



2025
LITTLE CHIEF AND HAND TO HEART
AWARD APPLICATION



Due no later than 5pm, May 9th 2025 at the Flathead County MSU Extension Office

The Little Chief and Hand to Heart Leadership Awards are presented to one Flathead County 4-H senior member and one Flathead County 4-H junior member each year. These recipients have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, personal development, and service to others throughout the past year (**April 15, 2024 to May 1, 2025**). The Little Chief and Hand to Heart award recipients represent the goals and values expressed in the 4-H Pledge. Little Chief and Hand to Heart award recipients have excelled in citizenship, leadership and community service through 4-H and other activities.

Little Chief Award: Leadership Award for senior 4-H members. Applicants for the Little Chief Award must be 14-19 years of age as of October 1, 2024.

Hand to Heart Award: Leadership Award for junior 4-H members. Applicants for the Hand to Heart Award must be 8-13 years of age as of October 1, 2024.

Application Requirements: Applications must be completed in essay format and turned into the MSU Extension Office by 5pm on Friday, May 9th. Applications can be typed double spaced or handwritten in pen. Applications are limited to 1-2 pages handwritten or typed double spaced (not including supporting documentation). One additional page may be used for supporting documentation such as pictures, newspaper clippings, etc. Youth should complete their own application with minimal assistance from adults or other youth. The youth's application should focus on their participation in citizenship, leadership, and community service activities during the past year from **April 15, 2024 to May 1, 2025**. Applicants should provide 1-2 examples from their experience in each of the three categories of citizenship, leadership, and community service. Each example should be accompanied with 1-2 specific details of something learned from the experience. Examples can include activities outside of 4-H. Youth applicant and 4-H Org / Club Leader signatures are required at the bottom of this application.

Interview Requirements: After submitting a completed Award Application, applicants will be required to interview for this award. Interviews will be held on May 22, 2025 and the MSU Extension Office located at 1108 S. Main St. Ste 4 in Kalispell. Applicants will be notified of a specific interview time. Dress as if you are interviewing for a job. During the interview, applicants must give a 3–5-minute presentation about their involvement and accomplishments in the specific areas of Citizenship, Leadership, and Community Service. Then, interviewers will ask the applicant several follow-up questions. Applicants may use digital or printed materials such as a 4-H poster board or digital materials such as a Power Point or Canva file during their 3-5 minute presentation. Digital presentations must be emailed to richard.balestri@montana.edu and ashli.darrach@montana.edu or delivered to the MSU Extension Office no later than 5pm May 16, 2025.

Important Dates: Friday, May 9, 2025- Little Chief/Hand to Heart Application Due
 Thursday, May 22, 2025- Little Chief/Hand to Heart Interviews

