Dunn County 4-H
Older Youth Trip Application

The Dunn County 4-H Older Youth Trip Application is essentially composed of five parts, including (1) this 4-H Member Self Nomination Form, (2) your Cover Letter, (3) your Resume, (4) a Letter of Recommendation, and (5) a Trip Essay. Application Due dates are dependent on the trip you are applying. Applications are **Due either November 1st or February 1st.**

Full Name: _____
Club Name: _____
Last Grade Completed: _____
4-H Trips attended in the Past: _____
Current Trip you are applying for: _____

ALL THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED & SUBMITTED
TO THE DUNN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1st or FEBRUARY 1st

☐ **THIS 4-H MEMBER SELF NOMINATION FORM**
☐ **COVER LETTER**
☐ **YOUR PERSONAL RESUME**
☐ **RECOMMENDATION LETTER** by an Adult of Your OWN Choosing (other than your parent)
☐ **TRIP ESSAYS** (based upon the trip you apply for, which are enclosed at the end of this document)

4-H Member Self Nominated - Please VALIDATE REQUIREMENTS to be true to APPLY:

☐ **I am an ACHIEVING 4-H Member (Signature of Club General Leader is required to verify achieving status)**

_____ _____
(General Leader Signature) **(Date)**

**Please submit a paper copy of your Trip Application to:
Dunn County University Extension Office
Attn: Leadership Council – Awards & Trips Committee
3001 US Highway 12 East #102
Menomonie, WI 54751

**It is the 4-H Member's OWN RESPONSIBILITY to submit all of above materials by the due date.*

_____ _____
(4-H Member Signature) (Date)

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Trip Information and Essay Questions

Please complete the following essays in a separate document and submit with your Self Nomination Form, Cover Letter, Resume, and Recommendation Letter by the corresponding Trip/Award Application Deadline. **Application deadline is November 1st or February 1st.** You may only apply for one trip; you have to select which one to apply for. Note: If you cannot make the interview, please submit your record book ahead of time. If phone interviews are conducted, FaceTime or Skype, record books are required to be submitted prior to the interview.

- 4-H State Youth Conference Essays:
  1. Leadership can be defined a variety of ways. How would you define what it means to be a Leader and how have you demonstrated that within your 4-H career to date?
  2. How do you plan (or hope) to use the knowledge gained by attending the 4-H State Youth Conference in your 4-H Club or within the Dunn County 4-H program?

- Space Camp:
  1. Please describe your interest in attending Space Camp.
  2. If there was one area within Space that you would like to know more about (a planet, asteroids, black holes, etc…), what would it be and why?

- CWF – Citizen Washington Focus:
  Citizenship is the avenue by which we are a part of the United States society. Please describe why it is important for youth be actively involved in society and the democratic process.
  1. Citizenship can seem like it can only make a difference if it makes big change. Please discuss how small acts of citizenship can make big changes in your community. Be specific, and include personal examples if possible.

- National 4-H Congress:
  Service Learning Projects help to make a community strong. Please describe a service learning project you would like to see started in your community and how you would help to get it started.
  1. National 4-H Congress requires participants to report and share what they have learned. What innovative ways will you do this?

- American Spirit – East
  1. Why is it important to know about what is happening in other parts of the United States?

2. The American Spirit trip includes sharing what you are doing and learning on things like social media and blogs. Why do you think they ask you to do this?

- American Spirit – West
    1. The Great American West has a rich history! From the Oregon Trail to the transcontinental railroad, pioneers that helped settle the West have shaped our American Spirit. Please tell us about a time when you were a “pioneer” of something and what you learned from that experience.
    2. The American Spirit trip includes sharing what you are doing and learning on things like social media and blogs. Why do you think they ask you to do this?

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ADULT RECOMMENDATION FORM

The following applicant _____ is applying to represent the Dunn County 4-H Program on an out-of-county trip. You have been identified as a person who could speak to their qualifications for this trip. It is the responsibility of the youth leader to see that you receive this recommendation at least 2 weeks prior to the due date (preferably with a pre addressed envelope). Recommendations are confidential and will not be returned to the 4-H Youth Leader. A recommendation from a family member will not be accepted**. Please complete the following recommendation and return as directed below.**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____Email: _____

Do you feel this member would be a good representative of the Dunn County 4-H Program if selected as a delegate on a 4-H trip? Please Check: _____ Yes _____ No

How long have you known this 4-H member? _____

In what capacity do you know this member? _____

Evaluate the Member	Needs Improvement	Fair	Good	Excellent	N/A
Involvement in 4-H at the Club Level					
Involvement in 4-H at the County Level					
Involvement in School & Community					
Works to the best of their ability					
Dependability					
Communication					
Leadership Skills					
Ethics					
Solving Problems					
Independence and Maturity Level					

Please provide any other comments or notes you would like to share?

Signature of Adult Recommending 4-H Youth Leader: _____

Recommendations must be sent directly to:
Dunn County UW-Extension - Atten. Awards & Trips Committee | 3001 US Highway 12, Suite 102 | Menomonie, WI 54751

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TRIP REQUIREMENTS

If you have been selected to participate in one of the many Dunn County 4-H trips or opportunities, either locally or nationally, we want to congratulate you! What a great opportunity and we know you will represent Dunn County 4-H and your community very well.

Specific trips have been granted funds from the Dunn County 4-H Leaders Council to help offset the costs to you. In order to be eligible to receive those funds, it is the member's responsibility to complete the following requirements. ***Once completed this sheet needs to be turned in to the Leadership Council's Award & Trips Committee before payment can be issued.***

For those members participating in the Wisconsin State 4-H and Youth Conference, along with Space Camp, please complete the following requirements marked with an *. For members attending all other trips or opportunities, please complete all requirements marked with a #. Thank you!

Task	Date Completed	Signature
Thank you card/letter written to the Leaders Council – (* #)		
Create a display or 4-H Marketing item about your experience (Poster, flyer, etc.) – (* #)		
- Presentation at one 4-H Club Meeting (Not including your own club) * - Presentation at two 4-H Club Meetings (Not including your own club) #		
Article for the Dunn County 4-H Clover Courier about your experience (2-3 paragraphs) (* #)		
Work two shifts at the Dunn County Fair Food Stand (with financial support going to the Leaders Council) OR assist for the day of the 4-H Golf Classic (Usually held in June) (#)		

Tasks must be completed one year after the end of you trip. Failure to complete the requirements will result in the loss of funding from the Leaders Council. If you need special arrangements, requests must be made prior to the 1-year deadline. Please contact The Leadership Council Awards Committee for assistance.

Possible Trips that fall within these requirements:

- WI State 4-H and Youth Conference
- Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
- American Spirit West
- National 4-H Conference
- Space Camp
- American Spirit East
- National 4-H Congress

***Please note:** Payment for all trips/opportunities must be paid in full prior to attending. Also, if you have received funding for one trip, you are not eligible to get funding for the same trip in another year.