**SOMERSET COUNTY OUTSTANDING 4-H'ER**

**Candidate Information Sheet**

**2024**

**Due: June 1** *(Late applications or recommendations will NOT be accepted)*

Requirements: Candidate must have completed their junior year in high school by June 30 of this year and be currently active in the Somerset County 4-H Program. Criteria for selection includes leadership, participation, community service, personal growth, and contribution to the program.

4-H'ers must complete the entire application themselves and request a letter of recommendation from a 4-H leader or a Somerset County 4-H adult volunteer. Recommendations should be emailed to the office (SomersetCounty4H@co.somerset.nj.us), mailed or dropped off to the Somerset County 4-H Office, 310 Milltown Rd, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 **no later than June 1**. *Recommendations may not be from a family member.*

**Please answer the following questions. All applications must be typed. You can type into this form or add extra pages as needed.**

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**Club Participation:**

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| **4-H Prep** | Years in 4-H Prep |  |  |
| **4-H Clubs** | Years in Standard Clubs |  |  |
| **Total years in 4-H** |  |  |  |

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| **List 4-H Club(s) Name** | **# Year(s) Member** | **Currently** **Active** | **# of Club Presentations** | **Leader(s)**  |
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**4-H Club Section:**

*Club Offices held*

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| **Office held** | **Club** | **Year(s) held** |
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*4-H Club Committees served on*

List number of years you participated in each activity and provide specific responsibilities you had.

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| **Committee** | **Role/Responsibilities** | **Year(s) Participated** |
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*4-H Club Leadership Roles* (beyond an officer roles) (Examples: mentor, activity planner, meeting presenter, etc.)

List number of years you participated in each activity and provide specific responsibilities you had.

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| **Leadership Role** | **Description/Responsibilities** | **Year(s) Participated** |
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*4-H Club Activities and/or Community service*

List number of years you participated in each activity and provide specific responsibilities you had.

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| **Activity or Community Service** | **Role/Responsibilities** | **Year(s) Participated** |
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**4-H County Participation Section:**

List number of years you participated in each activity and provide specific responsibilities you had.

Examples include (but not limited to): 4-H Open House, Rummage Sale, Wreath Sales, Prep New Year, Winter Camp, Tricky Tray, Sponsorship Sales, Prep Rally, Science-sational Day, County Presentations, Family Camp, TOPS Camp, Fair, Herdsman, etc. This section should include activities beyond a club meeting.

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| **Event** | **Role/Responsibilities** | **Year(s) Participated** |
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**4-H State and National Participation Section:**

Did you *apply* to any State and/or National 4-H programs (such as LWF, CWF, National Congress, National Conference, etc.) If so, which ones:

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| **Event** | **Year(s) Applied** |
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Did you *attend* any State and/or National 4-H programs? Examples include (but not limited to): LWF, CWF, National Congress, National Conference, National 4-H summits, NJTC, State Presentations, project specific events, etc. List number of years you participated in each program and provide specific responsibilities you had.

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**4-H Promotion**:

Describe all the ways that you promoted 4-H to the public, such as presentations to outside groups, exhibits, social media, etc.

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| **Event** | **What you did** |
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**Short answer:**

1. **Describe your most rewarding 4-H community service experience and why it was so rewarding.**
2. **How have you promoted the values of 4-H within and outside of your club?**
3. **Describe how a mentor from the 4-H program inspired you and how you used that experience to mentor other 4-H members.**

**Essay:**

1. **In 600 words or less, what is the difference between an OUTSTANDING 4-H member and a GOOD 4-H member?**

**Interview**

The 4-H office will contact you to schedule a **15-minute** **interview** with the committee on **June 4,5,6**. In the interview, you will need to describe your involvement in 4-H, what you have given back to 4-H, and why you believe you are an outstanding 4-H’er. Interviews are mandatory.

**I understand any and all information included on this form will be verified.**

Your Signature

Leader's Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (if they can’t sign for some reason, they can give their approval via an email sent to SomersetCounty4H@co.somerset.nj.us )

*This information sheet and letter of recommendation is due* ***June 1.*** *If you are selected, you will be recognized at the July 4-H Association meeting and ceremony.*

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