



Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association Annual Banquet Youth and Adult Awards

Name of Award	Award Description	Age Group	# of Awards
Winnebago County 4-H Youth Leadership Award	The Youth Leadership Award is to recognize a youth who has become a leader in 4-H over the past year. They must actively participate and take on 4-H leadership role(s) at the club/county/state level. This award is for someone whose accomplishments you want to recognize to encourage them to continue on their youth leadership path through 4-H. This award is for youth who have not received the Key Award or who are not yet eligible for a Key Award due to grade level.	MS / HS	Up to 1% of enrolled youth
Winnebago County 4-H Youth Challenge Award (formerly I Dare You)	The Challenge Award is offered to 4-H members who are in middle school who are “emerging” leaders. This is a youth who has not yet become a leader – but has the potential to do so in the upcoming year. This award may be the nudge needed to inspire the youth for leadership roles within 4-H.	MS	Up to 2
Friend In 4-H	A 4-H individual or group making outstanding leadership or service contribution to 4-H over the past year. The “Friend in 4-H” must be currently enrolled as a leader or member.	Adult	1
Friend of 4-H	A person or group outside of 4-H making an outstanding contribution to 4-H leadership, service, or other support over the past year. The “Friend of 4-H” is not currently enrolled in 4-H.	Adult	1
Winnebago County 4-H Alumni	Recognizes a former Winnebago County 4-H member who has gone on to use 4-H skills in their success. Current contributions to 4-H may help to identify the candidates but are not required for selection.	Adult	1
Volunteer of the Year	An individual who has done an exceptional job as a volunteer in the past year.	Adult	1
Lifetime Volunteer	Recognizes a Winnebago County 4-H Leader who has contributed many years of service to the 4-H Program.	Adult	1

Nomination Guidelines

- Any approved adult 4-H volunteer, any 4-H youth enrolled in the youth leadership project and Extension 4-H staff may submit a nomination.
- Nominations must be made in writing and submitted to the Winnebago County Extension office no later than the **Friday before the September Leaders' Association Board meeting** which is held the third Tuesday of September.
- Nominations **may** be made from the floor during the September Leaders' Association for any awards that do not receive any nominations prior to the deadline, to reach the award maximum, or to recognize leadership that may have been missed throughout the year.
- Nominees may be moved to a more appropriate award at the board's discretion to recognize the recipient.
- Voting on award recipients will take place at the **September Leaders' Association Board meeting**.
 - In the event of a tie, the top two vote recipients will voted on in a run-off vote
 - In the event of a run-off tie or a tie between only 2 candidates, the winner will be determined by coin flip.
- All Awards are presented at the Annual 4-H Family Banquet.