Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program

About the Award Program
The Maryland 4-H Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program will be offered in 2022 to recognize 4-H members in the Animal Science Program for outstanding achievements in their project work. The awards program will provide recognition to 4-H members who demonstrate 1) distinguished levels of engagement in the Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program projects and related activities and 2) excellence in project record keeping activities.

Award Program Eligibility
This awards program is open to all senior age 4-H members (14-18 years) as of January 1st of the current year. Thirteen award categories will be offered (see below). Members are eligible to submit an application for multiple award categories; however, a member will be eligible to receive the Top Award in only one category per year. A member is eligible to receive the Top Award in the same category only one time in their 4-H career. The Top Overall Award recipient will be selected from the current year's Top Award winners. A member can receive the Top Overall Award only one time in their 4-H career.

Required Documentation
Youth interested in participating in this awards program must submit the required documents (listed below) via the 4HOnline portal at https://v2.4honline.com by the advertised deadline. The submissions will be evaluated and judged by a committee of UME faculty/staff and volunteers. Required documentation includes (100 points total):
- Summary Report Form (20 points): Completed Maryland 4-H Summary Report Form.
- Project Essay (20 points): Essay must be specific to the award category. Essay must be 2-3 pages in length, typed in 12 point Times New Roman, double spaced, with 1-inch margins.
- Project Record (60 points): Completed Maryland 4-H Animal Science Project Record. In species (or category) where there are both Market and Breeding Projects offered, a 4-H'er is encouraged to submit both Project Records if enrolled in both.

A 4-H'er may submit applications in multiple categories. To submit in multiple categories only one Summary Report Form is required, but a separate Project Essay and Project Record is required for each category.

Awards
Awards will be presented in 13 categories including: 1) beef cattle, 2) camelids, 3) dairy cattle, 4) dairy goats, 5) dogs, 6) horse and pony, 7) meat goats, 8) poultry, 9) rabbits,

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10) sheep, 11) small pets, 12) swine, and 13) veterinary science. Awards will be presented at the annual Maryland 4-H Awards Gala.

In each award category, the Top 5 members will be selected and recognized with Certificates. The Top Award winner for each category will receive a Belt Buckle.

One recipient will be selected from the <u>current year's</u> Top Award winners from the thirteen award categories to receive the Maryland 4-H Animal Science State Overall Project and Record Award. The recipient of the Overall Award will receive a plaque and will be offered a trip to National 4-H Congress in November 2023 (NOTE: Recipient must meet all other eligibility requirements established for attending National 4-H Congress. A 4-H'er is only eligible to attend National 4-H Congress one time in their 4-H career).

<u>Awards Program Annual Timeline</u>
- Approx. October 1st – 4HOnline portal opens for submission of applications. The online portal is made available through 4HOnline at https://v2.4honline.com .
- October 31st – Deadline for submission of applications – 4HOnline portal closes.
- January/February - Awards presented at Maryland 4-H Awards Gala.

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