

2020-2021 -A special ad-hoc committee consisting of 4-H educators, members, parents, and volunteers worked together to review your Achievement Portfolios and project sheets. Below is the criteria that is used when reviewing your portfolios. Please note that we have lowered the amount of community service, county, district or state events and leadership that is required do to the limited opportunities youth may have had due to COVID. Next year it is our hope that we will be able to bring our level of requirements back to where it was in 2019. Keep up the great work!

Junior Awards (youth age 8-13)

Members earn the highest level award they qualify for; they will receive only one level of this award.

Junior Bronze Certificate

Will receive a certificate when they complete/participate in:

- 4-H Portfolio
- 1 Project area
- 2 hours of Community Service
- 1 county, district or state event

Junior Silver Certificate

Will receive a certificate when they complete/participate in:

- 4-H Portfolio
- 2 Project areas
- 4 hours of Community Service
- 1 county, district or state event

Junior Gold Certificate

Will receive a certificate and Achievement medal when they complete/participate in:

- 4-H Portfolio
- 3 Project areas
- 5 hours of Community Service
- 2 county, district or state events
- 1 Public Presentation given at the county level

Senior Awards (youth age 14-19)

Members earn the highest level award they qualify for; they will receive only one level of awards.

Senior Bronze Certificate

Will receive a certificate when they complete/participate in:

- 4-H Portfolio
- 1 Project area
- 2 hours of Community Service
- 1 county, district or state event
- 1 Leadership Activity

Senior Silver Certificate

Will receive a certificate when they complete/participate in:

- 4-H Portfolio
- 2 project areas
- 5 hours of Community Service
- 1 county, district or state event
- 1 Public Presentation given at the county level
- 1 Leadership Activities

Senior Gold Certificate

Will receive a certificate and an Achievement medal when they complete/participate in:

- 4-H Portfolio
- 3 Project areas
- 7 hours of Community Service
- 2 county, district or state event
- 1 Public Presentation given at the county level
- 2 Leadership Activities (with at least 1 being the primary leader of a project)

***Key words to use when describing leadership: I taught, I planned, I lead, I developed. Work with your leader or parent or 4-H staff to plan, organize and implant an activity or program.**

Project Pin

The purpose of Project Pin is to recognize outstanding work. The Awards Committee will determine the awards given per category. Members age 8 to 19 (Juniors and Seniors) can apply for these awards.

Criteria for County Pin Awards

- Member must have participated in the subject area for a minimum of 2 consecutive years. Participation is defined as successfully completing at least one project in the subject area a year. At least one project must be completed in the year you are applying for the pin. When applying for this pin, please include at least 2 years of project portfolios. The project should be listed as a project area for both years in your portfolio.
- Completed 4-H Portfolio for current year.
- An evaluated public presentation that took place during the county public presentation event.
- Completed at least 12 hours of community service. (in or out of 4-H)
- **MUST have completed primary leadership in subject area you are applying for.**
- Exhibited projects in the subject area if applicable.
- Participation in programs to increase the member's proficiency or knowledge in the subject

Teen Leadership Award

In order to qualify for this award, a teen member must demonstrate accomplishment in overall 4-H leadership and growth.

Note: All 4-H members age 13 or older as of January 1st are eligible to qualify for this award. You will receive 1pt per activity.

COUNTY MEDAL AWARD

Project medals can be awarded to a 4-H'er who has worked in a project area for a minimum of four years and has achieved some level of mastery. Nominations by a 4-H leader, parent, peer or staff member are required to receive the award. Project medals cannot be received more than once in a subject matter area. A 4-H'er can receive a medal in more than one project area in a year.

Criteria for County Medal Awards

- Member must have participated in the subject area for a minimum of 4 years. Their submitted award binder must include at least 4 years of portfolios highlighting participation in the project area you are nominating them for.
- Member must submit a 4-H Portfolio for the current 4-H year.
- Member must have participated in an evaluated public presentation (most likely took place at the county public presentation event)
- Member's portfolio must reflect service projects (in or out of 4-H) totaling at least 12 hrs for the current year.
- Primary leadership must be shown in subject area (if member is part of a PDC they must attend 3 meetings and a supplemental leadership activity). *unless approved by 4-H educator*
- Member must have exhibited projects in the subject area as applicable.
- Member must have participated in programs to increase the member's proficiency or knowledge in the subject.

All of the above must be submitted by the member for this nomination form to be considered. The nomination can be made either with the member's knowledge to verify the above or as a "surprise" with the help of the 4-H office to identify if the member will qualify based on what they have submitted.