



October 21, 2022

Hello 4-H Families:

Now is time to think about achievement awards, older youth opportunities, and remembering to provide thanks to our supporters. Please check out the updates below!

Fair Sale and Trophy Thank You Notes

If you have not yet done so, please send a note of thanks to award sponsors and buyers. I cannot say enough about the importance of thank you notes. Addresses of trophy sponsors and sale buyers are listed at <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/fair-results>. Trophy thank you cards DO NOT need to be turned in and can be mailed directly.

Exhibitors who sold an animal or baked good at the Tuesday or Wednesday night sale must turn in their pre-addressed, stamped thank you to the wooden drop box located outside the Senior Fair Office (east side in the Ag Center) by October 31st. Those not turning in a thank you by the 31st are not eligible to sell next year. We do not yet have an estimate from the Sale Committee on when checks will be sent. Checks will be mailed directly to each exhibitor.

Fair Grade Premium Checks

Club advisors are in the process of picking up the grade premium checks for their club. Exhibitors will receive the check from their advisor. **Any exhibitor who thinks they did not get paid the right amount will have until November 29th to report the problem.** After that date they are unable to resolve the problem, as the fair fiscal year ends on November 30th. Contact Joy at newhouse.54@osu.edu or 740-833-2030 with details on the premium amount and the associated department, section, and class that you think is incorrect.

Checks are good for 90 days and should be cashed within that time frame. Per the rule in the Fair book and on the entry form, premium checks not cashed within 90 days of issuance will not be reissued and funds are credited to the Junior Fair Scholarship Fund.

Recognition and County Awards

The 4-H Committee host the 4-H Volunteer and Member Recognition banquet on Tuesday, January 24 at 7 PM at the Ag Center on the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Please hold the date!

County award form deadline is Thursday, December 1st. I encourage you to start now! Full details and application forms are posted online at <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/awards-and-recognition>.

Award categories for members are:

- County Achievement Awards (there are 27 categories based on project or 4-H experiences)
- Secretary and Treasurer Officer Awards
- Susan Bargar Horse Achievement Memorial Award
- Cunningham Leadership Award
- Ashley Jr. Fair Award

Award categories for adult volunteers and supporters are:

- Delaware County 4-H Hall of Fame
- Friend of Delaware County 4-H Award

Award tip: Keep a file or box to collect information and contain your project books and notes each each year of membership. Also, go to the fair results page to download details. You can get the 2022 fair results at <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/fair-results>. Enter your name and you can download it as an Excel spreadsheet for your recordkeeping. We can only post one year of results, so we recommend you annually download and print a copy to put into your file or record box.

Note to Organizational Advisors: Now is the time to nominate youth for the Cunningham Leadership Award and the Ashley Jr. Fair Award. Nominations are due by November 7th at <http://go.osu.edu/awardnominations>. Details for the awards are at <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/awards-and-recognition>.

AmazonSmile Donations for 4-H

Do you use Amazon for shopping? If so, you can support the Delaware County 4-H Committee every time you shop. Go to smile.amazon.com and sign up to support Delaware Co. 4-H Committee of Ohio (EIN 31-1086327). Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible items to the 4-H Committee. The donations are designated to go to the Delaware County 4-H Endowment Fund. Interest generated by funds in the endowment provide support both for 4-H in the present and in the future. Your donation will keep on giving!

2023 Important Dates

March 11	Ohio 4-H Conference at Columbus Convention Center
July 13-17	Delaware County 4-H Camp
July 26-Aug. 6	Ohio State Fair
Aug. 6-12	Hartford Independent Fair
Sep. 16-23	Delaware County Fair

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