

State Opportunity Applicants: Send your application by February 16 for Review

Dear Clackamas and Washington County 4-Hers,

We hope that many of you who were nominated or are eligible will turn in an application for these state opportunities:

- State Awards (Leadership, Citizenship, Communications) for Intermediates or Seniors
- State Ambassador
- National 4-H Congress
- State Scholarships
- County Fair Scholarship

We **strongly encourage** you to email your application pieces to the Metro Awards and Recognition Committee **by February 16, 4:00 pm**. Past applicants have found that the comments from the committee have been a huge help and made them much more likely to earn awards and opportunities. You can send your materials before that deadline – the earlier you send your drafts, the more help you will get. Committee members are available by email and phone to assist you.

All of the applications will be submitted digitally this year. To submit your application for review, attach all, or even just some, of the application pieces to an email to wendy.hein@oregonstate.edu. Your application will be forwarded to a committee member for review.

A few days after you send your email, a Metro Committee member will get back to you with comments and suggestions. You'll have one more week before the state deadline if you choose to make any changes.

If you have technical challenges – you need help scanning a form, your internet is not working, or you don't understand the uploading instructions – contact your county Extension office for help. Don't wait until the last minute because staff may not be able to respond right away.

Your final application will be due to the State 4-H Office by March 1. It has to be uploaded online following the instructions on the website. Once uploaded to the state, it can't be changed. We suggest you upload it a few days before the deadline in case you have technical problems. The state will confirm the list of applicants with the county office after the deadline.

Have questions, or want to talk to a committee member? You are invited to reach out to these volunteers for help!