana Meat Processors Association (MMPA)
- Eligibility Guidelines** Must be a Montana high school graduate (not limited to current year high school graduates, but limited to individuals who are not currently enrolled in a college or university.)
Must have been enrolled in 4-H or FFA within the last 4 years.
Must have participated in some of these 4-H/FFA activities within the last 4 years: Livestock and meat judging, Carcass evaluation, Livestock project options related to meats.
Plan to attend a 4-year college or university and enroll in a curriculum related to: Animal Science, Ag and or Extension Education, Ag Communications, Food Science, Ag Business, Home Economics, Meat Science, Business (or College of Business options)
- Procedure for Participation** Visit www.montana4h.org to download scholarship application.
- Dates** Application Deadline—Postmarked on or before **May 1st**
Scholarship Recognition—**Montana 4-H Congress in July**
- Award** One \$500 Scholarship will be awarded.
(Amount and quantity based on availability of funds)
- 4-H Contact** **Martha Klaumann** · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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MONTANA WHEAT & BARLEY SCHOLARSHIP

- Purpose** Provide a scholarship for higher education to an 4-Her who has outstanding project work utilizing grains and grain products. Preference will be given to individuals pursuing a degree in a grain production field and/or from a grain production background.
- Sponsor/Donor** Montana Wheat & Barley Committee
- Eligibility Guidelines** Any 4-H member who has demonstrated proficiency in 4-H club work over a period of three years.
1. The individual should be senior in high school or graduated from high school, or may already be attending college or have completed some course work.
 2. Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application. One letter should be from applicant's county extension agent, and the other from someone else familiar with applicant's 4-H work.
 3. Judging will be based on the following: 30% on 4-H project work, 15% on leadership qualities, 15% on personal growth in club work, 30% on future plans, and 10% for letters of recommendation. The selection committee will select a recipient, plus a first & second alternate.
 4. In order to receive funds, the scholarship recipient
 - A. Must have completed 1 quarter or semester of college work with a GPA of at least 2.0.
 - b. Must be enrolled for a second quarter or semester
- Procedure for Participation** Visit www.montana4h.org to download scholarship application.
- Dates** Application Deadline—Postmarked on or before **May 1st**
Scholarship Recognition—**Montana 4-H Congress in July**
- Award** Two \$750 Scholarships will be awarded.
(Amount and quantity based on availability of funds)
- 4-H Contact** **Martha Klaumann** · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME SUPPLY SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose Provide scholarships for higher education to Montana high school students who have demonstrated a dedication to 4-H and the ideals of leadership, responsibility and integrity.

Sponsor/Donor Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply

Eligibility Guidelines Applicant must:

1. Have 3 years 4-H experience
2. Be a Montana high school senior
3. Demonstrate academic achievement, service and involvement with 4-H and contributions to the community
4. Final criteria detailed on application

Procedure for Participation Visit www.montana4h.org to download scholarship application.

Dates Application Deadline—Postmarked on or before **May 1st**
Scholarship Recognition—**Montana 4-H Congress in July**

Award Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded
(Amount and quantity based on availability of funds)

4-H Contact **Martha Klaumann** · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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N.A. JACOBSEN SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose Provide a scholarship for higher education to a former 4-Her who is currently a junior or senior enrolled in the college of Agriculture at Montana State University-Bozeman interested in a career

Sponsor/Donor Memorial funds given by family and friends of N.A. Jacobsen

Eligibility Guidelines Applicant must be a junior or senior enrolled in the College of Agriculture at Montana State University-Bozeman who is interested in a career with the MSU Extension Service.

Procedure for Participation Visit www.montana4h.org to download scholarship application.

Dates Application Deadline—Postmarked on or before **May 1st**
Scholarship Recognition—**Montana 4-H Congress in July**

Award One \$500 Scholarship will be awarded.
(Amount and quantity based on availability of funds)

4-H Contact **Martha Klaumann** · Martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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SUSAN K. DUFNER SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose Provide a scholarship to help defray costs for one 4-H member to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) in Washington, D.C.

Sponsor/Donor An endowment with the Montana 4-H Foundation established through memorials to Susan K Dufner

Eligibility Guidelines The applicant must be:

1. Current 4-H member
2. At least 17 years of age as of October 1st of the current 4-H year
3. Accepted as a delegate to CWF

Procedure for Participation Visit www.montana4h.org to download scholarship application.

Dates Application Deadline—Postmarked on or before **February 1st**

Award One scholarship of up to \$500 is awarded toward the cost of a CWF trip.. (Amount based on availability of funds)

4-H Contact **Stephanie Davison** · sdavison@montana.edu · 994-3502

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WILCOX FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose Provide a scholarship for higher education to a graduating 4-H senior from Musselshell/Golden Valley or Rosebud/Treasure Counties.

Sponsor/Donor Endowment established with the Montana 4-H Foundation by Sara Wilcox, a former Montanan4-her, on behalf of the Wilcox Family

Eligibility Guidelines Applicants must be:

1. 4-H member in either Musselshell/Golden Valley or Rosebud/Treasure Counties
2. Planning to attend an institution of higher learning
3. Preference given to person with minimum of 3 years of 4-H experience

Preference given to person with at least a 3.0 GPA

Procedure for Participation Visit www.montana4h.org to download scholarship application.

Dates Application Deadline—Postmarked on or before **May 1st**
Scholarship Recognition—**Montana 4-H Congress in July**

Award One \$500 Scholarship will be awarded.
(Amount and quantity based on availability of funds)

4-H Contact **Martha Klaumann** · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING GRANT

Purpose	Provide financial support to new programs with innovative efforts and specific outcomes that can be adapted for use in other counties.
Sponsor/Donor	Montana 4-H Foundation.
Eligibility Guidelines	<p>Any Montana county 4-H youth program. A joint application between several counties is acceptable.</p> <p>Qualifying programs include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Innovative youth or adult volunteer leader educational programs. Program efforts currently conducted are not eligible.2. Programs currently being conducted in other states qualify.3. Project must have potential to be replicated in other Montana counties programs.4. Project can reach existing or new audiences.5. Application team and teaching team (can be different) must include an Extension staff person, an adult volunteer, and a teen volunteer.6. Project and evaluation must be completed within one year of submission deadline.
Procedure for Participation	<p>Submit an outline of the project which includes:</p> <p>Target audience; educational objectives; resources - available and to be developed; source of curriculum; and outline of curriculum. Program time line, including start, end and length of components. Evaluation procedure to determine if educational objectives have been met. Application cannot exceed five typewritten pages.</p> <p>Include:</p> <p>Names of team members submitting the application. Name of group to which funds are to be awarded. Agreement to return funds if planning process to implement program has not begun within eleven months of submission deadline.</p>
Dates	Application Deadline—Postmarked on or before November 1st and April 1st
Award	\$2,500 total dollars are available.
4-H Contact	Martha Klaumann · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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PEOPLE PARTNER GRANT

- Purpose** Provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance partnerships and the quality of living in their community.
- Sponsor/Donor** Endowment with the Montana 4-H Foundation established by Gerry Fenn. The 2010 will be supported by the Phyllis and Dennis Washington Foundation.
- Eligibility Guidelines** Youth group (4-H or non 4-H) or individual members Grants are also open to non-4-H youth groups and individuals. Applications should meet the following criteria:
Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting, and evaluating the project.
Project will make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life.
There is community support and acceptance of the project, as evidenced by “partners” listed in the grant application, additional funding sources, and resource persons and agencies involved.
The project has lasting benefits.
See Grant Application for more details.
- Procedure for Participation** Submit a completed People Partners Grant application by **February 1st**.
Visit www.montana4h.org to download grant application
Agree to return funds if not used by **December 31st**
Submit an evaluation form by **October 1st**
- Dates** Application Deadline—Postmarked on or before **February 1st**
(Amount and quantity based on availability of funds)
- Award** Grants awarded up to \$500 each
- 4-H Contact** **Martha Klaumann** · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Purpose To provide financial support to MSU Extension staff seeking professional development opportunities.

Eligibility Guidelines Montana State University Extension agent or support staff wanting to attend a particular educational conference, training session, event, or program.

Procedure for Participation **Application Process:**

1. Submit an outline of the program or event the participant wishes to attend which includes: A description of the program, a summary of costs and other sources of funding, personal gain by participating in the program/event, and expected impacts on your 4-H program. Application cannot exceed two typewritten pages.
2. Submit a letter of support for requesting funds from your State Extension supervisor.
3. Agreement to return funds if planning process to implement program has not begun within eleven months from submission date.

After the program, submit evaluation of the program and how it has or will benefit your community.

Grant Criteria:

- Program or event must provide beneficial programming ideas that can be incorporated into the participant's 4-H program.
- Regional Department Heads of Extension must support participation in the event.
- Program and evaluation must be completed within one year from submission deadline.

Dates Application Deadline—Postmarked on or before **November 1st** and/or **April 1st**

Award \$1700 per year: up to \$500 per individual

4-H Contact **Martha Klaumann** · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911



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MONTANA 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

- Purpose** Provide international experience for 4-H members to travel abroad or to host international delegates. These are amazing opportunities for both youth and adults.
- Sponsor/Donor** IFYE is funded by an endowment with the Montana 4-H Foundation established by Geraldine Fenn.
- Eligibility Guidelines** Please contact the 4-H Center or visit www.montana4h.org for current travel and hosting opportunities. The following chart summarizes many of the opportunities for travel and hosting that are available.
- Procedure for Participation** **There is a specific application process and forms for each travel or host opportunity.**
- Award** Award dependent on fund availability and number of outbound delegates.
- 4-H Contact** **Stephanie Davison** · sdavison@montana.edu · 994-3502

OUTBOUND TRAVEL

Program	Country	# of Participants	Age Group	Length of Stay	Travel Dates	Application Deadline
Outbound to Japan	Japan	Open	12-19	4 weeks	7/8/09-8/6/09	1/15/10
Outbound to Japan – Nihongo	Japan	Open	15-19	8 weeks	6/11/09-8/6/09	1/15/10
Outbound to Australia	Australia	Open	16-19	4 weeks	6/17/09-7/16/09	1/15/10
Outbound to Costa Rica	Costa Rica	Open	15-19	4 weeks	6/20/09-7/18/09	1/15/10
Outbound to Norway	Norway	Open	16-19	4 weeks	6/13/09-7/14/09	1/15/10
Outbound adult chaperone	Japan, Australia, Costa Rica or Norway	1 per country	25 +	4 weeks	Depends on destination country (see above)	1/15/10
Internship in Japan	Japan	1	19-25	1 year	September 2009 to August 2010	12/1/09
2010 IFYE Representative	Various countries around the world	Open	19-30	3-6 months	Mid-June departure; return varies	1/15/10

INBOUND TRAVEL

Program	Country	# of Participants	Age Group	Length of Stay	Hosting Dates	Application Deadline
Japanese Inbound	Japan	Up to 30 (1 per family)	12-18 plus 2 adult chaperones	4 weeks	7/21 – 8/19/2010	3/15/10
Costa Rica Inbound	Costa Rica	1-2	15-18	4 weeks	6/19/ - 7/17/2010	3/15/10
2010 IFYE Representatives	Various countries from around the world	Varies	19-30	3 weeks per host family	Mid-June arrival; return varies	3/15/10
FLEX	Eurasian Countries	1	15-19	1 school year	August 2010-May 2011	3/15/10
Japanese High School	Japan	1-2	15-19	1 school year	July 2010 to June 2011	3/15/10

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Other Statewide Opportunities

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MONTANA 4-H ALUMNI

Purpose In an effort to bring together Montana 4-Hers, past, present and future, the Montana 4-H Foundation gathers information from Montana 4-H alumni. Contact information is kept confidential and used to maintain 4-H connections and keep our alums informed on current programs, events and needs.

Eligibility Guidelines Past 4-H members of all ages.

Procedure for Participation **Complete and return the alumni sign-up sheet at any time throughout the year.**

4-H Contact **Martha Klaumann** · martha.klaumann@montana.edu · 994-5911

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MONTANA 4-H AMBASSADOR

Purpose Montana 4-H Ambassadors are official envoys of the Montana 4-H program. Ambassadors promote all aspects of the 4-H Program. They assist with the planning and implementation of events on local, county, district and state levels.

Eligibility Guidelines Must be a current 4-H member 14 years of age by October 1st of the 4-H year in which they begin their service. Service begins in July of the 4-H year. Ambassadors transition from prospective to Junior and from Junior to Senior during the Ambassador meeting that takes place each year during Montana 4-H Congress in July.

Procedure for Participation The Montana 4-H Ambassador handbook is available online at www.montana4h.org. Interested youth should contact their local extension office.

Dates Current Ambassador Year—**July 2009—July 2010**
Deadline for Ambassador Roster—**May 2010**
Ambassador Meeting—**July 2010**
2009/2010 Ambassador Fall Training—**October 2010**

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MONTANA 4-H FOUNDATION YOUTH POSITIONS

Purpose The Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees serves to raise private funds to support the Montana 4-H program. More specifically, the 4-H Foundation assists with the financial support of the Montana 4-H program for members, volunteer leaders and Extension staff. Trustees provide oversight to the Foundation's financial resources.

The Foundation Board of Directors includes two "at large" youth positions. Each year the Foundation seeks dedicated, passionate young applicants to serve on the Foundation board and ensure a strong youth voice in the decisions of the Foundation.

Eligibility Guidelines Applicants must:

1. Be at least 15 years of age and not older than 18 years of age by October 1st.
2. Not be serving as a state 4-H ambassador officer or State 4-H Council representative.
3. Currently be enrolled in 4-H and have been an enrolled member of the Montana 4-H program for at least 3 consecutive years
4. Be willing to serve a 2-year term
5. Be willing and able to actively participate in all meetings—both virtual and real time.

Procedure for Participation Complete the "Montana 4-H Youth leadership Opportunities" application and submit electronically to: mt4h@montana.edu . The completed application MUST be sent electronically by your county agent who works with the 4-H program. This will signify his/her approval of your involvement. The youth positions application can be found electronically at www.montana4h.org .

Dates Applications due— on or before **September 1st**

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MONTANA 4-H COUNCIL YOUTH POSITIONS

Purpose The Montana 4-H Council provides guidance to the Montana 4-H program and is advisory to the 4-H Center for Youth Development. The Council consists of two adult volunteer leaders from each of the eight 4-H districts in the state as well as four youth, two of whom are selected as “at large” members of the council.

Eligibility Guidelines You must be at least 14 years of age and not older than 18 years of age by October 1st.
You must not have served as a state 4-H ambassador officer or State 4-H Council representative.
You must have been an enrolled member of the Montana 4-H program for at least 3 consecutive years
You must be willing to serve a 2-year term
You must be willing and able to actively participate in all meetings—both virtual and real time.

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MONTANA 4-H YOUTH CABINET

Purpose The purpose of the Youth Cabinet is to serve as an avenue for young people to provide advice and guidance to the Montana 4-H program. The interest is to recruit a broad representative group of teens who can help move Montana 4-H into the future as a leader in youth development organizations. Each 4-H district will have two youth representatives, providing 16 positions on the cabinet. The Cabinet will meet by conference call 4 times each year.

- Eligibility Guidelines**
- You must be at least 14 years of age by October 1st.
 - You must not have already served as a state 4-H ambassador officer.
 - You must have been involved in the Montana 4-H program for at least 3 years
 - You must be willing and able to actively participate in all meetings—both virtual and real time.

The cabinet is actively looking for energetic, involved 4-H members to serve as a member of the group.

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Dates Applications due— **September 1st**

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