



Supporting Michigan 4-H through the Michigan 4-H Foundation

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About Michigan 4-H Youth Development

Michigan 4-H Youth Development is the youth educational program of Michigan State University Extension serving more than 200,000 Michigan youth aged 5 to 19 each year. 4-H staff members work at Michigan State University (MSU) and in every Michigan county with local volunteers to bring the knowledge of the state's land-grant university to the citizens of Michigan.

Over 26,000 Michigan adult and teen 4-H volunteers work at the local and state level to support experiential learning activities for youth. 4-H volunteers are club, group or resource leaders; middle management leaders; advisory council members and Michigan 4-H Foundation trustees.

Michigan 4-H Youth Development provides educational opportunities that:

- Target age appropriate life skill development.
- Emphasize research-based experiential learning.
- Involve volunteers.
- Engage a variety of partners.
- Include families.
- Reach both diverse and underserved audiences.
- Are accessible.
- Promote a multicultural perspective and appreciation.
- Are fun.

4-H provides learning materials and educational opportunities in these and other areas:

- Adventure Education
- Animals and Animal Science
- Clothing and Textiles
- Citizenship and Civic Education
- Communication and Expressive Arts
- Food, Nutrition, Health and Fitness
- Global and Cultural Education
- Natural Resources and Environmental Education

- Personal Development and Leadership
- Plant and Soil Science
- Science and Technology

About the Michigan 4-H Foundation

Founded in 1952, the Michigan 4-H Foundation is an \$11 million 501(c)(3) non-profit fundraising organization based in East Lansing, Mich. Led by a 30-member board of trustees, the foundation solicits, manages, grants and stewards support from private individuals, organizations, foundations and corporations to support Michigan 4-H Youth Development programs.

Gifts to the foundation support:

- 4-H volunteer training at a reduced cost.
- County 4-H volunteer recognition.
- State 4-H youth awards and recognition.
- Outstanding 4-H alumni recognition.
- College scholarships for 4-H youth.
- County and state 4-H grant opportunities.
- Creation of new curriculum and learning materials.
- Development of new and current 4-H programs.
- 4-H participant fee scholarships.
- Development and maintenance of Kettunen Center, Michigan's 4-H volunteer training center.
- Development and maintenance of the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens at Michigan State University.

Ways to Give

Gifts to the Michigan 4-H Foundation can be made in cash, appreciated stock and securities, charitable gift annuities, life insurance, retirement funds, bequests and gifts in kind. Cash gifts and pledges can be made via mail, online at <http://www.mi4hfdtn.org> or through personal contact with a Michigan 4-H Foundation staff or board members. Please contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation and your tax adviser and attorney for assistance in making non-cash gifts.

Mission

The Michigan 4-H Foundation supports Michigan 4-H Youth Development programs to prepare youth for meaningful and productive lives.

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is licensed to solicit charitable gifts by the state of Michigan (MICS 2751).

