



# **Section 4: 4-H Curriculum Story**

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Directions: A maximum of six pages on one side, double-spaced with 1 ½ inches on the top and 1 inch on the side and bottom margins, True Type Font, Times New Roman, 12 point font printed in the Landscape format.

Suggested Story Format: (The following outline may help in the development of your story; however, do not identify these parts in your story.)

### Part 1: Introduction

Introduce yourself, you may wish to include information about your family and personal interest. Include when and why you joined 4-H, etc. You may want to tell why 4-H is important to you.

### Part 2: Describe Your Growth in Your Curriculum Area - in the area you are applying for an award

Relate some of the experiences and activities while you were completing your 4-H project(s). Share how 4-H and your project(s) helped you learn new knowledge and skills. You may want to include ideas you tried that were successful or unsuccessful.

### Part 3: Other 4-H Projects and Experiences

Share highlights of other 4-H projects, activities, or experiences not mentioned in Part 2 (see above), include any major learning experiences, items of special interest, and/or unusual situation you encountered.

### Part 4: Leadership/Community Service related to the Curriculum Area in which you are competing

Explain how 4-H has helped you become a better leader and citizen. How has 4-H increased your interest and participation in community affairs, and what you have learned from team efforts?

### Part 5: Conclusion - summary of the impact of 4-H on you

Describe how 4-H participation has helped you develop personally and professionally. Share your future goals and discuss the career you want to pursue and why.

### Remember:

Your story should be written in first person, check for typographical errors and avoid gimmicks such as a calf telling your story.

Stories should be specific to the curriculum area you are applying – do not write a general story and do not include county annual story

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**NOTE: Please insert your curriculum area in the title of this story in the parenthesis above. Then delete the parenthesis and this message.**