



Teen & Older Youth Opportunities

	Description/Responsibilities	Application	Deadline	Term & Time	Resources
REQUIRES COMPLETION OF OHIO 4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECORD					
Ohio 4-H Achievement Awards	These 25 awards recognize a 4-H member's achievement in a specific area. Areas include: Beef, CARTEENS, Citizenship & Community Service, Clothing & Textiles, Companion Animals, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Environmental Sciences, Family Life & Child Development, Foods & Nutrition, Gardening & Horticulture, Health & Safety, Horse, Leadership, Meat Goat, Mechanical & Engineering Sciences, Personal Development, Photography, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Swine, Woodworking and Veterinary Science. Award recipients receive paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.	Complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record (must follow guidelines listed on application regarding font & formatting). Applicants must be at least 14 years old and currently enrolled in Ohio 4-H.	Due to state by Feb. 5; check with county Extension Office for earlier county deadline.	Congress held annually in late November.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth and then click on Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships.
National 4-H Dairy Conference	The mission of the conference is to: reward delegates for their state level achievements in the area of dairy cows and dairy goats, provide delegates the opportunity to practice new dairy related skills, observe new dairy techniques, encourage delegates to conduct educational dairy activities in their local communities, foster an increased understanding and appreciation of the dairy industry, meet new people, and share ideas.	Complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record (must follow guidelines listed on application regarding font & formatting). Applicants must be at least 14 years old and currently enrolled in Ohio 4-H.	Due to state by Feb. 5; check with county Extension Office for earlier county deadline.	Held annually in late September.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth and then click on Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships.
Ohio State Junior Fair Board	Membership comprised of individuals from each of the youth organizations represented at the OSF. Members are expected to attend meetings and stay at the fair for the entire 12 days, where they help strengthen and coordinate activities in a fast-paced, action-packed month at the Ohio State Fair.	Two applicants selected yearly, must be currently enrolled in Ohio 4-H and at least 16 years old. Complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record.	Due to state by Feb. 5; check with county Extension Office for earlier county deadline.	2 year term	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth and then click on Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships

Ohio Township Association 4-H Local Government Award	Established in an effort to encourage and inspire more 4-H teens to become responsible citizens who are involved in local government. This award is designed to reinforce the importance of having youth become contributing citizens in their communities. Two teens are selected annually to receive this \$1500 award.	Complete Ohio 4-H Achievement Record and submit to county Extension Office. Applicants must be Seniors, have completed a 4-H local government activity, and plan to attend college after high school.	County nomination submitted to state in early February; county deadline may be earlier.	Winners notified after March 20.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth and then click on Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships
STATE LEVEL BOARDS & COUNCILS					
Ohio 4-H Fashion Board	The State 4-H Fashion Board is a small group of outstanding 4-H youth involved in 4-H textiles and clothing projects. State 4-H Fashion Board members are selected from across the state to: a) Assist in conducting the Ohio State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue; b) Assist with educational programming efforts related to textiles and clothing at county, regional and state-wide events; c) Serve as an advocate for Ohio's 4-H textiles and clothing projects and programs.	Up to 20 applicants selected from across the state, as nominated by the county (1 per county). Must complete a Clothing Achievement Record and go through interview process.	Due at 8:30 a.m. @ Fashion Board Orientation Meeting at State 4-H Fashion Revue the day of the county judging at Ohio State Fair.	1 year term, meets throughout year	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth and then click on Teens.
Ohio State 4-H Ambassadors	Serve as the youth spokespersons for Ohio 4-H. Ambassadors serve as speakers, emcees, program facilitators, hosts or hostesses, committee members, and in many other youth leadership roles for 4-H and Extension programs and events throughout the state. They are role models expected to maintain the highest standards of excellence as they fulfill their 4-H Pledge commitments.	Applicants must be in high-school on January 1 st and have high standards of excellence. Application must be approved by county Extension Office.	Due to state by Jan. 23, county may have earlier deadline.	2 year term	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth and then click on Teens.
Ohio 4-H Teen Advisory Council	TAC is the highest youth decision-making and advisement body in the state's 4-H program. Members work together to improve Ohio 4-H programming, administration, and relevance to youth in today's society through cooperation with State 4-H leaders, active support of new and innovative 4-H programming, and advocacy for 4-H and youth issues	Applicants must be age 15 (and a sophomore) to 18 and have 24 consecutive months of 4-H membership prior to the application deadline. Prior membership in another state-level 4-H organization is encouraged.	Application due July 15	2 year term beginning in September. Monthly conference calls or face-to-face meetings, self-led group tasks	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth and then click on Teens.

STATE, NATIONAL, & INTERNATIONAL TRIPS					
Ohio 4-H Teen Conference	Held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, this day-long conference provides teens with educational sessions pertaining to 4-H projects, 4-H opportunities, leadership development, and current events. Includes buffet lunch and opportunities for networking.	All teens!	Register by February 13 = \$35. Late registration = \$45.	March 14, 2015	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth and then click on Teens.
Ohio Youth Capitol Challenge	Youth from across the state coming together to learn how to make their voices heard in government and make a difference. Held in 3 phases: 1) March 17 & 18 in downtown Columbus and the Capitol, 2) Work in teams in local communities, 3) Competitions (May 16 – State FFA Center, August 1 – Ohio State Fair).	Open to high school youth in 4-H, FFA, or Ohio Farm Bureau. 40 teens selected through application process.	Applications DUE January 9.	Phase 1 March 17 and 18 2015, Downtown Columbus and the Capitol.	http://ofbf.org/get-involved/youth-programs/
Buckeye Leadership Workshop	Held at Recreation Unlimited – Ashley, OH. This learning, sharing “workshop” is intended as a balanced program of social, physical, mental, and spiritual activities. It powerful learning environment in which anyone who works with people, professionally or informally, can develop programming for youth or adults.	15 years old or a freshman in High School or older	Early-bird registration \$350, before Feb. 18 Late registration \$375, space permitting.	March 18 – 22, 2015	http://www.buckeyeleadership.org/ Scholarships available at the above link and are due January 8, 2015.
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)	Held at the National 4-H Center – Chevy Chase, MD Gives 4-H youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need to be outstanding leaders in their home communities and at the national level. Through sightseeing tours in the living classroom of Washington, D.C. and hands-on educational workshops, youth will learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it, and how they can apply the leadership and citizenship skills they have learned at CWF when they return home.	Open to 4-H youth in high school, application process varies by county	County reservations due March 1. Full \$1,200.00 payment due April 1.	June 21-27 OR June 28-July 4, depending on county	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth and then click on Teens.
Leadership Washington Focus (LWF)	Held at the National 4-H Center – Chevy Chase, MD Serves as the precursor to CWF. Using the historical backdrop of Washington, D.C., youth will build confidence in their ability to motivate and direct others in meaningful action, practice effective communication, create and accomplish goals, and develop an understanding of their own personal leadership style.	Open to 4-H youth in 7 th -9 th grades, application process varies by county	County reservations due March 1. Full \$800.00 payment due April 1.	July 14-17, 2015	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth, then Members, then click on Events & Opportunities.

International Programs & Exchanges	Looking for 4-H families with youth ages 10-15 to serve as host sibling for Japanese LABO youth annually. LABO youth are ages 12-14. Outbound travel opportunities vary annually, with expanded information available online.	Varies depending on program.	Applications to host are accepted ongoing until all youth are placed. Applications for outgoing travel due in December.	LABO hosting begins late July for 3½ weeks. Outbound travel varies.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth and then click on Ohio 4-H Statewide Programs and then International Program.
STATE CAMP (& Counselor) OPPORTUNITIES					
State 4-H Leadership Camp <i>*Counselor opportunities also exist for this camp.</i>	The premiere leadership development opportunity available to Ohio 4-H members. The focus of the five-day leadership experience is the development of concrete peer leadership skills that will enable participants to have an immediate impact in their home 4-H club, county, community, or school.	Application process varies by county. Open to 4-H youth ages 14+ with significant leadership potential or leadership experience within their county program.	County nominations due April 1, final registration due May 22. <i>*Counselor applications due May 1, must be 18+. Webcheck required.</i>	July 5-9, 2015 at 4-H Camp Ohio in Licking County <i>*Counselors also attend training May 29-31 & July 4-5</i>	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H Camps and then click on Leadership Camp. <i>*Scholarships available in each county from state.</i>
Operation: Military Kids Camp Counselor	OMK is part of a national initiative involving 49 states and the District of Columbia with high levels of National Guard and Reserve deployment. Programs are designed for military youth to help them find positive ways to cope with the stress of their family member's deployment. Residential camping is one such program; camp is held at Kelley's Island.	Application required for teens 16 and older. 4-H and/or military background not required, but helpful. <i>*Should not be the 1st year of counseling experience.</i>	Application due June 1, no fees	Camp is Aug. 10-14, staff begin on Aug. 8	Contact Candie Glover for more information Glover.94@osu.edu
Sea Camp	Held on Kelley's Island at Lake Erie. Campers learn about one of Ohio's most important resources: Lake Erie! You'll be in, on, and around the water as you explore the science of the lake, learn marine-related skills, and discover the history and recreational uses of our great lake. Sea Campers will learn about safe boating in Ohio and have the opportunity to earn their Ohio Boater Education Certificate.	Teens ages 13 to 18 (as of January 1 st)	Registration due annually June 1. Estimated cost \$500, due with registration.	Typically held mid-late July.	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H Camps and then click on Sea Camp.
Senior Ohio 4-H Shooting Education Camp	Held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp – Jackson, OH Select a shooting sports discipline to focus on for the week, and enjoy other traditional 4-H camp activities.	Ages 12-18 (*A Junior camp exists for youth 9-12.)	Registration due June 2 nd , cost \$320. *Partial scholarships may be available.	July 12-18, 2015	www.ohio4hshootingports.org <i>*Teens may also apply as counselors for this program, see website.</i>

Watersports Adventure Weekend (WAW)	Held at 4-H Camp Piedmont. The WAW provides a unique opportunity for participants to challenge themselves in a natural environment. Geared to youth with an interest in learning about the WAW's focus areas of sportfishing, canoeing, kayaking, aquatic life, stand up paddleboarding, and snorkeling. Campers will get to participate in five of the six focus areas.	Open to 4-H'ers entering 6 th -9 th grades.	Registration due May 1. Estimated cost \$150.00	June 12-14, 2015	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H Camps.
COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES					
CARTEENS	A traffic safety program conducted by 4-H teen leaders and their program partners for juvenile traffic offenders.	Requirements for teen leaders vary by county, contact your county Extension Office.	Varies by county	Ongoing throughout year	Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth and then click on Teens.
4-H County Camp Counselor	Develop advanced leadership abilities by serving as 4-H camp counselors, as peer helpers, as teen program assistants and in other capacities. A variety of day-camp and residential-camps exist in each county.	Application and selection process required, contact your county Extension Office.	Varies by county		
County Junior Fair Board	JFB is designed for youth who have proven leadership abilities and are willing to take on major responsibilities before and during their county fair.	Selection process varies by county, contact your county Extension Office.	Varies by county		
SCHOLARSHIPS					
Ohio 4-H Scholarships	36 scholarship funds currently exist for Ohio 4-H members – majority for graduates attending OSU, but several exist for members attending any accredited post-secondary institution. Scholarship amounts and requirements vary, but application focus is on 4-H participation and leadership.	Application ONLY available online. Encourage working with your county 4-H professional to complete this process!	MUST complete online application by Feb. 15		Visit Ohio4h.org, click on 4-H for Youth and then click on Teens, click on Awards & Scholarships
*Many counties also offer 4-H scholarships, contact your county 4-H professional for more information on these opportunities!					