**NEBRASKA 4-H JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATION**

This is intended for all 4-H members ages 8-14. It may be used for county level awards.

**IDENTIFY THE PROGRAM AREA OF SUBMISSION**

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|  | Agriculture |
|  | STEM |
|  | Leadership and Entrepreneurship |
|  | Healthy Living |
|  | College and Career Preparation for My Future |

**ABOUT ME**

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| Name: (First Middle Last) |  |
| Present Address:  |  |
| City: |  |
| State: |  |
| Zip: |  |
| County (enrolled in 4-H): |  |
| Home Phone: |  |
| Cell Phone: |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YEAR) |  |
| Current Age: |  |

**Certification Statement**

***By inserting initials below, I certify that the information in this application is accurate and complete.***

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| Applicant’s Signature (typed initials):  |
| Date:  |
| Parent/Guardian’s Signature (typed initials):  |
| Date:  |

Answer the following items within a maximum of 3 pages. Please use headings to separate your responses (**4-H Experiences, Leadership Experiences, Community Involvement/Service Learning Experiences, and Career Spark**). Creativity is encouraged, use bullet lists, photos, infographics, etc. to help tell your 4-H story. *The items bulleted are suggestions of what might help us understand your involvement and learning.*

 **4-H EXPERIENCES**

*Part 1*

Describe your collective 4-H experience.

* Indicate the depth and breadth of your 4-H experience.
* Identify the number of years in the program.
* Identify program experiences in which you engaged.
* What skills have you learned as a result of being a part of the 4-H program?
* What have you learned about yourself as a result of being a part of 4-H?

*Part 2*

Describe your 4-H experience within the last 4-H year.

* What was your level of involvement?
* Identify 2 program experiences that you would consider a “highlight” of your year.
	+ Describe these experiences. What did you do? What was involved? Who was a part of this experience? Why did you want to participate? What was accomplished through this experience? What was your favorite part of the experience? What did you learn?
* How will this past year influence your future (i.e., 4-H experience, classroom experience, career, etc.)?

 **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES**

*Part 1: 4-H Leadership Experiences*

Describe your 4-H leadership experiences that have helped build your leadership skills.

* What type of leadership was it?
	+ For example: Roles (Club President), Activities (4-H Lend a Hand Day), Experiences (Being a Junior Ambassador for my county).
* When did these experiences occur?
* Identify your part in the experiences:
	+ Duties you completed
	+ Responsibilities you fulfilled
	+ Skills you utilized
* What did you learn about leadership through these experiences?

*Part 2: Non 4-H Leadership Experiences*

Describe your Non 4-H leadership experiences that have helped build your leadership skills.

* What type of leadership was it?
	+ For example: Roles (Youth Choir Jr. Director), Activities (Warrior Football Camp), and Experiences (Student Council Member).
* When did these experiences occur?
* Identify your part in the experiences:
	+ Duties you completed
	+ Responsibilities you fulfilled
	+ Skills you utilized
* What did you learn about leadership through these experiences?

 **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SERVICE LEARNING EXPERIENCES**

Describe two times you were involved in volunteer service to others and/or the community through 4-H or other opportunities.

* List the type of involvement
* When did the experiences occur?
* What were duties, responsibilities, and skills you used to be successful?
* What did you learn in each of your experiences?

 **CAREER SPARK**

Describe how your 4-H experiences have sparked your interest in a future career field.

* At present, what has 4-H “sparked” in you that you are curious to explore (both academically and in extra-curricular activities) in middle school, junior high, high school, or beyond?
* How do you see yourself contributing professionally to your community in the future? How has 4-H influenced how you see yourself in this future role?
* Explain any experiences you have pursued in connection with your career spark. Some examples:
	+ Has 4-H sparked your curiosity about what it would be like to work in a certain career and you have interviewed someone in that career?
	+ Identify any influence your 4-H experience has had on your academic course selection.
	+ Identify any junior leader/job shadow/internship/volunteer experience in which you engaged in an effort to explore your sparked interest.
	+ Have you been a part of any formal or informal mentorships related to potential career interests?