



**THE GENNY
OLMSTEAD AWARD
2008**

June 1, 2007 – June 1, 2008

Washington County 4-H Horse

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General Rules

It is recommended to have an adult/leader read these directions very carefully and assists with filling out application.

To earn the Genny Olmstead Award a member must participate in a minimum of five (5) difference categories. Each year one (1) High Point Award will be given (silver buckle). To apply for the High Point Award the member must participate in at least seven (7) different categories including Horse Bowl, Horse Presentations / Public Speaking @ Horse Bowl, or Horse Judging, and/or Hippology.

The Award Committee will review all applications. An interview will be required for High Point contenders. The High Point winner will be required to serve on the Award Committee for the following year. (If applying again the following year, this activity qualifies for a point in the leadership category.) Members are limited to earning only one High Point Award during their 4-H Horse membership; however, the Genny Olmstead Award can be achieved each year.

Application for the Genny Olmstead Award must be completed and turned in to the Extension Office by June 1, 2008, even if member is not competing at Horse Fair. Award recipients will be recognized at Horse Fair. Award includes a rosette and certificate signed by Genny Olmstead, the Award Committee Chair, Horse Advisory President, and 4-H Extension Agent.

To achieve credit in a category, a LEADER'S signature needs to accompany each point requested on the application to verify active participation, not just enrollment, in the given area.

A MEMBER'S typed & signed statement (I Statement) describing each area of participation must accompany each point requested. Three categories, *Leadership, Community Service, and Stepping Outside the Boundaries* require an ADDITIONAL typed recommendation signed by a leader and/or other adult. Leaders and other adults should have first-hand knowledge of activities for which they write recommendations. **Please, put all member/I statements together, not on individual pages.**

The Award year runs from June 1, 2007 of the prior year to June 1, 2008. Each activity must be completed within the Award year to count for a point or points in that category (except Records, and County Fair and County Gaming, and I Did It Myself application). An individual *activity* can earn a point or points in only one category; one activity cannot be applied to more than one category. Points claimed one year in a category cannot be used again the next year (e.g., Advancement steps completed this year cannot be claimed next year).

It is recommended that each member keep a folder with a record of all applicable activities and written recommendations. This folder should be kept up during the entire Award year so that members, leaders and/or adults are not asked to provide all information at the end of the year. This will help the 4-H member to keep in mind all activities she/ he participated in as well as keeping the recommendations current and accurate.

All decisions of the Genny Olmstead Award Committee are final.

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General Rules (cont.)

The Genny Olmstead Award Committee will be made up of a maximum of seven (7) members for a two-year term each.

- ◆ Award Committee Chair and/or,
- ◆ One (1) Horse Advisory Board representative appointed by the Board
- ◆ At least two (2) Horse Club Leaders
- ◆ Last year's recipient of the Genny Olmstead High Point Award

Application Judges will include:

- ◆ Last year's recipient of the Genny Olmstead High Point Award and
- ◆ At least four (4) other judges appointed by the Chair and/or Committee

Interview Judges will include:

- ◆ At least three (3) Interview Judges will be selected by the Chair and/or Committee

Note: A judge cannot be affiliated with any applicant.

Any exception requires Chair and/or Committee prior approval (e.g., if last year's recipient is applying for an Award in the current year, she/he is not eligible for High Point Award, but may be included as an interview Judge for the High Point Award, even though affiliated with applicant(s), with prior approval.

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The Genny Olmstead Award was created to encourage and reward 4-H members who actively participate in a variety of activities throughout their 4-H experience. Genny Olmstead, the namesake of the Award, has given selflessly for over 20 years to the youth involved in many 4-H activities. She has encouraged kids to strive for greater excellence in a variety of areas. This is an award that any child is eligible for if they are willing to learn and work hard, no matter where their skill level is. Achieving this award will be very challenging and will encourage kids to step outside their comfort zones and learn new ideas and have a variety of experiences, which in turn will create a more rounded and confident person.

The ten (11) categories we want to see more kids expand out into are:

1. Completing 4-H Horse Records (Form 130-R)
2. Completing an Advancement in Project Books
3. Participation in Leadership
4. Participation in Community Service
5. Participation in "I Did It Myself Award"
6. Participation in Horse Bowl Competition
7. Participation in Presentations / Public Speaking Competition @ Horse Bowl
8. Participation in Horse Judging Competition
9. Participation in horse Hippology
10. Participation in Horse Fair and/or Horse Gymkhana (Gaming)
11. Stepping Outside the Boundaries

Details

1. Completing 4-H Horse Records (Form 130-R)

A point can be earned in this category by submitting **BOTH** completed/signed copies of; last year's Horse Records (October 1, 2006 - September 30, 2007) **AND** current up-to-date Horse Records for the present Award year (October 1, 2007 – June 1, 2008), per Project Horse used at Horse Fair. Exception: 4-H members doing records for the first year may earn a point per Project Horse, with leader recommendation, if current year records are up-to-date. A copy of Records per Project Horse must be included with Horse Fair registration even if member is not registering for Horse Fair. Also, horse records need to be submitted with your Genny Olmstead Award application.

More than one point can be applied for in this category. For each horse to be used at Fair, one point may be achieved by completing a Project Record Form 130-R, to be turned in with Individual Horse Fair Registration, per details in paragraph above.

2. Completing an Advancement in Project Books

To earn points in the advancement category, a 4-H member must complete Horse Advancement projects as defined in the project books. The Advancement projects include: The 4-H Rider, The 4-H Trail Rider, The 4-H Horseman, 4-H Colt Trainer (Ground), The 4-H Stockman, and The Advanced Horseman (also known as the Dad Potter Award). Please include signed and dated copies of the COMPLETED advancement with your Genny Olmstead Award application.

More than one point can be applied for in this category. One point can be earned for each advancement completed within the Award year, with the exception of the Dad Potter Award, for which a 4-H member can earn a point for completing each of the three step processes approved by the Horse Advisory Board and one more by receiving the Dad Potter Award. Each point will be considered only in the Award year it is completed.

Maximum nine (9) points in this category per year.

3. Participation in Leadership *

Points can be earned in this category by actively demonstrating leadership qualities while participating in 4-H Horse Leadership positions. Leadership activities can included, but are not limited to: Officer of a club, Jr. Fair Superintendent of the current 4-H year, current Jr. Horse Advisory Board member, current Genny Olmstead Award High Point recipient, or Horse Camp Wrangler for the current year.

More than one point can be earned in this category. One point can be earned for each 4-H Horse leadership activity or 4-H Horse office held during the year.

* A leader or other adult's statement describing the 4-H member's participation in 4-H Horse leadership **MUST** accompany each point requested. Leaders / adults should have first-hand knowledge of activities for which they type recommendations.

4. Community Service *

Points can be earned in this category with a minimum of fifteen (15) hours active participation in events that provide a true service to the community. One additional point can be earned for each additional 15-hour block of community service activities the 4-H member participated in during the Award year. List each activity, location, date(s), time(s), hours and total hours for the year with proper signatures (member and adult's).

Maximum of 12 (twelve) points in this category per year. Only four (4) of the maximum points can be applied for services outside of Oregon. No partial points for partial hour-blocks will be awarded.

* A leader, activity director/coordinator, parent, or other adult's statement explaining the 4-H member's participation in each community service activity must accompany each point requested. All adults should have first-hand knowledge of activities for which they write recommendations.

5. Participation in "I Did It Myself Award"

The "I Did It Myself Award" is for those members who wish to do all their own horse training, from ground training on into equitation. All rules & regulations and requirements for the I Did It Myself Award shall apply. See Extension Office for details.

The "I Did It Myself Award" entry must be turned in with Fair entry by June 1, 2008. Also, please include a copy of "I Did It Myself Award" with Genny Olmstead Award application.

More than one point can be earned in this category. One point per horse project can be earned each year the 4-H member participates in and has met all the requirements for the "I Did It Myself Award." Each point must be applied for separately with 2008 Fair entry.

6. Participation in Horse Bowl Competition

The 4-H Horse Bowl contest is made up of teams of up to five (5) individuals competing to answer horse related questions obtained from the 4-H Horse Project manuals.

A point can be applied for each level the 4-H Horse member participated in Horse Bowl that year at County, Regional, State and/or National level(s).

Maximum four (4) points in this category per year.

7. Participation in Horse Presentations / Public Speaking Competition @ Horse Bowl

The 4-H Horse Presentations contest is an individual and/or team contest and the 4-H Horse Public Speaking contest is an individual contest.

More than one point can be applied for in this category. A point can be applied for each level the 4-H Horse member participates in Horse Presentations, individually or with a team, and/or Public Speaking @ Horse Bowl, individually, at County, State and/or National level(s). List Topic(s) and date(s). One point is available to National Team participation for prior year.

Maximum nine (9) points in this category per year.

8. Participation in Horse Judging Competition

The Horse Judging contest is an event where 4-H members study and compete as Horse Judges, judging events ranging from horse conformation, equitation, showmanship, tack and feed identification, and general horse knowledge.

A point can be applied for each level the 4-H Horse member participated in the Horse Judging contest that year at County, State, and/or National level(s). One point is available for National Team participation for prior year.

Maximum three (3) points in this category per year.

9. Participation in Horse Hippology

The Hippology contest is an event where 4-H members study and compete in phases (exam phases, station phases, individual problem judging phase).

A point can be applied for each level the 4-H horse member participates in the Hippology contest that year at County, State and/or National levels. One point is available for National Team participation for the prior year.

10. Participation in Horse Fair and Gymkhana (Gaming)

Points can be earned in this category by actively participating at any level at County and State 4-H Horse Fair and/or County and State 4-H Horse Gymkhana (Gaming).

You can apply for points in this category when you register for County Horse Fair in 2008 (current 4-H year), if you plan on participating in these activities. These points will be revoked if you do not participate for any reason. Please include a copy of your 2008 Fair application.

You can apply for points for your active participation at State 4-H Horse Fair and/or State 4-H Horse Gymkhana (Gaming) in 2007/2008 (prior 4-H year / current Award year).

Maximum four (4) points in this category per year.

10. Stepping Outside the Boundaries *

This is an area that a leader, activity director/coordinator, parent, or other adult must give a typed recommendation for a 4-H member to be given credit for participation in horse-related activities that are outside the member's comfort zone and personally challenging. This could be anything from an outstanding report, time donated to special 4-H projects, putting on a presentation or clinic, participation in horse camp for a beginner who was afraid of going on a trail ride and caring for their own horse, or competing in a first show.

More than one point can be applied for in this category.

* A leader, activity director/coordinator, parent, or other adult's recommendation describing the 4-H member's horse-related stepping outside the boundaries must accompany each point requested.

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Name: _____ Phone # _____

Grade Level: _____ Year in 4-H: _____ Level: Jr. Int. Sr.

Club Name: _____

Leader's Name: _____ Phone # _____

Parent's Name: _____

Category reminders:

Applicant (member) is required to attach a brief typed description of participation in each category, which is I Statement.

***A separate typed & signed adult statement describing the 4-H member's level of participation is required for Categories 3, 4, and 10, as described in preceding Details.**

Leader's signature required on application for each category of participation.

1. Completing Record Books (Form 130-R) (+)

Completed record books: (Attach copy)	Date	Leader's Signature

Total number of points requested for Category 1.

2. Completing an Advancement in Project Books (9)

List Advancement(s) completed: (Attach copy)	Date	Leader's Signature

Total number of points requested for Category 2.

3. Participation in Leadership * (+)

List activities participated in: (Separate typed adult statement required)	Date	Leader's Signature

Total number of points requested for Category 3.

4. Community Service * (12)

List activities participated in: (Separate typed and signed adult statement required) (Please list each activity, location, date(s), time(s), and hours)	Date	Leader's Signature

Total number of points requested for Category 4.

5. Participation in "I Did It Myself Award" (+)

List activities participated in:(Attach copy of application)

Date

Leader's Signature

	Date	Leader's Signature

Total number of points requested for Category 5.

6. Participation in Horse Bowl Competition (3)

List activities participated in:

Date

Leader's Signature

	Date	Leader's Signature

Total number of points requested for Category 6.

7. Participation in Horse Presentations / Public Speaking Competition @ Horse Bowl (9)

List activities participated in: (Include topic)

Date

Leader's Signature

	Date	Leader's Signature

Total number of points requested for Category 7.

8. Participation in Horse Judging Competition (3)

List activities participated in:

Date

Leader's Signature

	Date	Leader's Signature

Total number of points requested for Category 8.

9. Participation in Horse Hippology (3)

List activities participated in:

Date

Leader's Signature

	Date	Leader's Signature

Total number of points requested for Category 9.

10. Participation in Horse Fair and/or Gymkhana (Gaming) (4)

List activities participated in:

Date

Leader's Signature

	Date	Leader's Signature

Total number of points requested for Category 9.

11. Stepping Outside the Boundaries * (+)

List activities participated in: (Separate typed & signed adult statement required)

Date

Leader's Signature

	Date	Leader's Signature

Total number of points requested for Category 10.

Notes:

- **Member Statement/ I Statement is required will all categories.**
- **(#) Maximum number of points for this category**
- **(+) Unspecified number of points for this category**

- **All activities completed June 1, 2007– May 15, 2008 can be applied toward points; exception: Records for prior year, 10/01/2006- 9/30/2007 and current year, 10/01/2007 - 5/15/2008 per horse project. County Fair and/or County Gymkhana (Gaming) participation in the year 2007 is considered. Previous years participation on National Team for Horse Bowl activities, Horse Judging, and Hippology.**

- **An activity can earn point(s) in only one category. No cross-overs!**

- **Application due by June 1, 2008**

- **Please use a separate sheet if needed for additional items on any of the above categories.**

- **Please put in points requested for each category.**

- **All decisions of the Award Committee are final.**

Check off List

- My leader's signature is at every area that a point is requested.
- I have a typed and signed statement ("**I statement**") describing each point I have requested.
- I have a separate typed and signed adult statement describing my level of participation for categories 3,4, and 11.
- A copy of last years and this years horse records are attached.
- I have attached a copy of my advancements from my project books.
- I have attached copy of 2007-2008 fair registration.
- In the category of Stepping Outside the Boundaries besides my own typed and signed statement I also have an adult typed and signed statement
- If I have any questions I have contacted the Committee Chair Suzanne Brooks 503-523-6669 or Elaine Herrold 503-844-6525.