

## Lyon County 4-H Financial Fitness Award

Goal: To promote and educate financial literacy throughout the 4-H community in order to help our club, community, country, and world.

- Successful projects will show creativity in their presentation, and discuss in-depth any financial topic they find interesting (retirement, budgeting, business plan, credit, stock market, fintech, etc.)
- Any form of presentation is permitted. (poster board, media, video, audio)
- Answers the following questions:
  - How does this topic effect you and your community?
  - What will you do with this information?
  - How can you share this information with others?
  - What is something you learned?

4-Hers work hard learning life skills that will serve them for a lifetime. A 4-H project may become one's life passion, or the project lessons may transfer to their future with better understanding of budgeting, business planning and investments.

One thing in common for all 4-H projects is the financial lessons experienced and learned, and how those can translate into personal financial understanding. The Personal Finance Project is a way for Lyon County 4-Hers to showcase their financial understanding and compete for top scholarship cash prizes in three age divisions.

Three age divisions will receive cash scholarships for the top two placing individuals.

Junior (7-9 year-olds)

1<sup>st</sup> receives \$250

2<sup>nd</sup> receives \$125

Intermediate (11-13 year-olds)

1<sup>st</sup> \$500

2<sup>nd</sup> \$250

Senior (14-18 year-olds)

1<sup>st</sup> \$1000

2<sup>nd</sup> \$500

How to participate?

A 4-Her selects a personal financial project. This isn't necessarily a current 4-H project, but a personal finance goal or an age-appropriate financial experience that could be tied to a current 4-H project or stand alone. The 4-Her is encouraged to be creative in both gaining knowledge in the personal finance realm as well as in their presentation efforts.

How is it judged?

A panel of judges will listen to the presentations and select the winners of each age division. The final presentations will be judged during the fair at a date to be determined. In its first year, the financial sponsor and creative mind behind this project is encouraging 4-Hers to show us what you've got. While adults and parents are likely educators, be sure it is the work of your 4-Her. A list of references must accompany their project citing their resources and research efforts.

