



## ARKANSAS 4-H GOVERNOR'S AWARD

The Arkansas 4-H Governor's Award was instituted in 1983 and was designed to recognize one outstanding Arkansas 4-H member each year. This award is **available only to current or former state 4-H Record Book winners.**

This prestigious award is based upon a current year's 4-H Record Book and the Governor's Award application. The finalists will each receive a keepsake. The Arkansas 4-H Governor's Award recipient is presented an award and a \$1,000 scholarship (pending funding) at the Awards of Excellence Ceremony. In addition, the Governor's Award recipient's name will be added to a plaque on permanent display at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Former state record book winners and current state record book winners within their last year of eligibility will be considered in the selection process. Former record book winners are eligible to apply annually on February 1 until the year after their 19th birthday. For example, if a 4-H member has their 19th birthday on December 31 of the current year, they will be eligible to apply for the Governor's Award the following February 1 only. In order to receive the Governor's Award, he/she must complete the Governor's Award Report Form. Those 4-H'ers who are vying for state Record Book winner in the current year should submit the Governor's Award Report Form clipped to the inside cover of the Record Book. Then in the event he/she is named a state winner, the Record Book will be considered for the Governor's Award.
2. Record Books, with the Governor's Award Report Form and two letters of recommendation, are due in the state 4-H office on February 1 or the first business day after if February 1 falls on a weekend.
3. Former state Record Book winners must submit a current Record Book with the Governor's Award Report Form. The form should be paper clipped to the inside front cover of the binder. All other sections of the Record Book will remain the same as for state judging. The Arkansas 4-H Record Book Form need only cover the years since the 4-H member was named a state Record Book winner but may include a 4-H'ers entire work.
5. All Record Books must show significant work in the current year. A 4-H'er may select any project eligible for state honors.
6. The recipient of the Governor's Award must never have been found in violation of the Arkansas 4-H Code of Conduct by the Review Board and suspended for any period of time from 4-H district and state activities and may receive this award only once. The winner will not be eligible to return to National 4-H Congress.

### SELECTION PROCESS

The Governor's Award finalists will be selected by the state Record Book judging committee which is composed of county Extension agents representing the three districts in the state. The committee will select finalists to be interviewed by a panel who will make the final selection. Criteria for selection includes:

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| Experiences and Accomplishments in 4-H Leadership                        | 30% |
| Experiences and Accomplishments in 4-H Citizenship and Community Service | 30% |
| Experiences and Accomplishments in 4-H Projects and Activities           | 25% |
| Contributions to the Overall 4-H Program                                 | 15% |

## 4-H GOVERNOR'S AWARD REPORT FORM

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Name Used)

Club \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in 4-H Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Project and Year in Which Nominee was a State Winner \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Attended National 4-H Congress \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If yes, year \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Items to be included on this form should be examples of innovative projects and activities instigated and/or implemented by the 4-H'er rather than merely attending workshops and activities.

### I. Commitment to 4-H

Give examples that show nominee's strong commitment to 4-H. Specifically, include examples that show commitment since being named a state winner.

II. Contributions to 4-H

Explain how nominee has made significant contributions to the 4-H program at the local, county, state, and national levels.

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- no additional pages -

III. Assistance to Others

Explain how the nominee has used personal 4-H accomplishments to help others achieve.

- no additional pages -

IV. Letters of Recommendation

Nominee must attach two letters of recommendation detailing the nominee's attitude, contributions to the overall 4-H program, and worthiness of being named the Arkansas 4-H Governor's Award Recipient.

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County

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County Extension Agent

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Date

This form should be attached to the front inside cover of the 4-H'ers Record Book binder.

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