

*EXAMPLE: Application for County Awards Night and Portfolio Contest*

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have experienced a tremendous amount of growth during my second year as an Intermediate 4-H member in Clover County. Throughout my experience in the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, I have learned more about meeting personal goals, and keeping lasting commitments. My club leader worked with each of us at the beginning of the 4-H season to set goals related to our projects. By setting personal benchmarks, I've developed my horsemanship skills including riding one-handed, and working on lope-off departures. Maintaining consistent attendance to club meetings has taught me to plan ahead and given me experience in balancing multiple schedules.

Based on this year's involvement in 4-H, I have identified several goals for the future. I plan to seek more opportunities to work with knowledgeable adult mentors who can give me more education related to horsemanship. I am also aiming to continue working toward improving my soft-skills, including seeking leadership roles next year.

This year I have gained a new appreciation for my 4-H experience. Making connections with peers and mentors has helped me gain confidence outside of 4-H, and has taught me more about where I can personally improve in the future. I have truly appreciated all of the opportunities 4-H has given me this year, and I hope to share those with others.

4-H has provided many tools that will be essential in the future. I've learned about educational opportunities related to my 4-H project, made connections that will help guide big decisions in the future, and identified areas for self-improvement. Most importantly I've gained skills that will be used in all aspects of my life such as leadership, communication, and resiliency.

Sincerely,



Chris Clover