

2011-12 4-H Grants Available Through the Michigan 4-H Foundation

Packets for the 2011-12 [4-H County Innovative Grant](http://www.mi4hfdtn.org/county/countygrants.html) and [Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award](http://www.mi4hfdtn.org/county/countygrants.html) are available online (<http://www.mi4hfdtn.org/county/countygrants.html>) now as fill-in PDF and MS Word documents. **Grant applications** and **award nominations** are **due at the Michigan 4-H Foundation on July 1, 2011**. If you have questions about either of these opportunities, you may contact Cheryl Howell by email (chowell@msu.edu) or by telephone at 517-353-6692.

4-H County Innovative Grants

1. 4-H Educational Garden Grant

Funded by: The Albert A. Albright Endowment for Plant Science and Gardening Education.

Available to: 4-H volunteers

Number available: 2 - \$1,000 grants. An award could be made in subsequent years to the same project.

Purpose: To stimulate the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan. This program will increase the opportunities for high-quality and high-visibility 4-H programming in communities. It will create a connection for youth and 4-H volunteers to resources from the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden and it will encourage creative 4-H volunteer leadership in communities.



2. 4-H On-Target County Grant

Funded by: Generous support from Thomas Cobb, former Michigan 4-H Foundation president

Available to: County 4-H Shooting Sports programs

Number available: 2 - \$500 grants

Purpose: To help county 4-H Shooting Sports programs enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.



3. Dow Chemical County 4-H Youth Conservation Council Grants

Funded by: The Dow Chemical Company Foundation

Available to: Applicants willing to engage youth representing multiethnic communities in an environmental stewardship education and advocacy opportunity, and also encourage the use of technology as a learning, research and presentation tool

Number available: 5 grants valued at \$1,000 (\$750 in cash to develop a county-based 4-H youth conservation council and \$250 in required training scholarships and handbook for developing a local council)

Purpose: To encourage and support development of county-based youth conservation councils (i.e., a group of teens, ages 13 to 19, who have an interest in learning about local environmental issues and influencing public policy in their county, city or township governments).



4. **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants**

Funded by: The Michigan 4-H Legacy Fund endowment

Available to: Michigan 4-H volunteers, 4-H youth and 4-H staff

Number available: 2 - \$1,000 grants

Purpose: To develop a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that's making a difference. Innovative local projects that build on solid principles of positive youth development and expand 4-H opportunities for young people will be considered.



5. **New! Michigan 4-H Outbound International Travel Grants**

Funded by: The Michigan Division, Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, raised annually through their International Tea; and the Michigan 4-H International Endowment Fund created with gifts from Michigan 4-H IFYE alumni and other donors

Available to: 4-H youth who have applied and been accepted to travel as part of a Michigan 4-H sponsored, outbound, international travel experience

Number available: 4 - \$500 travel scholarships

Purpose: To support 4-H youth's travel experiences such as Labo, IFYE, Poland, Belize or other Michigan 4-H sponsored international travel opportunities.



6. **NorthStar Cooperative 4-H Dairy Science Grant**

Funded by: Members of NorthStar Cooperative, Inc

Available to: 4-H youth and volunteers (in county or state 4-H groups) working in 4-H Dairy Science

Number available: 2 - \$500 grants

Purpose: To strengthen existing county 4-H dairy science programs or use as seed money to develop new innovations in the way 4-H Dairy Science learning takes place for young people.



7. **OMEDA Youth Tractor Safety Education Grants**

Funded by: Ohio-Michigan Equipment Dealers Association (OMEDA)

Available to: MSUE educators

Number available: 2 - \$250 grants

Purpose: To promote youth tractor safety practices among families living and working on farms.



8. **Ousterhout Regional or District Teen Leadership Training Grant**

Funded by: The Ousterhout Regional Endowment and the Turner-Ousterhout Endowment for Teen Leadership Training

Number available: 1 - \$500 grant

Purpose: To provide support for the addition of a teen leadership training focus to any regional or district 4-H volunteer training event. The grant can be used to provide scholarships for teens to attend a relevant regional or district volunteer training event, or to support the addition of a specific teen leadership focus to a regional or district event.



Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award

Funded by: The Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Endowment Fund

Number available: 1 - \$1,000 volunteer tribute grant

Purpose: To recognize outstanding achievements of Michigan 4-H volunteers (must be registered 4-H volunteers) or groups that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development in the areas of:

- Beef cattle
- Dairy cattle
- Goats
- Horses
- Horticulture, crops and soils
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine
- Veterinary science

The grant can be used for 4-H volunteer training, to purchase supplies and curriculum materials, or to enhance 4-H agricultural programming locally or statewide. In addition to receiving a personalized recognition memento, honorees will be recognized at the Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and at an appropriate Michigan State University event.

