

## Carmen Johnson Creech Memorial 4-H Opportunity Grant 2022

The Carmen Johnson Creech Memorial 4-H Opportunity Grant will provide \$85 for the community clubs to plan, organize and execute a novel experience for their club in the 2022 4-H year. Three grants will be awarded by an application process.

Applications will be selected by the following criteria:

- The club experience will offer a project for the benefit of the total membership of the club.
- Experiences can be for individual learning in a group setting, workshops, programming materials, tours, community service, purchase of supplies or equipment needed for a better 4-H club meeting, recognition of outstanding achievements, or other items /activities selected by the club.
- Applications will be judged by 4-H Alumni members. Three judges will rank their top three applications. Those will then be ranked one through three by 2 Johnston County 4-H Alumni Board members who are not affiliated with any club.
- Grants will be awarded at the regular club meeting of the winners by the Alumni Board President or Pro Tem and a 4-H Agent.

Mrs. Carmen Creech was an advocate for the 4-H community clubs because of her knowledge of the positive effect 4-H can have in the life of a young person. Mrs. Creech was married to a 4-H alum of Johnston County. Mr. Charles Creech was a 4-H member in the 1950s through 1962. His mother was a community club leader in the Corinth Community. Charles did several different projects but his strength was creating outstanding records. His leadership skills led to a lifetime of participation in the Watkins Chapel Baptist Church, the Johnston County 4-H Alumni Board, and the Johnston County Heritage Commission and on the Performing Arts Advisory Board of Johnston Community College. Carmen and Charles worked together as a team in service with each board position.

Mr. Creech is sponsoring this Opportunity Grant in tribute and memory of his wife who was by his side at every Johnston County 4-H Alumni Board meeting. As an associate member, she too served on the board. As Mr. Creech's vision became more impaired, Carmen continued to assist him until she became too ill to continue. Her passion was the management of the church library at Watkins Chapel Baptist Church, organizing trips for the senior members of the church, and a 20 year state employee of North Carolina. Married to Charles for 52 years, she was his partner in the home and supported him in his many roles in community service and the 4-H Alumni Association.

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Application Form

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Leader/Leaders \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Club Members \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Club Meetings \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Meetings \_\_\_\_\_

In 100 words or less describe the unique project the club will do. \_\_\_\_\_

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What will be the expected outcome or results of the project?

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How will the grant money budgeted? Attach a budget with this application.

What is the planned date of the project?

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Signatures of Officers of the Club

President \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Leader/Leaders \_\_\_\_\_

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Follow-up Form  
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**Return this form to the 4-H Office for the Alumni Association at the completion of the project which should be by January 6, 2023.**

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Itemize expenditures. Attach a separate list if preferred.

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Results and Outcomes of the experience:

Number of people involved \_\_\_\_\_

Positive results of the activity for the club and its members:

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Any planned follow-up to the activity?

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Signatures:

President \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

Leader/Leaders \_\_\_\_\_

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Johnston County 4-H Alumni Association

## ***Timeline for Grant Project/Activity***

Announcement of the Grant at the Senior Recognition Event: **May 26, 2022.**

Carmen Johnson Creech Memorial 4-H Opportunity Grant posted on the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service Johnston County website for 4-H Leaders and Community Clubs: **June 1, 2022**

Applications submitted for judging by the Johnston County 4-H Alumni Association to Courtney Stanley or Meredith Wood, Extension Youth Development 4-H Agents, Johnston County: **September 1, 2022**

Three Club Winners announced at the Johnston County 4-H Alumni Association Board of Directors' meeting: **September TBA**

The \$85 grant funds will be issued to the three selected clubs in the form of a gift card at the October club meeting by a representative of the Johnston County 4-H Alumni Association or county 4-H agent.

A representative of the selected clubs will be invited to the **November 1, 2022** Annual Meeting of the Johnston County 4-H Alumni Association to describe their proposals for the Carmen Johnson Creech Opportunity Grant.

Projects should be completed and the Follow-up Form returned to the Johnston County 4-H Alumni Association on line to Courtney Stanley, Extension 4-H Agent: **January 6, 2023**