

2017 4-H Champion Showcase

The 2017 McLean County 4-H Show will recognize hundreds of special winners with 4-H Champion Showcase awards. This award program will provide many class, breed, or other special 4-H show winners with extra recognition and cash awards above the traditional premium awards for 4-H members.

Showcase Guidelines

1. Varying levels of award amounts are offered throughout the 4-H classes ranging from \$5 up to \$400. The superintendents provide input to the Show Committee who determine allocation of showcase money in various categories. For the 4-H Livestock Division, the categories are noted in the fair book with a bold print "4H" followed by a number in parentheses. For classes in the 4-H Exhibits Division, all 4-H classes, (unless otherwise noted), are eligible for a Best of Class award of \$15 and Reserve Best of Class award of \$5 **ONLY IF** the exhibit receives an "A" rating. Beyond the Best of Class awards, some 4-H class categories are eligible for a Best of Show award of \$20 and Reserve Best of Show award of \$10. These are indicated by **(4H20/10)**. Only Best of Class and Reserve Best of Class projects are eligible to compete for these awards. Showcase awards are determined by the judge.
2. Funds for the Champion Showcase are supported through the efforts of the McLean County Extension Service Foundation and their support of 4-H. The U of I Extension Office will award Showcase dollars based on the total available donation funds. The award amount given to youth may be less than the amount listed in the fair book if sufficient funds are not raised.
3. No unofficial solicitation of potential 4-H Champion Showcase sponsors will be allowed or accepted. Recognition will be given to official donors in a variety of ways each year.
4. The following sponsorship categories are used for collection and sponsor recognition:
 - Emerald Sponsor (\$2,500 and up)
 - Diamond Sponsor (\$1,000 to \$2,499)
 - Gold Sponsor (\$500 to \$999)
 - Silver Sponsor (\$250 to \$499)
 - Bronze Sponsor (less than \$250)
5. Projects must receive an "A" rating to qualify for any 4-H Champion Showcase award.
6. Winners may collect recognition and awards in more than one category.
7. Every effort will be made to highlight the winners with enhanced display areas at the fair. Champion Showcase awards are identified in the fair book by the following examples:
 - (4H20/10)**=\$20 Best of Show, \$10 Reserve Best of Show
 - (4H5)**=\$5 Award
 - (4H50)**=\$50 Award
 - (4H400)**=\$400 Award

If you are interested in sponsoring an award or making a donation to the 4-H Champion Showcase Program, please fill out the back of this page and return the completed form to the McLean County Extension Office.

McLean County 4-H Show New Sponsor Form

In order to appear in the fair book your response, and donation, must be received by March 1 each year.

Donor (Listed in Fair book): _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Showcase:

- I would like to donate to the Champion Showcase Premium Recognition Program.
Amount enclosed \$ _____

Our donation categories are:

- Emerald (\$2,500 and up): Recieves a full-page ad in the next fair book
- Diamond (\$1,000 to \$2,499): Recieves a half-page ad in the next fair book
- Gold (\$500 to \$999): Recieves a quarter-page ad in the next fair book
- Silver (\$250 to \$500): Listed in next fair book as a Champion Showcase Sponser
- Bronze (less than \$250): Listed in next fair book as a Champion Showcase Sponser

Awards:

Past Donors: You will recieve a list in January each year outlining the awards you sponsored during the previous year. Please mail that form and your payment back to the Extension office by March 1, to let staff know that you would like to continue to sponsor the same awards.

- I am a new donor and would like to sponsor _____ (number of awards) for \$50 per award.

If you would like to donate to a specific project area please list your top three choices. We will do our best to accommodate your request. (ie, Dairy, Swine, Visual Arts, Food and Nutrition, etc.)

**Please make checks payable to the McLean County Extension Service Foundation
Please tear out this page and return the check and completed form to the:
McLean County Extension Office
1615 Commerce Parkway
Bloomington, IL 61704**

4-H Champion Showcase Sponsors

Donations recieved between September 2016 and April 2017

Emerald Sponser

(donations \$2,500 and over)

Diamond Sponsors

(donations between \$1000 and \$2500)

Evergreen FS, Inc.
1st Farm Credit Services

Gold Sponsors

(donations between \$500 and \$999)

Timeless Clovers Alumni Association
Jagged Pines Farm

Silver Sponsors

(donations between \$250 and \$500)

Bittner's Eureka Locker
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Bob Kruger Family
Brunswick Animal Hospital
Daniel Guth
Diana, Darren, and David Ropp
Earlybird Grain and Fertilizer Service
EDP Renewables
Gordon, Carolyn and Eric Hansen
Graymont Coop
Krawcyk Family
Progressive Prairie Inc.
Rose and Dan Harms
Shelly and Mark Prehoda

Bronze Sponsors

(donations less than \$250)

Ardent Tillers 4-H Club	Jon and Joyce Scholl	Ron and Carolyn Hofbauer
Barbara Perry	Kate & Greg Rodriguez	Rosemarie and Craig Grant
Charlotte Talkington	LeRoy 4-H Club	Schaumburg Farms
Danvers Industrial Youth	Marion and Jeannea Shier and	Siebert Farms
Dennis Mennenga	Family	Sun Ag
First Farmers State Bank	Mary and Alan Lantis	The Richard and Sarah Van
Hudson Ag 4-H Club	Olympia Pacesetters 4-H Club	Note Family
Illinois Corn Marketing Board	Paul and Pat Pulokas	Windy Ridge Farm
In Memory of Ron Roth	Poppe Family Dairy	Wally Yoder Family
Jean Schmidt	Randy and Renee Miller	
Jim and Lois Watson	Ray and Carol Ropp	

*Thank you to all our
4-H Champion Showcase sponsors!*