



## 4-H E-News Updates

### March 2012

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#### ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR UPDATES

For the last several months, we have unveiled the supports and opportunities that are the foundation of our program and should be experienced by all young people. The final one is skill building. Quality skill building activities provide challenging and engaging opportunities for young people. In 4-H, we focus specifically on the components of thriving – sparks, growth mindset, the GPS system of goal management, and self-reflection on the indicators of thriving. Have you heard of these components yet? Here is a summary:

- Sparks – An inner passion, interest or talent. A spark is also something that is used to make a positive difference in the world.
- Growth Mindset – People with a growth mindset see skills and abilities as things that can be improved through practice, effort, and persistence.
- Goal Management Skills – Goal management is the ability to effectively utilize goal setting skills to manage the process of reaching a goal or goals. In 4-H, we use the GPS system of goal management: G – Goal setting; P – Pursuit of Strategies; and S – Shifting Gears.
- Self-Reflection Skills – Dialogue and internal evaluation exercises help youth develop goals toward increasing indicators of thriving (6C's: competence, confidence, caring, character, contribution, and connection).

I think you will agree that the California 4-H Youth Development Program encourages skill-building opportunities. However, we should be ever mindful that we need to be intentional in our planning and delivery to assure that these occur.

Here are five things you can do now to increase skill-building:

1. Help youth explore, develop, and discover their sparks. Begin by asking youth what they are interested in.
2. Encourage effort and persistence, and praise youth for their hard work instead of the outcome or product.
3. Use the GPS model of goal management.
4. Provide structured and unstructured opportunities for young people to converse about their goals and the 6C's.
5. Read more about the components of thriving: <http://www.ca4h.org/About/Thrive/>

Keep your eyes and ears open for more ways to build youth skills through the four components of thriving. There are many skills that young people build in 4-H and we are intentionally focusing on the thrive model to create common language, standards of program delivery, and to help youth grow in very specific and measurable qualities. Currently, youth members enrolled in 4-H Leadership Projects throughout the state are improving their 6C's through these skill-building opportunities.

## DATES & DEADLINES

- **NEW Resource: 4-H Project Sheets**  
4-H Project Sheets were designed by 4-H staff and experienced volunteers to help new 4-H project leaders determine meaningful content and lead youth in hands-on activities. Additionally, 4-H youth and their families may use these sheets to decide which project they might be interested in. Visit [www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project\\_Sheets](http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project_Sheets) to learn more about bread-making, foods and nutrition, livestock judging, global education, gardening, and many other 4-H projects.
- **NEW Webpage: Funded Revolution of Responsibility Projects**  
Get inspired to create change in your community by visiting [www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/FundedProjects](http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/FundedProjects) to view successfully funded Revolution of Responsibility service learning projects. This webpage highlights the most successful counties (Alameda and Santa Cruz counties are in the lead!) and features summaries of projects currently underway.
- **4-H State Leadership Conference - Workshop Proposals**  
**Deadline: March 1, 2012**  
The 2012 California 4-H State Leadership Conference needs presenters! If you would like to present a session on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, please submit a workshop proposal form to the State 4-H Office. Workshop applications and additional information can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>.
- **Revolution of Responsibility \$1,000 for 1,000**  
The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program is dedicated to fostering an environment where youth and adults work together as equal partners to gain new skills and create positive community change. 4-H groups can apply for up to \$1,000 to identify, plan, and carry out a service-learning project in their community. Projects will be focused on the three key content areas that form the core of all 4-H programs, Science, Healthy Living, and Citizenship. Visit [www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR](http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR) for more information and to apply online. Application deadlines are **March 15, May 15, and July 15, 2012**.
- On March 31, 2012, there will be a **4-H Day at the AKC Agility Nationals** held at the Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center in Reno, Nevada. All 4-H members/groups are invited to participate in a behind-the-scenes tour, observe agility demonstrations, and watch some of the best canine agility teams in the nation. There is no charge to 4-H participants and leaders and parking is free as well. Those who would like to participate can meet at 10 am at the Information Table at the Main Entrance to Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center for a tour of the show. If you'd like to register for the event, contact Laura Finco, Del Arroyo 4-H Dog Care Leader and AKC Agility Judge at [mizfinco@aol.com](mailto:mizfinco@aol.com) (preferred) or leave a message at 925-828-8731 by Friday, **March 16<sup>th</sup>**. Walk-ins are welcome, but there may not be enough handouts for walk-ins. Please note that your own dog is not allowed at this event.
- **4-H Shooting Sports Workshop**  
A Rifle Trainer course will be held Saturday and Sunday, **March 17 & 18, 2012** from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Lakeport, at the Konocti Rod & Gun Club. Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified as Trainers in the shooting sports discipline of rifle. They can then lead a club/camp project or certify volunteer leaders. There is a \$25.00 fee for the course. Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days. You must be an appointed 4-H volunteer to attend. Please send the Training Request Form found at, <http://celake.ucdavis.edu/files/135991.pdf>, and fees payable to "Lake County 4-H Council" to UCCE Lake County, 883 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport, CA 95453. For more registration information contact Julie Frazell at (707) 263-6838 ext. 119 or [jfrazell@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jfrazell@ucdavis.edu). If you have questions about the course, contact the instructor, Rick Walker at (707) 994-7531. This training is not available to Santa Cruz and Ventura county volunteers.
- The **2012 California Camping Conference**, planned for **March 23-25, 2012** at YMCA Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA, inspires ideas and innovation and helps camp administrators create fun, safe, and

rich learning experiences for both campers and camp staff. The weekend conference offers staff, volunteers, and teen leaders the opportunity to learn new practices, acquire new skills, and network with others from all over the state. One of our key presenters will be Dr. Jim Cain, who is an innovator in team building and author of several books including *Raccoon Circles* and *Teamwork & Teampay*. The fee is \$130 per person and includes meals, lodging, and all conference materials. The conference begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. If you plan to take the archery certification there is an additional \$30 fee for class material. Archery is a full twelve hour course. For more information about the conference visit the 4-H Camp website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Camps/Conference/> To register online visit: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7206>. Registration deadline is **March 9, 2012**.

- **4-H Youth Training Babysitting Course**

The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering a Babysitting Training course for Youth ages 12-17, at **Beale Air Force Base on March 24, 8:30-5:30**. This training is designed to help youth learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters. Youth will become certified in Infant/Child CPR. They will also receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag filled with essential supplies for babysitters. Bring a doll for fun! For registration information, contact Jeanne Christenson, [jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu) or **530-219-6608**.

- **4-H State Ambassador Applications**

**Deadline: March 31, 2012**

The California 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognitions attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides members with the opportunity to serve as a representative of the 4-H program, plan the annual CA 4-H State Leadership Conference, and implement a service-learning project during their 14 month term. Youth members ages 16-18 are eligible to apply. Applications for the 2012-2013 State Ambassador team are available online at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/>.

- **4-H Shooting Sports Workshop**

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare. The workshop will be **April 14 & 15, 2012** from 8am-5pm each day. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: [jaborba@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucdavis.edu) (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz or Ventura Counties). For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: <http://tcdsa.org/>

- **USA Science and Engineering Festival**

**April 28 & 29, 2012**

<http://www.usasciencefestival.org/>

The Science Festival is the nation's largest celebration of all things science & engineering and features over 2,000 hands-on activities and over 150 performances. There are satellite events hosted in California! Search for an event near you at <http://www.usasciencefestival.org/satellite-event-directory>.

- **Higher Education Scholarships**

**Deadline: April 30, 2012**

The California 4-H Youth Development Program, with help from donors, offers statewide scholarships to graduating high school seniors and current college students to cover educational expenses such as tuition, books, room and board. Applicants may apply for multiple scholarships but are only eligible to receive one scholarship per year. Previous scholarship recipients may reapply. For scholarship categories and application details, please visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>.

- The **2012 State Fashion Revue Committee** announces a new Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/California-4-H-State-Fashion-Revue/370182272997395>. Check back

frequently to view updates and information. We invite you to participate in State Fashion Revue. If you are a 4-H Fashion Revue county winner, then you may qualify for SFR. One delegate per county in each category and age group may participate. Registration for State Fashion Revue opens on April 1st at <http://ucanr.org/sfr12>. The final entry deadline is **May 12, 2012**. SFR is sponsoring two community service projects: Quilts for Wounded Warriors and the Million Pillowcase Project. For more information, check out our Facebook page or go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>.

- The **State Fashion Revue** committee has assembled **resources** on the SFR webpage for project leaders and members. For information about sewing, modeling, garment analysis, and community service ideas go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/> and scroll down the page. The order form for an educational discount on Gingher scissors is posted with a link to the Gingher website. The discount is available for 4-H project leaders and UCCE county offices. Members of the SFR committee helped write the new 4-H Project Sheet for Clothing and Textiles project, [http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project\\_Sheets/](http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project_Sheets/).
  - **Golden Clover Awards**  
**Deadline: May 31, 2012**  
The Golden Clover Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Individuals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. Golden Clover recipients will be awarded a \$500 cash award, a medallion, and a lapel pin. For award categories and application details, please visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>.
  - **Statewide 4-H Advisory Committees**  
The statewide 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) Advisory Committees are accepting applications for recruitment. If you are a 4-H member, recent alumni, 4-H adult volunteer, 4-H YDP staff, or County 4-H YDP staff and have a desire to work in a collaborative team setting, we encourage you to apply. Statewide 4-H YDP Committees offer insight, review and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP to the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy. Applications are due to the State 4-H YDP Office postmarked by **May 31, 2012**. For more information, go to: [http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory\\_Committees/](http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/).
  - Save-the-date! **Regional 4-H Thrive Master Trainer Trainings** and Updates are scheduled for 2012. The Master Trainer Training is for volunteers who wish to become part of their county's training team. Current Master Trainers who wish to extend their service an additional year will attend a one-day update training on Saturday. New Master Trainers will attend the whole weekend. All conferences are sponsored by 4-H Thrive and will cover the cost of conference, travel, and lodging. The Regional Training Dates are:
    - o Central: August 25-26, 2012
    - o Southern Valley: September 8-9, 2012
    - o Southern: September 22-23, 2012
    - o Far Northern: September 29-30, 2012
- Registration information and more details are to come. Please contact Gemma Miner, [scmautte@ucdavis.edu](mailto:scmautte@ucdavis.edu) for additional questions.
- Can you make time for an adventure? The **2012 State Leaders Forum** awaits! The South Central Section invites you to save the weekend of November 9-11 to attend "4-H in a Minute – Wake up to the Possibilities!" Your investment of 2,520 minutes brings dynamic speakers, a full slate of workshops, time to enjoy the beauty of Asilomar Conference Center, and opportunities to create or renew relationships with 4-H volunteers and staff from throughout the state. For more information, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/>. "I recommend to you to take care of the minutes; for hours will take care of themselves." – Lord Chesterfield

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### **POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

- 4-H Thrive is the statewide approach to positive youth development for the California 4-H Youth Development Program. This intentional model will standardize how 4-H helps young people to reach their full potential. As we continue to move forward, it is our expectation that each county will have adopted and implemented the components of thriving in all of their programs. Support, coaching, and continuous training for volunteers and staff are being provided through a Monthly Newsletter entitled the Monthly Morning Memo and an online blog called 4-H Volunteer Café.
- More and more users are accessing and using the 4-H Online Record Book. Here are our latest statistics as of February 9, 2012: 2148 people statewide are currently using ORB, 1435 club meetings registered, 5306 Developmental Activities have been entered, 247 Presentations added, 1265 Photos uploaded, 397 Comments were made and 1330 Promotions received.
- We are currently in the process of creating a Statewide Team of youth and adults to help design and deliver practical, hands-on trainings of the ORB system, create help menus, and update and expand the 4-H Online Record Book User Manual. If you would like more information about this team or know of youth who would be interested, please check out the position description at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/134533.pdf>. Youth who participate on this team can use their involvement toward their Emerald Star rank.
- In February 2012 Steven Worker and Scott Mautte completed a webinar series on using ORB. Audio recordings and PowerPoint Presentations from these webinars are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/ORB/>.

### **SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, and TECHNOLOGY (SET)**

- **Visit the Revamped 4-H SET Website**  
<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/>  
The 4-H SET website offers information, free curricula, and resources for 4-H staff and members.
- **Participate in a San Mateo County Satellite Festival for the USA Science and Engineering Festival April 28, 2012** at the San Mateo County Event Center  
<http://ucanr.org/sites/smsf4h/>  
On Saturday, April 28, 2012 San Mateo/San Francisco County 4-H is hosting the 4-H2O WOW - World of Water Seminar. This free seminar will be held at the San Mateo County Event Center featuring hands-on, experiential learning activities and models about water conservation and water quality, hydrology, and the effects of radiation on water and more. This is listed as a satellite event for the [USA Science and Engineering Festival](#).
- **Join the 4-H Technology Leadership Team**  
Applications due **May 31, 2012**  
<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT/>  
Do you have an interest and experience in technology? Think about joining the 4-H Technology Leadership Team! 4-H members age 16 and older and 4-H volunteers may apply. Candidates must have some type of technology experience where he/she could lead an hour workshop. Technologies could include photography, video, website design, social media, hardware, GPS/GIS, computer support, graphic design, 3D imaging, smartphones, programming, biotech, engineering, technology & society.
- **State 4-H Film Festival**  
**May 26, 2012**  
[http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/State\\_4-H\\_Film\\_Festival/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/State_4-H_Film_Festival/)

Submit a film for the State 4-H Film Festival by May 4, 2012! The 4-H Film Festival theme for 2012 is “4-H Revolution of Responsibility.” Are you or a 4-Her you know making a difference in the community? Share your story of leading positive change through multimedia. The Festival will be held on May 26, 2012 at UC Davis.

- **State 4-H Photography Contest**

May 26, 2012

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/>

Do you enjoy photography? The California 4-H Photography Contest is designed to provide an opportunity for regular 4-H members (ages 9-19) to showcase their best photographs taken within the past 4-H year. The event will be held on May 26, 2012 at UC Davis. Photographs must be submitted by **May 4, 2012**.

- **Robert Brownlee Science Award for 4-H members and volunteers**

4-H Golden Clover Awards due **May 31, 2012**

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>

Robert Brownlee (1942-1991) was a visionary, whose practical inventions were elegant solutions to complicated technical problems, and whose generosity continues to extend that vision to science education for young people. This category is awarded to a member and volunteer for utilizing science inquiry and experiential learning in 4-H work to help youth increase knowledge, skills and competencies and improve their attitudes about science. This category includes increasing science awareness and use in 4-H projects by testing predictions and making sense of observations.

- **Google Science Fair 2012**

<http://www.google.com/events/sciencefair/>

The Google Science Fair is an online science competition seeking curious minds from the four corners of the globe. Anybody and everybody between 13 and 18 can enter. All you need is an idea. Geniuses are not always A-grade students. We welcome all mavericks, square-pegs and everybody who likes to ask questions. Simply upload your project here to win some life changing prizes. Everyone has a question. What's yours?

- **4-H Science Professional Development Promising Practices: 4-H Science Abilities**

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/131248.pdf>

An essential component of improving youth scientific literacy is offering opportunities for youth to develop and deepen their understanding of science process skills.

- **4-H Professional Development Mini-Site**

<http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/professional-development-learning/>

New 4-H Professional Development Mini-Site launched that was designed to highlight the resources of the three mission mandates and overall youth development. The Science section has been designed to help you find resources within the major headers of building understanding, implementation, and evaluation.

- **My4-H.org for 4-H volunteers and staff**

<https://www.my4-h.org/>

my4-H.org allows professionals to connect, collaborate and learn from other professionals and volunteers (coming soon) across the country. Tools include ones for productivity, professional development, and collaboration. There is also a Science community to connect with colleagues doing the same type of work.

- **4-H Science Professional Development Connection newsletters**

<http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/professional-development-learning/connections-newsletter/>

The 4-H Science Professional Development Connection is a newsletter provided by National 4-H Council to connect land grant university professionals to training and resources available to increase skills and knowledge to deliver 4-H Science to youth.

## **HEALTHY LIVING**

- **Special Recognition at 2012 State Presentation Day**

A special recognition pin will be awarded for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on healthy living. This year's focus area is healthy food. Potential topics may include USDA's MyPlate, serving sizes, sugar-sweetened beverages, nutrition facts labels, food groups, nutrients, and more. Visit [www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition\\_Opportunities](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities) for details.
- **4-H MyPlate Challenge at 2012 State Field Day**

The USDA recently unveiled the federal government's new food icon, MyPlate, to serve as a reminder to help consumers make healthier food choices. 4-H is challenging you to show how you're making YOUR plate MyPlate. We invite 4-H members to submit a photograph illustrating how they're creating healthy meals using MyPlate as a guide. Visit [www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/4-H\\_MyPlate\\_Challenge](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/4-H_MyPlate_Challenge) for details.
- **Communities on the Move Video Challenge**

The *Let's Move! Communities on the Move Video Challenge* invites faith-based, community, and other non-profit organizations working with children to create short videos (one to three minutes long) highlighting their efforts to reverse the trend of childhood obesity. Videos should focus on at least one Let's Move Faith and Communities focus area of activity, including efforts to promote healthy eating, physical activity, and access to healthy, affordable food for children. Visit [communities.challenge.gov](http://communities.challenge.gov) for more information.
- **SuperTracker Online Tool**

The United State Department of Agriculture's (USDA) SuperTracker online tools allows visitors to get a personalized nutrition and physical activity plan, track their food and activity to see how it all adds up, and receive support to make healthier choices! For more information visit: [www.choosemyplate.gov/SuperTracker/default.aspx](http://www.choosemyplate.gov/SuperTracker/default.aspx).
- **Healthalicious Cooking Curriculum**

Are you a 4-H foods project leader? Are you looking for new, kid-friendly recipes and activities? Want to lead a foods project, but not sure how? This afterschool curriculum teaches food preparation skills while helping kids build good health skills that will last a lifetime. The 6-week, hands-on curriculum is designed to give 9- to 12-year-olds a fun introduction to preparing and eating healthy meals. **FREE** download available from [anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/Search/healthalicious.aspx](http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/Search/healthalicious.aspx).
- **Kick the Can: Giving Sugary Drinks the Boot**

Did you know sugar-sweetened beverage consumption is the leading contributor to the obesity epidemic? For each additional soda a child drinks daily, his risk of obesity increases 60 percent! 4-H staff, volunteers and youth will find information about sugar-sweetened beverages—from portion sizes to marketing maneuvers—and learn how to become an advocate for change at [www.kickthecan.info](http://www.kickthecan.info).
- **Teens Positively Respond to Beverage Labels**

A new study published in the American Journal of Public Health found that teens reduced their consumption of sugary beverages when calorie information was posted alongside the beverages. Researchers compared the effects of posting total calorie count, percentage of total recommended daily intake, and physical activity equivalent. Compared to the cases where no calorie information was provided, all three strategies caused a reduction in sugary beverage purchases. Posting the physical activity equivalent was the most effective strategy tested. Read the abstract online at <http://bit.ly/xjamel>
- **New Recommended Method for CPR**

Every three days, more Americans die from sudden cardiac arrest than the number who died in the 9-11 attacks. You can lessen this recurring loss by learning Continuous Chest Compression CPR, a hands-only CPR method that doubles a person's chance of surviving cardiac arrest. For more information, including a how-to video, visit <http://medicine.arizona.edu/spotlight/learn-sarver-heart-centers-continuous-chest-compression-cpr>

## **CITIZENSHIP**

- The registration deadline for the **2012 California Focus Conference** has been extended to **March 12!** For registration details and conference information, visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/GeneralInfo/>. Please contact Carolyn Abrams at [cmabrams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cmabrams@ucdavis.edu) or 530-752-5644 if you have any questions.

## **FUNDING UPDATES**

*Please note: University policy requires an Advisor or County Director to submit all grant applications and fulfill the requirements of UC ANR Contracts & Grants. For more information, please contact your local county 4-H office.*

## **CALIFORNIA 4-H FOUNDATION**

- **4-H Day with the Sacramento Kings**  
Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 15, when the Sacramento Kings take on the Portland Trail Blazers beginning at 3pm. We have reserved 250 tickets at special pricing for our 4-H family. A link will be made available soon so that tickets can be purchased directly online. 4-H will be the featured community organization at this game and there may be opportunities for 4-H members to participate in pre-game ceremonies. For more information, please contact Amy McGuire at [almcguire@ucdavis.edu](mailto:almcguire@ucdavis.edu).

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- **2012 GEAR-Tech-21 Camp mini-grants** are now available! Participants at GEAR-Tech-21 camps learn about science, engineering, and cooperation through hands-on LEGO NXT robotics, GPS, and digital mapping activities. Mini-grants range from \$500 to \$2,000, depending upon the size of the camp program. Applications will be accepted until all funding has been awarded. <http://4hset.unl.edu/4hdrupal/node/165>.
- **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes**  
The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes invites nominations for its 2012 awards. The Barron Prize, founded by author T.A. Barron in honor of his mother, celebrates outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18. Each year, the Barron Prize honors inspiring young people who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Ten winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Nomination **deadline is April 30**. For more information and to nominate, visit <http://bit.ly/edhitj>
- **State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grants**  
If your work and involvement in 4-H has contributed to service-learning that helps increase student achievement in your community, consider applying a State Farm YAB National Grant. The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is currently accepting applications for service-learning projects between \$25,000 and \$100,000 that address the root cause of the following issue areas: Access to Higher Education / Closing the Achievement Gap; Financial Literacy; Community Safety and Natural Disaster Preparedness; Social Health & Wellness Issues; and Environmental Responsibility. The application deadline is **May 4, 2012**. More information is available at: <http://bit.ly/yMI7gZ>
- **Special Olympics Project Unify Grants**

The goal of Project UNIFY is to activate youth around the country to develop school communities where all young people are agents of change - fostering respect, dignity, and advocacy with and for people with intellectual disabilities by utilizing the programs and initiatives of Special Olympics. To be eligible, you must be between the ages of 12 to 20, or a current undergraduate student in college. A Special Olympics North America program is required to be your main partner organization. Projects must demonstrate the core essence of service-learning. Budgets for projects can range from \$100 to \$5,000. Submission deadline is through **May 31, 2012**. <http://bit.ly/wQUgJV>

- Are you between the ages of 5-25 (or know someone who is) and have demonstrated your commitment to service projects in your community? **The Everyday Young Hero Awards** are given out weekly to a young person who exemplifies commitment to service. The nominations for these awards are ongoing and there is no deadline. Visit <http://www.ysa.org/awards/hero> for more information on nominating a youth today!

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