



Kent Lage Leadership Award

The Kent Lage Leadership Award will be presented in honor of the late Kent Lage to two 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities including public speaking abilities and a background in community service activities. The first place award will be a \$1,500 scholarship and second place will be a \$750 scholarship.

Kent Lage was a former 4-H member in Iowa where he was a 5th generation member of a farming family. He moved to Massachusetts as an adult and held numerous positions in state government and within agriculture and natural resources. Kent was a former Executive Director for the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation, went on to become a 4-H Foundation trustee and served as Chairman of the Board from 2012-2016. The Kent Lage Leadership Award is a reflection of his passionate support of 4-H programs. Kent's friends at Charlesbank Capital Partners make this award possible.

This award is a scholarship to further your education. To be eligible you must:

- Have been a member of MA 4-H for a minimum of four years
- Be currently enrolled if age eligible and still in high school
- Currently be a senior in high school or freshman in college
- Plan to go on for higher education or post-secondary school education/training
- Complete the application requirements and submit on time

Name of applicant _____ Email _____

County of enrollment _____ Phone _____

Number of years completed in 4-H _____ Age _____ Year in School _____

To apply you must do the following:

1. Include a copy of your up-to-date 4-H Summary Record. If you do not have a Summary Record, you should summarize your experiences in public speaking (visual presentations), leadership and community service over the last four years (you may include additional years if you have been in 4-H longer). Also, include a list of awards that you have received.
2. Submit a typed cover letter that states your reasons for applying. Discuss three specific leadership skills you excel at and talk about how 4-H helped you develop these skills.
3. Write a short essay on leadership. Include what leadership means to you, why it is important for young people to learn leadership skills and how you intend to use your leadership skills in the future. The essay must be typed and no longer than two pages.

Send this form and the required materials to Meg McDermott, 4-H Director, UMass Extension 4-H Development Program, 100 Venture Way, Suite 334, Hadley, MA 01035 or to memcdermott@umass.edu.

Application is due March 15, 2024.