



Mrs. Gerry Leonarski “Making the Best Better” Memorial Award



For more than 40 years, Mrs. Gerry Leonarski made significant contributions at the local and state level as a 4-H Youth Development volunteer, promoter and staff member. Gerry maintained the 4-H philosophy in all that she did: encouraging 4-H members to explore their potential. Over the years, she encouraged hundreds of children to be the best they could be by helping them develop good life skills, set realistic goals and work toward achieving them. To children and adults alike, she was a leader, mentor, constant support and excellent role model.

The Gerry Leonarski “Making the Best, Better” Memorial Awards are to honor her love and commitment to the 4-H equine program. The recipients will be chosen based on their overall accomplishments in the horse program area, demonstrated leadership, community service, and achievements as well-rounded young adults.

\$125 Senior Division Award (Grades 9 - 13) divided as follows:

- \$100 monetary awarded to one Senior 4-H'er
- \$25 donation to the Rutgers Equine Science Center in recipient's name, in memory of Gerry Leonarski.

\$100 Junior Division Award (Grades 4 - 8) divided as follows:

- \$75 monetary awarded to one Junior 4-H'er
- \$25 donation to the Rutgers Equine Science Center in recipient's name, in memory of Gerry Leonarski.

NJ 4-H horse members can apply for the awards once they have completed two years in the horse project area. Members can win the award only once in each age division. The winner in each division is to be selected by the volunteer committee overseeing the fund.

Entries will be accepted starting July 15 and no later than August 15.

Send all entries to:

RCE of Gloucester County
Attn: 4-H Award Committee
254 County House Rd
Clarksboro, NJ 08020





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If you have completed two years in the NJ 4-H Horse Project area, you are eligible to submit a completed, signed application, along with two letters of reference (one from a 4-H staff member in your county, and one from a non-family member) to: RCE of Gloucester County, Attn: 4-H Award Committee, 254 County House Rd, Clarksboro, NJ 08020.

The application deadline is AUGUST 15.

Applicant’s Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ 4-H County _____

Grade as of Sept of previous year _____ Date of Birth _____

Applicant’s Signature _____

I verify that the above 4-H’er is a “Member in Good Standing” and meets the criteria set for this award:

Signature of 4-H Leader

Signature of County 4-H Faculty or Staff Member

HORSE CLUB PARTICIPATION

List each 4-H horse club and the year(s) that you participated as a member in good standing (completed a project book, attended at least 70% of the club meetings, participated in a club community service activity, and gave a club presentation).

<p>CLUB NAME & YEAR(S): <i>Ex: ASR 4-H Club - 2018 to present</i></p>

4-H HORSE SHOWS

List 4-H horse shows in which you have participated in (including Fair, Qualifying, State and other), your involvement (exhibitor, volunteer ring crew, steward, gate tender, etc), and the year(s) you participated. *Do not include show class placings..*

4-H HORSE SHOW / INVOLVEMENT & YEAR(S):

Ex: County Qualifying Show / volunteer ribbon runner 2018; exhibitor 2018-2019

OTHER 4-H HORSE RELATED ACTIVITIES

List your participation in other 4-H horse related activities (i.e. Horse Bowl, Hippology, Horse Judging, Equine Presentations, Equine Art Show, Equestrian of the Year Contest, Horse Management, Clinics, etc.), the level (county, state, national), and the year(s) you participated.

4-H HORSE ACTIVITY / LEVEL & YEAR(S):

Ex: Horse Bowl / County 2018-present; State 2018-2019

NON-HORSE 4-H PROJECT INFORMATION

List each non-horse 4-H club, and the year(s) that you participated as a member in good standing:

CLUB NAME & YEAR(S):
Ex: Teen Council – 2018 to present

COUNTY/ STATE/NATIONAL NON-HORSE 4-H ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

List other 4-H activities and events in which you have participated in (public speaking contests, camps, teen conferences, CWF, National Congress, National Conference, etc.), your involvement (participant or volunteer), the year(s) you participated.

NON-HORSE 4-H ACTIVITY OR EVENT, INVOLVEMENT, LEVEL & YEAR(S):
Ex: Summer Camp / volunteer teen counselor – County, 2018

COMMUNITY SERVICE

List your participation in 4-H & other community service projects and the year(s) completed:

Ex: Club sponsored road Clean-up, 2020

4-H LEADERSHIP ROLES

List your leadership roles in 4-H and the year(s). Include club offices held, committees chaired, or 4-H Ambassadorship.

Ex: Club secretary, 2020

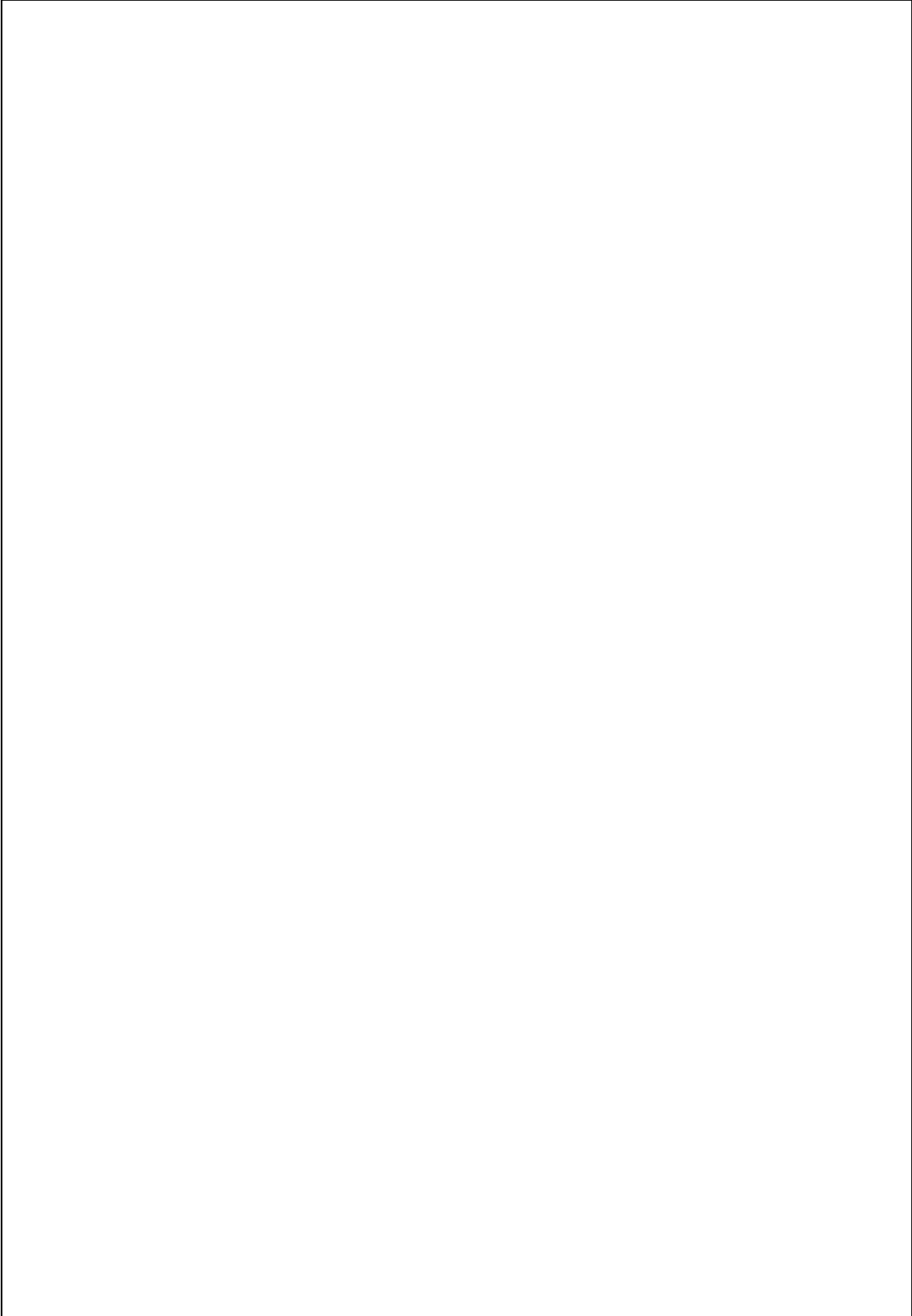
NON 4-H ACTIVITIES

Please list your participation in activities outside of 4-H, i.e. sports, school clubs, church groups and the year(s) you participated. Indicate leadership roles if applicable.

Ex: HS Varsity Field Hockey, Team Captain - 2019-2020; Parish Youth Council, 2019 to present

ESSAY

Please provide an essay (500 words or less) on the following topic: How have your experiences in 4-H helped you make your best, better?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to write their essay response to the prompt above.