

# Maryland 4-H Animal Science Project Guidebook

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## Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program

### About the Award Program

The Maryland 4-H Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program was established in 2019 to recognize 4-H members in the Animal Science Program for outstanding achievements in their project work. The awards program will provide recognition to 4-H members who demonstrate 1) distinguished levels of engagement in the Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program projects and related activities and 2) excellence in project record keeping activities.

### Award Program Eligibility

This awards program is open to all senior age 4-H members (14-18 years) as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Members are eligible to submit an application for multiple award categories; however, a member will be eligible to receive an award in only one category per year. A member is eligible to receive the Top Award in the same category only one time in their 4-H career. A member can receive the Top Overall Award only one time in their 4-H career. Thirteen award categories will be offered (see below).

### Required Documentation

Youth interested in participating in this awards program must submit the required documents (listed below) via an online portal by the advertised deadline. The submissions will be evaluated and judged by a committee of UME faculty/staff and volunteers. Required documentation includes (100 points total):

- Summary Report Form (20 points): Completed Maryland 4-H Summary Report Form.
- Project Essay (20 points): Essay must be specific to the award category. Essay must be 2-3 pages in length, typed in 12 point Times New Roman, double spaced, with 1-inch margins.
- Project Record (60 points): Completed Maryland 4-H Animal Science Project Record. In species (or category) where there are both Market and Breeding Projects offered, a 4-H'er may submit either or both Project Records.

A 4-H'er may submit applications in multiple categories. To submit in multiple categories only one Summary Report Form is required, but a separate Project Essay and Project Record is required for each category.

## Awards

Awards will be presented in 13 categories including: 1) beef cattle, 2) camelids, 3) dairy cattle, 4) dairy goats, 5) dogs, 6) horse and pony, 7) meat goats, 8) poultry, 9) rabbits, 10) sheep, 11) small pets, 12) swine, and 13) veterinary science. Awards will be presented at the annual Maryland 4-H Awards Gala.

In each award category, the Top 5 members will be selected and recognized with Certificates. The Top Award winner for each category will receive a Belt Buckle and \$100 monetary award.

Additionally, one winner will be selected from the Top Award winners of the thirteen award categories to receive the Maryland 4-H Animal Science State Overall Project and Record Award. The recipient of the Overall Award will receive a plaque and a trip to National 4-H Congress. (NOTE: Recipient must meet all other eligibility requirements established for attending National 4-H Congress. A 4-H'er is only eligible to attend National 4-H Congress one time in their 4-H career.)

## Awards Program Annual Timeline

- August 15<sup>th</sup> - Online Portal opens for submission of applications. URL for Online Portal made available.
- October 15<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for submission of applications – Online Portal closes.
- January - Awards presented at Maryland 4-H Awards Gala.

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