State, National & International Trip Opportunities & Award Guidelines:

To encourage participation in these opportunities, the Trempealeau County Leader's Board approved to offer applicants more media options to qualify for awards and trips.

Application process steps:

Complete the Trempealeau County Award & Trip Application.

Complete two of the following media options to be considered for the trips and or awards of your choice.

Complete a Member's Evaluation Form available on the state 4-H website: http://4h.uwex.edu/pubs/pubdetails.cfm?publicationid=69 or

Complete a 4-H Record Book- following the guidelines for your age requirement. Forms available on the Trempealeau County 4-H website: http://trempealeau.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/record-book-forms/ and

Create a five minute video on your 4-H experiences and explain why you would be a good candidate for the trip or award you are applying for or

Plan & present a 5 minute oral presentation in person at a Leaders' Board meeting explaining your 4-H experiences and why you would be a good candidate for the trip or award you are applying for.

Obtain one letter of reference from Club General Leader

Submit application, media form of choice, and letter of reference postmarked by October 20th, 2015 to the Extension office. No late applications will be accepted after October 20th.

Personal Interviews will be conducted on Monday October 26th, 2015 6:30 pm at the Leader's Board Meeting in the Tremplo Room Trempealeau County Courthouse. If you are not able to attend on October 26th, arrangements can be made for an alternative interview time.

Trempealeau County Award & Trip Selection Application

Name: _____

Address:_____

Email Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

Name of parent of guardian:_____

4-H Club: _____

Grade for school year starting fall of 2015: (Circle One)

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What is your best preference on how you would like to receive information? (Circle one)

Email Text Facebook Telephone Mail

Mark below the awards or trips you are applying for:

____ Key Award

____ Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference (June 20-23, 2016)

____ Citizenship Washington Focus Several dates from June 5th-July 28th (see September Clover Dispatch for more details)

____ Space Camp (April 21-25, 2016)

____ National 4-H Conference (April 8-14, 2016)

____ National 4-H Congress (November 25-29, 2016)

____ National 4-H Dairy Conference (TBD)

____ International Youth Exchange (July-August 2016)

____ Western Spirit Experience (June 22-Jul 2, 2016)

Give a brief explanation on why you are applying for the award or trip you selected:

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What type of media forms have you chosen to be considered for the trips or awards?

_____ Complete & Submit Members Evaluation Form

_____ Complete & Submit 4-H Record Book

_____ Complete & Submit 5 Minute Video Presentation

_____ Plan & Present a 5 Minute Oral Presentation to the Leader's Board on October 20th

Who will be submitting your letter of reference?

Name of Club General Leader: _____

Will you be able to attend the October 26th Leader's Board Meeting to do your personal interview? Yes No

Key Award (More info at: http://www.co.brown.wi.us/i_brown/d/uw_extension/4-h_key_award_information.pdf)

What is it? The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community.

Who is eligible? Youth in 10th grade or older who have completed three years of club work and one year of youth leadership

When/where is it? It is presented at the Trempealeau County Fair July 21st-24th 2016

Why apply? In addition to being recognized for your outstanding 4-H career, each Key Award recipient receives a framed certificate and a Key Award pin.

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference (More info at: http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/youthconf/)

What is it? Approximately 600 youth attend this educational event in Madison each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their home community.

Who can go? 7th-10th grade youth When is it? June 20-23, 2016 Where is it? Madison, WI

Why should you go? This unique program gives youth the opportunity to see what 4-H is like from other youth from across the state. They will spend several days learning leadership skills that they can then take back home to their local clubs.

How much does it cost? Approximately $235

Citizenship Washington Focus (More info at: http://www.4hcenter.org/youth-conference-center-overview/educational-programs/citizenship-washington-focus/)

What is it? Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth from across the country. .

Who can go? Anyone ages 15-19

When is it? Several dates from June 5th-July 28th (see September Clover Dispatch for more details)

Where is it? Every summer thousands of young people stay at the National 4-H Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., to participate in this week-long program

Why should you go? Youth will strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills on a national level. They will understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of bet ter citizens and leaders. They can exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds. They will also experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, DC.

How much does it cost? $816.00 per person

Space Camp (More info at:http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/spacecamp/)

What is it? 4-H Missions in Space program is a fun-filled weekend at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center where participants will complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and learn about becoming an astronaut.

Who can go? 4-H members in grades 6-8 may apply. Maximum age of 15 at time of trip

When is it? April 21-25, 2016

Where is it? U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama

Why should you go? Delegates participate in hands-on mock space missions and other activities in this NASA program while exchanging ideas with youth from across Wisconsin.

How much does it cost? Tentative cost is $550

National 4-H Conference (More info at: http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/)

What is it? National 4-H Conference is the annual premiere national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members across the country. The delegates choose an important societal topic and in round table groups prepare a briefing. During the conference, the groups present their briefing to federal officials around the Washington, D.C. area.

Who can go? Youth delegates must be between ages 15 (by January 1 of the conference year) and 19 years old

When is it? April 8-14, 2016

Where is it? National 4-H Conference Center right outside of Washington D.C.

Why should you go? Delegates will not only learn while at the conference. Delegates have the opportunity to practice and apply in a real world setting their newly developed and refined skills.

How much does it cost? $835

National 4-H Congress (More info at: http://national4-hcongress.com/)

What is it? National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the 4-H program. For 90 years, youth from the United States and its territories have participated in this youth leadership development conference. .

Who can go? 10th-12th grade students

When is it? November 25-29, 2016

Where is it? Atlanta, Georgia

Why should you go? The Congress provides youth with a quality educational and cross-cultural experience that exceeds what any state independently provides. It is designed to address the needs and issues of youth while helping to develop capable, competent, and caring citizens

How much does it cost? Approximately $1100

National 4-H Dairy Conference (More info at: http://national4hdairyconference.org/)

What is it? Each year about 200 youth who participate in 4-H dairy projects across the U.S. and Canada congregate in Madison, WI for the National 4-H Dairy Conference which is held annually in conjunction with World Dairy Expo.

Who can go? Have participated at least three years in the 4-H Dairy Program, including the current year. Must be in 10-12 grade as of January 1 of the current year with a maximum age of 18 as of January 1 of the current year.

When is it? (TBD)

Where is it? Madison, WI

Why should you go? Participants learn about dairy production, dairy food processing, marketing and use of dairy products, and develop a broader understanding of careers available in the dairy industry. The conference consists of participatory workshops on the University of Wisconsin – Madison campus, speakers, tours, visiting the World Dairy Expo, and is a great opportunity to network with current and future dairy industry leaders.

How much does it cost? Approximately $450

NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE

International Youth Exchange (More info at: http://wi4hinternational.org/)

What is it? Every summer, more than 70 youth from 7 different countries spend one month with Wisconsin host families. Some families even host for an entire school year. In addition Wisconsin youth also have the chance to travel to and live in either Costa Rica, Japan, Norway, or South Korea in 2016!

Who can participate? Host families must have a youth of the same age and gender as the exchange student.

When is it? July-August 2016

Where is it? Your home

Why should you participate? Hosting a young person from another country is a wonderful opportunity to expand your horizons, learn about another culture and develop lifelong friendships without even leaving your home! Travelling to another country and immersing yourself in the local culture is an experience few traveler are able to experience. You get to actually be a part of a family and a community instead of just snapping pictures on a tour.

How much does it cost? TENTATIVELY:
$3,685-$4,085* plus $250 WI In-state fee, June 29-July 31 – Norway
$3,590-4,490* plus $250 WI In-state fee, July 13-August 11 – Japan (4 week)
$4,790-5,690* plus $250 WI In-state fee, June 15-August 11 – Japan (8 week)
$3,590-4,590* plus $250 WI In-state fee, July 15-August 10 – South Korea
$2,200-2,750* plus $250 WI In-state fee, June 23-July 22 – Costa Rica

Western Spirit Experience (For more info contact adam.trunzo@ces.uwex.edu)

What is it? An education travel experience where young people ride a bus and tour many of our nation's National Parks

Who can go? Anyone 9th grade and above

When is it? June 22-Jul 2, 2016

Where is it? Various parks across the states of Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wyoming including Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone, and Devil's Tower National Parks.

Why should you go? This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about our environment, the history of conservation, and how we use our natural resources. Youth will also gain valuable outdoor and leadership skills.

How much does it cost? Tentative cost of $1500 per person

American Spirit Experience (For more info contact adam.trunzo@ces.uwex.edu)

What is it? Learn about the "American spirit" as you travel by bus with other Wisconsin youth to destinations including Valley Forge, Empire State Building, World Trade Center, Freedom Trail Walk, whale watching, Niagara Falls, Old Fort Erie, dinner theater in Canada, and much more.

Who can go? Youth in 9th through 10th grade of the current school year. Must have a valid passport.

When is it? Date not set for 2016 yet, usually June 11th-18th

Where is it? Several key historical locations in the Eastern United States including New York City, Boston, and Philadelphia

Why should you go? On the trip, youth will be responsible for conducting a teachable moment about a topic related to American history, learn about the many steps taken to gain the U.S. independence and freedom and gain a better understanding of America's heritage.

How much does it cost? Approximately $1100