

# **THE ERIC PIOTROWSKY SPIRIT OF A LEADER AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP**

Eric Piotrowsky was an active and accomplished member of the Rambling Ranchers 4-H Club. On June 15, 1996, he lost a four-year battle to cancer at age 19. During his eleven year 4-H tenure, he earned every achievement pin available, including the prestigious Key Award. He received state recognition in the Photography project and took part in many state and national events. However, he knew his accomplishments were built on the solid foundation he received at the local level. Once he became a Junior Leader, it was his philosophy that it was now pay back time for all the help he had been given as a new member. In order to preserve this spirit among Franklin County Junior Leaders, the Rambling Ranchers 4-H Club have established this award.

Criteria for the award are as follows:

- 4-H member must be nominated for the award by leaders or fellow members. A 4-H member may not self-nominate or apply for the award.
- Nominee must be at least 14 years of age and enrolled in the Leadership project.
- Nominee will have demonstrated significant support for younger members without thought of self or expectations of reimbursement or reward. For example: traveling a distance to help a younger member learn how to fit and show an animal, helping to fill out a record book, being a project leader or project buddy to a group of younger members.
- Nominations must be received in the Extension Office by September 25<sup>th</sup> each year. Please submit the nomination in essay form. The signature(s) of those submitting the nomination should also be included at the bottom of the submission as well as an anticipated college entry date of the nominee (Ex: Fall 2020, Spring 2021, etc.).
- An appointee of the 4-H Extension Agent will select the recipient who will be named at the annual Franklin County Achievement Night.

The recipient will receive an engraved plaque and will have his/her name engraved on a permanent plaque displayed in the Extension Office, both of which are sponsored by the Rambling Ranchers 4-H Club. The recipient will be awarded the scholarship (\$300) when enrollment in college, vocational school, etc. is confirmed. Please contact the Extension Office when that process has been completed.