Knapp Memorial 4-H Horse Leadership Award

4-H Leader of the Year Nomination Form

**What**: An annual award to recognize an adult offering outstanding leadership to young people within the Michigan 4-H Horse Program. This top leader introduces newcomers to 4-H and the horse industry, mentors young horsemen, and promotes 4-H and the horse industry within the local community in fun and innovative ways. This leader also participates in county and state 4-H Horse Programming.

**When:** Nomination forms are due to the Equine Extension Youth Specialist by **October 1**. The winner will be notified at the Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders’ Conference at the Kettunen Center. The winner will also be nominated for the American Youth Horse Council’s National Youth Leader Award.

**Where:** The award will be presented to the Knapp Memorial 4-H Horse Leader of the Year in August at the State 4-H Horse Show, located at the MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education in East Lansing Michigan.

**Why:** Strong adult leadership for young horsemen now, helps ensure a vital horse industry and 4-H Horse Program in the future. Any leader who volunteers time and effort to the youth horse industry should be recognized as a potential candidate for the award.

**How:** An awards committee will review and evaluate the nominations. The final selection will be based on the nominee’s accomplishments within the horse industry in general and his or her contributions to the 4-H Horse program.

Completed forms may be sent to: Equine Extension Youth Specialist, 474 South Shaw Lane Room 1287, Anthony Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824. Applications must be accompanied by at least two letters of recognition from young horsemen or horsewomen and one letter each from a county 4-H horse leader and County Extension staff member.

**Nominee:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Nominated by:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**E-Mail:**

Nominees will be scored on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest score, in these categories:

1. Horse industry involvement in general

2. Contributions to 4-H youth horse program.

3. Innovative approach to working with youth

4. Industry promotions at local level

5. Letters of recommendation

To help better evaluate your nominee, please respond to the following questions completely by concisely. Attach additional page(s) if necessary.

1. Nominee’s horse industry involvement or background.

2. Nominee’s industry leadership experience with young horsemen.

3. Most innovative idea nominee has used to involve youngsters in 4-H club’s equestrian program.

4. Nominee’s 4-H horse club activity that has best promoted 4-H and the horse industry in the local community.

5. Two letters of recommendation form 4-H youth horsemen and horsewomen.