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Dear 4-H Leader:

Building self esteem is what 4-H is all about. Providing recognition for 4-H membership, project accomplishments and leadership activities validates the accomplishments of 4-H members and helps build self esteem. Receiving a smile, pat on the back, praise, ribbon or other form of recognition makes a person feel worthwhile and good.

Due to the pandemic and Phase 4 reopening limitations, we will not be holding an in-person Achievement Night in 2020. Although this saddens us, the 4-H staff feels it is the right thing to do at this time. We did however there were some successes before the pandemic hit in 2019-2020 4-H year. Our youth need to know how much we appreciate their efforts, and should be recognized for it. 4-H'ers will be recognized for their participation in a variety of projects, events, activities, and fundraisers through the presentation of certificates, rosettes, county medals, plaques and trophies. 4-H leaders and parents are thanked for the leadership and support they provide that motivates 4-H members "To Make the Best Better" as they look forward to a new 4-H year.

County medals and rosettes are among the awards are usually presented on Achievement Night. This year they will be mailed out, and we will recognize them through social media, emails, and other creative ways our staff comes up with. 4-H leaders may nominate members to receive these awards by returning the enclosed forms by **October 12th**. The purpose of the county medal and rosette program is to recognize 4-H members who have shown growth and accomplishments within a specific program area. **Some eligibility requirements will be waived for 2019-2020.** Those restrictions will be reflected on the nomination form We strongly encourage you to nominate **deserving 4-H'ers**. Please only nominate those who stand out, rather than every club member in every project. Be sure to include why the 4-H'er is deserving of that medal on the nomination form. Please note that each program area nomination must be listed separately with supporting documentation.

Many of the awards and individual certificates of achievement require the completion and submission of a 4-H Project and Activity Record. Be sure that the 4-H Project and Activity Records are turned into the **4-H Office by October 12th** so your members can be properly recognized.

Sincerely,

Greg Stevens
Association Educator