



Request for Proposal

2010 Youth Action Legacy Award

DEADLINE:

**Friday, January 15, 2010
11:59 PM ET**

Questions will only be accepted until 4:00pm ET

APPLICATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE STATE LEVEL EXTENSION 4-H/YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM LEADER OR ADMINISTRATOR VIA NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL'S ONLINE PORTAL PROCEDURES (<http://grants.4-h.org>) **PRIOR** TO THE APPLICATION DEADLINE.

A. EVENT AND AWARD DESCRIPTION

The 4-H Legacy Award Gala, to be held in Washington, DC on April 22, 2010, is National 4-H Council's premier fundraising event. The affair will be a special evening of celebration paying tribute to outstanding individuals and corporations for their work on behalf of the 4-H youth development movement.

Proceeds from the event will enable National 4-H Council to continue its valued work of advancing the 4-H youth development movement by providing grants, supporting programs, designing and publishing curriculum, and fostering 4-H innovation.

The 4-H Youth Action Legacy Award, to be presented at the Gala, will recognize a 4-H member who is a current realization of 4-H's vision for youth as catalysts for positive change. This award will also seek to inspire other young people to create positive change in their clubs, communities, country, and world.

B. ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees should be 4-H members or recent alumni. Priority will be given to older members or alumni ages 16-21.
- Nominees must have demonstrated excellence and experience in public speaking through national, state, or county public speaking engagements, especially in a formal or business setting.
- The primary focus areas are science, engineering and technology, healthy living, and citizenship. Special areas of interest include environmental responsibility, service to other youth, overcoming barriers found in urban or remote rural areas, and access to higher education/closing the achievement gap.
- Nominees should represent the diversity and passions of 4-H youth nationwide, have overcome personal adversity, and have demonstrated outstanding leadership, as well as the ability to engage others.
- The award winner is expected to be present at the Gala in Washington, DC on April 22, 2010, to receive the award and give an acceptance speech.

C. AWARD INFORMATION

- \$500 Cash award.
- Youth will be asked to give an acceptance speech focusing on the content of their video.
- Travel expenses paid for nominee and one chaperone.
- A clothing allowance for the event will be available if needed. (Business Attire: Black or dark colored suit. Pants or skirt for women, jackets and tie for men).

D. AWARD TIMELINE

January 15, 2010 (11:59 PM ET)	Application deadline Questions will only be accepted until 4:00pm ET
February 8, 2010	Grant award notification will be sent. No phone/email inquiries as to the results of application will be accepted.
March, 2010	Professional coaching for award recipient (if necessary)
April 22, 2010	4-H Legacy Awards Gala (award recipient must attend)

E. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete and submit online application by the deadline. The online Award application can be found at: <http://grants.4-h.org/> . Only applications submitted via the National 4-H Council online portal and approved by the State Program Leader or Program Administrator will be accepted for review. Applications that deviate from the instructions outlined in the RFP and application **will not** be reviewed.
- Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2010, by 11:59pm ET. Questions will only be accepted until January 15, 2010 by 4:00pm ET
- **Applicants are encouraged to contact the county extension educator to ensure that he or she is aware of the application.**
- If selected, the awardee agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in the RFP and to utilize the 4-H Name and Emblem (Clover) when publicizing the award.

F. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Only applications that include all of the following sections will be considered:

- Completed online application form
- Uploaded video application
- Approval from State Program Leader or Administrator, per email instructions received after application submission

G. AWARD SELECTION

The award selection is a competitive process. Applications will be scored using the application criteria and a point system (a total of 30 points). Successful applicants will receive an email message offering congratulations and providing additional details for next steps.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive an email message indicating that their application was not successful. Scores and/or comments concerning individual applications will not be released.

H. QUESTIONS?

Online Submission Questions contact: 4hgrants@4-h.org.
General Award Questions contact: bstone@fourhcouncil.edu

I. APPLICATION COMPONENT INFORMATION

The following criteria will be required for an acceptable application. Proper preparation of the application is required and must include each of the following elements as listed. A maximum of 30 points may be awarded as follows:

1. Video Submission Component (each question worth 10 points)

In this **3 minute** video, the nominee should address the following questions/statements:

- How has/did your involvement in 4-H impacted/impact your life?
- Can you name any adversities or challenges that your 4-H experience has helped you overcome?
- How have you helped others or made an impact in your community through your 4-H work?

File size should not exceed 50MB or 3 minutes.

2. Online Application

3. State Leader or Administrator Approval via email, per instructions received upon submission. Please remember to inform the county extension educator of this application.