



Companion Animal State 4-H Achievement Award New Award in 2008



Background and Purpose

Ohio 4-H Achievement awards were established in 1991 to highlight overall 4-H achievement in a particular program area. There are currently 24 program areas which 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 Science, Personal Development, Photography, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Swine, and Veterinary Science.

A Companion Animal State 4-H Achievement Award has been added for 2008. This includes the following project areas: Dogs, Cats, Guinea Pigs, Pet Rabbits, Reptiles & Amphibians, Small Animals (hamsters, gerbils, mice, rats, chinchillas, hedgehogs, ferrets) and 4-H PetPALS. Self-determined pet projects, such as caged birds, hermit crabs, pot-bellied pigs, etc., are also eligible. This does not include poultry and rabbits that are taken for production and/or market. Youth taking those projects must apply for the Poultry and/or Rabbit State 4-H Achievement Award.

Eligibility

All 4-H members are eligible who: 1) have at least reached their 14th birthday, but did not reach their 19th birthday, before January 1, 2008; 2) are currently enrolled as an Ohio 4-H member; 3) must have completed a minimum of one year participation in the program area for which the achievement record is submitted; and 4) have not previously won a state achievement award.

Application Procedure

To apply for this award, members need to complete a State 4-H Achievement Record (according to directions in the form) and submit it to your County Extension Office before your county deadline. This deadline will be sometime in January 2008.

Information about the State 4-H Achievement Awards can be found at:

www.ohio4h.org/youth/awards/.

Selection

One State Achievement Award winner will be selected at the state level in each program area by a State 4-H Awards Selection Committee.

The Award and its Presentation

A State 4-H "Award Announcement Letter" will be sent to County Extension Offices the first week of March, 2008, so Educators can notify winners. State Achievement Award winners will be publicly recognized at a Ohio 4-H Member Recognition Banquet. Each winner will receive an award plaque honoring their achievements. In addition, award recipients will receive a free trip to National 4-H Congress that is scheduled to be in Atlanta, Georgia in late November 2008.