

RON SCHATZ PROJECT AWARD

INTRODUCTION: Ron Schatz a farmer/rancher in the Helena Valley passed away April 2013. Mr. Schatz was a long time 4-H member of the Birdseye High Altitude 4-H Club in Lewis and Clark County. He was active as a member of agricultural projects and events. He continued his involvement throughout his adult life as a 4-H leader of the Birdseye High Altitude 4-H Club. Mr. Schatz participated in the development of the 4-H Fair efforts at the Helena Civic Center to Warren School to the building of the 4-H Community Center and to the present 4-H Building on the Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds.

Ron Schatz continued his interest and support of the 4-H program through leadership and family participation. The Schatz family has dedicated funds to encourage youth to reach project goals and develop personal growth.

In appreciation and support of the Lewis and Clark County 4-H program, the RON SCHATZ PROJECT AWARD will be an annual commitment. The Schatz family will submit the \$500 annual award to the Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leaders Council by the 1st of September. 2015-2016 will have an anonymous addition of \$250 toward the award. Award application due date will be announced in the September 4-H Newsletter.

This year the award will support three (3) 4-H members in the Lewis and Clark County 4-H program to continue with a project or to initiate a new project. Each chosen 4-H recipient will receive \$250.00.

The recipient will use the funds to continue a project or to initiate a new project. Suggested ideas:

1. Project equipment (camera, sewing machine, bicycle, purchase of animal, tools, leashes)
2. Materials to complete a project (wood, fabric, leather, tools, feed)
3. Leadership and/or Self-determined project needs.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. A youth must enroll as a member for the current Lewis and Clark County 4-H program year.
2. A member who has been an active participant in the county program for a minimum of two (2) years.
3. A member that has at least one (1) year remaining in his/her 4-H career

The Award recipients will be selected by the County Extension Agent and a committee selected by the agent each year prior to the October Awards Ceremony. No family member of an applicant will be on the selection committee. The Extension Agent will notify the Schatz family of the names of the recipients.

Selection will be based on:

- Number of years participating in the 4-H program and project.
- Detailed explanation of how the award money will be used to benefit the project achievement by the member.
- Organization Leader's letter of recommendation and support.
- Project Superintendent's letter of recommendation and support.

RON SCHATZ PROJECT AWARD APPLICATION
Due October 15 to the Extension Office

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Club _____

I have been a member in the Lewis and Clark County 4-H program for _____ years.

I am _____ years of age as of October of the current 4 -H year.

I am interested in receiving the RON SCHATZ PROJECT AWARD funds to: (Circle One)

Strengthen an existing project or Initiate a new project.

My project is _____

1. Explain why you would like to receive the award funds and the goals of your project

2. Attach a detail spreadsheet on how the award funds will be used.

I have enclosed with this signed application a letter of recommendation from my club organizational leader and the Project Superintendent.

By September 15th after the award year is complete I will submit my record book with the receipts for how the money was spent to the Extension Office. I understand that any remaining award funds will be returned to the Lewis & Clark 4-H Council after I complete my county 4-H career.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date