



Orange County 4-H Awards Information Packet

Recognizing Excellence in 4-H

Celebrating Achievement • Inspiring Growth • Building Leaders

Descriptions and Clarifications

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

County Level: Must have attended one of the scheduled Public Presentations events or completed a make-up within the month of March.

District Level: Advanced and Participated in the Southeast District event

State Level: Advanced and Participated in the State Level event
You may opt to prepare TWO Public Presentations, HOWEVER they MUST be in SEPARATE categories, i.e., Demonstration and Speech, or Illustrated Talk and Dramatic Interpretation
You may NOT present an Illustrated Talk *and* Demonstration or a Speech *and* Dramatic Interpretation

Animal Science Presentation: Rabbit Presentations, Dairy Presentations, Horse Communications, or any other species that runs a similar event.

Other: Must be approved by 4-H Educator in charge of the Public Presentations Program. (i.e., STEM Fair)
Hippology does NOT count as a Public Presentation
Science Fairs do NOT count as a Public Presentation
School-required public speaking assignments do NOT count as a Public Presentation

Produced in New York (PiNY): Public Presentation credit will only be given to those who have participated in PiNY for a minimum of THREE (3) years, speak through their entire presentation and request permission to do so in advance. A second evaluator will watch the demonstration and evaluate on their Public Speaking ability.

PROJECT AREAS

For individual awards, projects need to have been completed in a varying number of different areas. The project did not have to be exhibited at The Country Fair but should be documented in an Activity Report. Project areas include Photography, Arts & Crafts/Fine Arts, Animal Science, Woodworking, Natural Resources, Clothing & Textiles, Public Presentations, Food, Rocketry, Electricity, etc.

Club Awards

Club Award Criteria

The same event or activity can NOT be used in multiple categories, even if they meet the criteria of many

Banner Club Award

Any club that completes all of PART 1 AND FOUR (4) of the SIX (6) Activities in PART 2.

PART 1: SIX (6) Club meetings were dedicated to learning a new skill or project that were led by a 4-H member (parental/leader/Jr. leader/assistance is acceptable)

PART 2: FOUR (4) of the following SIX (6) must be completed:

1. **Leader/Parent Volunteer Participation:** Your club was represented by a leader(s) or parent volunteer(s) at ONE (1) SIMPLE SIX SERIES Workshop or a 4-H UNIVERSITY TRAINING.
2. **Educational Field Trip:** One member more than 50% of entire enrolled club roster attended at least ONE (1) Field Trip.
3. **Community Service Activity:** One member more than 50% of entire enrolled club roster took part in an activity to benefit their community. (NO CREDIT FOR DONATIONS!)
4. **Marketing 4-H:** One member more than 50% of entire enrolled club roster took part in an activity to provide public awareness and information about the 4-H program. (i.e., Parades, 4-H Open House, Information Booth, Newspaper Article, etc.)
5. **County-Wide 4-H Event Participation:** One member more than 50% of entire enrolled club roster attended/participated in at least ONE (1) of the following County-Wide 4-H Programs: Achievement Night, Leader's Banquet (Jr. Leader's attendance counts), International Night, Family Fun Nights/Overnights, Cloverbud Achievement.
6. **The Country Fair:** One member more than 50% of entire enrolled club roster MUST have EXHIBITED during The Country Fair (Static Judging and/or Animal Shows).

Community Service Award

One member more than 50% of the entire enrolled club roster donated a service or participated in an activity for the benefit of the public. A minimum of 35 member hours (i.e., 5 members work on a project 2 hours each, total number of member hours equal 10) are required. Donations do not count as a community service project.

To reach 35 Member Hours:

5 members at 2 hrs/ea. = 10 hrs at Pet Clinic

5 members at 3 hrs/ea. = 15 hrs at Senior Home Singing

5 members at 2 hrs/ea. = 10 hrs at Park Clean-Up Day

Marketing Award

One member more than 50% of entire enrolled club roster took part in an activity to provide public awareness and information about the 4-H program at THREE (3) events (i.e., Parades, 4-H Open House, Information Booth, News Article, etc.)

Public Presentation Award

One member more than 50% of entire enrolled club roster participated in COUNTY LEVEL Public Presentations (scheduled make-ups in month of March count).

The Country Fair Participation Award

Club had TWICE as many exhibits as members on their roster.

Club Award Application

Due October 9th

Club Name

Leader Name

Phone

Email

Check off and complete all required information for each Club award.

___ Banner Club Award

PART 1: List the 6 skills/projects led by 4-H member

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART 2:

1. Leader/Parent Volunteer Participation (Participant/Event):
2. Educational Field Trip (Location[s] and how many participated):
3. Community Service Activity (Project/Event/Activity and how many participated):
4. Marketing 4-H (Activity/Event and how many participated):
5. County-wide 4-H Event Participation (Event and how many participated):
6. 4-H The Country Fair (Number of exhibits):

Community Service Award

The Community Service events your club participated in and the total number of member hours:

_____	_____	_____
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___ Marketing Award (Please list the THREE events your club participated in)

_____	_____	_____
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___ Public Presentation Award

___ The Country Fair Participation Award

Individual Awards

The Individual Award is an opportunity for a 4-H member to highlight their achievements over the program year. It is the sole responsibility of the youth to collect and present the appropriate paperwork in order to substantiate their hard work. Depending on the program or event, community service or marketing, an Educator, Leader, Committee Member, or sign-in sheet/paperwork will be used for verification. For example, the Activity Report (also referred to as “the green sheets”) will be substantiated by the 4-H member’s Entry List Form handed in on project judging day in July. The form would need to show entry AND have the evaluator’s initials on the form to be compliant with the requirement. Public Presentations – County will be substantiated by the sign-in sheet.

The new awards criteria have been created to allow active 4-H youth eligibility by changing the way in which one is able to achieve an individual level. There are many ways to be an actively engaged 4-H member that may fall outside what has traditionally been thought of as a 4-H experience. Youth today are engaging in more experiences and may not be creating as many hands-on tangible projects throughout the year. To recognize the efforts of those expanding their learning and embracing new opportunities, we are adding “4-H experiences” to the criteria for individual awards. Youth that are involved in leadership programs such as Teen Connect, Teen Tuesdays, STEM Bound, and STEM Jr. and Teen Leaders will now be able to fulfill requirements based on participation in those programs as well as several others. For example, Fly Tying and Sewing Lab workshops, Tractor Safety, and Dog Obedience Training, as well as attending local, district, and state-wide events and offerings are part of “4-H experiences.” There is a listing of 4-H experiences attached.

Animal Science 4-H members can meet the criteria with their participation in knowledge contests, judging, and other 4-H experiences. Animal science member are reminded to add their Showmanship and Breed classes to their 4-H Entry List (you will need to enter your project record for evaluation on judging day, need not be present – early office drop-off is permissible) for project credit. This will be substantiated by the Ring Steward/Volunteer/Educator in charge of the event.

Learning in 4-H is an active, intentional, and reflective process where young people develop understanding, skills, and new habits. The nature of the experiences can be vastly different in 4-H but the underlying process and educational philosophy should reflect the same core principles. 4-H learning experiences are carried out in a variety of deliver modes, teaching methods, project and topic areas, and local adaptations. This new individual awards criteria was designed to reflect the diversity we have in 4-H and to highlight the successes of our members who are engaged in 4-H club settings or who are experiencing 4-H through programs and activities.

Any questions regarding the Individual Award criteria or paperwork, please call the 4-H office.

Award paperwork will be due in the 4-H office by October 9th.

General Criteria For All Individual Awards

4-H Members are eligible for ONE (1) Individual Award. Please read each description carefully and apply for the HIGHEST level award for which you qualify. You must be able to substantiate by completing the award levels paperwork and including all supplemental materials. Presentations and event participation/experiences will be verified with the Educator responsible for each event/experience.

- ✓ 4-H member must be between the ages of 8-19
- ✓ Member MUST have exhibited an Activity Report (“Green Sheets”) - this will be substantiated by the project sheet submitted on judging day initialed by the evaluator in order to be eligible for ANY Individual Award Level – THIS IS IN ADDITION TO the specified number of projects! (i.e., Level 5... And My World - 10 projects/experiences PLUS submission of Activity Report (“green sheets”) at The Country Fair.
- ✓ Cloverbud years do NOT count toward Individual Award years, 4-H years only.
- ✓ The MINIMUM required projects/experiences are outlined for each Award Level.

1st YEAR 4-H MEMBERS AND ABOVE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

***Heart of 4-H
(Level 1)***

To receive this award, member must:

- ✓ Complete 3 projects from 2 different project areas (i.e., Tool Box – Woodworking and Terrarium – Gardening & Horticulture) OR participate in 3 educational experiences (see list) OR a combination of the two for a total of 3. *If project work is being used to fulfill award criteria, then a percentage would need to be exhibited at The Country Fair; if all 3 are projects, 2 must be exhibited at The Country Fair, if 1 or 2, then only 1 needs to be exhibited.*
- ✓ Exhibit an Activity Report at The Country Fair.
- ✓ Documented 4 hours of Community Service (service other than 4-H does not count, i.e., working with a scout troop on a service project or helping with a church youth group on a service project)
- ✓ Participate in a COUNTY-level Presentation (Public Presentations, Horse Communications, Animal Presentations [Livestock, Dairy, Rabbit/Cavy, Dog, Poultry], STEM Presentations)

***Above & Beyond
(Level 2)***

To receive this award, member must:

- ✓ Complete 5 projects from 3 different project areas (i.e., Tool Box – Woodworking, Terrarium – Gardening & Horticulture, and Chocolate Chip Cookies – Food & Nutrition) OR participate in 5 educational experiences (see list) OR a combination of the two for a total of 5. *If project work is being used to fulfill award criteria, then a percentage would need to be exhibited at The Country Fair; if all 5 are projects, 3 must be exhibited at The Country Fair, if 1 or 2, then only 1 needs to be exhibited.*
- ✓ Exhibit an Activity Report at The Country Fair.
- ✓ Documented 6 hours of Community Service (service other than 4-H does not count, i.e., working with a scout troop on a service project or helping with a church youth group on a service project)
- ✓ Participate in a COUNTY-level Presentation (Public Presentations, Horse Communications, Animal Presentations [Livestock, Dairy, Rabbit/Cavy, Dog, Poultry], STEM Presentations)
- ✓ Spend a minimum of 2 hours on Marketing 4-H (i.e., parade, booth, window display, newspaper article)

2nd YEAR 4-H MEMBERS AND ABOVE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

***Making the Best
Better
(Level 3)***

To receive this award, member must:

- ✓ Complete 8 projects from 4 different project areas (i.e., Tool Box – Woodworking, Terrarium – Gardening & Horticulture, Chocolate Chip Cookies – Food & Nutrition, and Digital Image – Photography) OR participate in 8 educational experiences (see list) OR a combination of the two for a total of 8. *If project work is being used to fulfill award criteria then a percentage would need to be exhibited at The Country Fair; if all 8 are projects, 5 must be exhibited at The Country Fair, 3-5, then 2, if 1 or 2, then only 1 needs to be exhibited.*
- ✓ Exhibit an Activity Report at The Country Fair.
- ✓ Documented 10 hours of Community Service (service other than 4-H does not count, i.e., working with a scout troop on a service project or helping with a church youth group on a service project)
- ✓ Participate in 2 COUNTY level (or beyond) Presentations (Public Presentations, Horse Communications, Animal Presentations [Livestock, Dairy, Rabbit/Cavy, Dog, Poultry], STEM Presentations) or an advancement with same presentation to the District level would qualify as a second presentation
- ✓ Spend a minimum of 4 hours on Marketing 4-H (i.e., parade, booth, window display, newspaper article)

Larger Service (Level 4)

To receive this award, member must:

- ✓ Complete 10 projects from 5 different project areas (i.e., Tool Box – Woodworking, Terrarium – Gardening & Horticulture, Chocolate Chip Cookies – Food & Nutrition, Digital Image – Photography and Duct Tape Wallet – Hobby Craft) OR participate in 10 educational experiences (see list) OR a combination of the two for a total of 10. *If project work is being used to fulfill award criteria then a percentage would need to be exhibited at The Country Fair; if all 10 are projects, 7 must be exhibited at The Country Fair, 6-9 projects, then 4, 3-5, then 2, if 1 or 2, then only 1 needs to be exhibited.*
- ✓ Exhibit an Activity Report at The Country Fair.
- ✓ Documented 15 hours of Community Service (service other than 4-H does not count, i.e., working with a scout troop on a service project or helping with a church youth group on a service project)
- ✓ Participate in 2 COUNTY level (or beyond) Presentations (Public Presentations, Horse Communications, Animal Presentations [Livestock, Dairy, Rabbit/Cavy, Dog, Poultry], STEM Presentations) or an advancement with same presentation to the District level would qualify as a second presentation
- ✓ Spend a minimum of 4 hours on Marketing 4-H (i.e., parade, booth, window display, newspaper article)

3rd YEAR 4-H MEMBERS AND ABOVE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL AWARD:

And My World (Level 5)

To receive this award, member must:

- ✓ Complete 10 projects from 6 different project areas (i.e., Tool Box – Woodworking, Terrarium – Gardening & Horticulture, Chocolate Chip Cookies – Food & Nutrition, Digital Image – Photography, Duct Tape Wallet – Hobby Craft, and Recycled Art – Natural Resources) OR participate in 10 educational experiences (see list) OR a combination of the two for a total of 10. *If project work is being used to fulfill award criteria then a percentage would need to be exhibited at The Country Fair; if all 10 are projects, 7 must be exhibited at The Country Fair, 6-9 projects, then 4, 3-5, then 2, if 1 or 2, then only 1 needs to be exhibited.*
- ✓ Exhibit an Activity Report at The Country Fair.
- ✓ Documented 25 hours of Community Service (service other than 4-H does not count, i.e., working with a scout troop on a service project or helping with a church youth group on a service project)
- ✓ Participate in 3 COUNTY level (or beyond) Presentations (Public Presentations, Horse Communications, Animal Presentations [Livestock, Dairy, Rabbit/Cavy, Dog, Poultry], STEM Presentations) or an advancement with same presentation to the District and State levels would qualify as a third presentation
- ✓ Spend a minimum of 6 hours on Marketing 4-H (i.e., parade, booth, window display, newspaper article)

Educational Experiences will be substantiated by the Educator(s) who offered them, or a representative from a committee.

The following experiences are eligible, but not limited to (contact the 4-H office if you have questions about specific 4-H experiences not listed):

Animal Science

Animal Fun Day	Hippology
Animal Presentations (Dairy, Livestock, Rabbit)	Horse Bowl
Livestock/Animal Skillathon/Knowledge Contest	Horse Communications
Dairy Discovery	Horse Judging
Dairy Bowl	Dog Obedience Training
Dairy Challenge	Animal Crackers
Dairy Explorers	Dairy Judging
Cornell's Lab of Ornithology sponsored programs (any)	

Presentations

Public Presentations - County Level
Public Presentations - District Level
Public Presentations - State Level
Animal Communication – County Level

Horse Communications – County Level
Horse Communications – District Level
Horse Communications – State Level

Teen Opportunities

Capital Days
Career Explorations
Teen Council

State Fair Jr. Superintendent (of current year)
STAR
State Fair Teen Leader (of current year)

STEM

National/State 4-H STEM Challenge
Cloverbud STEM Day
Sunflower Growing Challenge
Robotics (Non-Competitive and Competitive)

Citizen Science Programs (butterfly/birding journals)
Engineering Challenge
Computer Coding/Day of Code Geocache/Hike
Rube Goldberg

OTHER

Club Educational Field Experiences – Call the 4-H Office with questions

County Opportunities

Archery
Sewing Lab
Tractor Safety
Fair Volunteer (6 hr minimum – Action Booth, Set-Up/Clean-Up, Paperwork, etc.)
Duck Derby Volunteer (6 hr min – substantiated by committee representative)
County Fair
Open House on the Farm

Individual Awards Application

Must be received at the office by October 9th.

Name: _____

Club(s): _____

DOB: _____ Age (Current): _____

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR LEVELS 1 THROUGH 5

1. Were you an enrolled 4-H member Age 8-19 during the award year?

Yes _____ No _____
2. Did you enter your 4-H Activity Report ("Green Sheets") at the 2025 Country Fair (will be substantiated by returned project sheets initiated by evaluators in 4-H office)

Yes _____ No _____
3. I am aware that CLOVERBUD years DO NOT count toward individual award years. _____ (initial)
4. What level award are you applying for? _____

Completed Projects/Experiences

	Name of Project/Experience	Project Area
	<i>i.e., Tie die shirt</i>	<i>i.e., Arts</i>
1.		
2.		
3.		
	Three needed for Level 1	
4.		
5.		
	Five needed for Level 2	
6.		
7.		
8.		
	Eight needed for Level 3	
9.		
10.		
	10 Needed for Level 4 and Level 5 (Level 4 requires 5 areas/Level 5 requires 6 areas)	
NOTE: Please see Individual Awards booklet for specific requirements		

Community Service

Name/Date/Brief Description	Hours

Public Presentation

	Name of Presentation	Type
		<i>i.e., public, horse, livestock, etc.</i>
1.		
	One needed for Level 1 and Level 2	
2.		
	Two needed for Level 3 and Level 4	
3.		
	Three needed for Level 5	

Marketing

Date/Location/Brief Description	Hours

Club Officer Recognition Awards

**The 4-H year is from OCTOBER 1st through SEPTEMBER 30th
(NOTE: This is different from the submission date)**

- Honor President/
Vice President** President and Vice President will be recognized together since their duties are connected. They must submit 6 completed agendas signed by the officer/officers (President or President/Vice-President or Vice-President) who participated in the meeting and the 4-H Leader who supervised the 4-H meeting. These signed agendas must be to the 4-H office by the end of the year deadline (October 1st of current year).
- Honor Secretary** The 4-H Club Secretary is to report to the club monthly even if there is no meeting. The 4-H Office must receive 9 monthly reports with the application for the 4-Her to be recognized as an Honor Secretary.
- Honor Treasurer** The Treasurer must submit a 4-H Club Financial Statement signed by the Treasurer and 4-H Leader assisting the Treasurer. These must be submitted to the 4-H office by the end of the year deadline (October 1st of current year).
- Outstanding
News Reporter** Any 4-H Club News Reporter who has had at least 4 articles, published posts, printed articles, or approved social media outlets will be eligible for this award. Each news reporter will need to submit copies with application.
- Choose Health Officer** The Choose Health Officer is to lead the club in a "Get Up and Move" activity as well as encourage healthy snacks at meetings. Each Choose Health Officer must submit the Choose Health Report (last page of the Choose Health Officers book) to the 4-H office by the year-end deadline (October 1st of current year).

Club Officer Recognition Award Application

Applicant's Name

Leader Name

Club Name

Youth Signature

Leader Signature

**Check the Officer Position that you are applying for
and submit all supporting documents by October 9th.**

☐ **Honor President**

☐ **Honor Vice President**

☐ **Honor Secretary**

☐ **Honor Treasurer**

☐ **Outstanding News Reporter**

☐ **Choose Health Officer**

Specialty Awards

These awards will be looked at within each program year. There will be up to FIVE (5) candidates nominated for each of the awards. The top TWO (2) candidates for each category will be the recipients of the award. Please read the requirements for each award carefully and submit the required materials by the October 9th deadline. Handwritten or typed essays are accepted.

You may apply for these awards each year and may receive the award more than once.

Leadership Award (Application & Essay)

Progression Award (Essay)

Service Award (Essay & photocopy of Activity Report Community Service Page(s))

**Leadership Award
(13 and up)**

Complete the Leadership Award Application.

Submit a minimum of a TWO (2) page essay detailing your accomplishments in Leadership for the past 4-H program year. Evaluators will look at your year in review, paying attention to trainings attended, participation in retreats, recommendations from leader(s) and overall leadership qualities.

**Progression Award
(10 and up)**

Submit a minimum of a TWO (2) page essay detailing a project area(s) where you have grown over a minimum of TWO (2) program years. Evaluators will look for forward momentum and growth in participation, mastery and leadership.

**Service Award
(10 and up)**

A minimum of 25 community service hours are required to apply. You must be able to substantiate your service hours. A copy of your Activity Report 'Community Service' page must be included in your award submission. A detailed essay, at least ONE (1) full page describing your service work within the past 4-H program year is required. This could be several small projects, or one long project. Evaluators will look for the 4-H'er who put forth an effort that shows impact on their community, fulfillment of a community need and overall level of service provided to their community. Group and individual community service project work is acceptable.

STEM Award (8 and up)

Awarded to any youth (8-19) who meet application criteria (see pg. 19) and demonstrate achievement within the STEM program.

**Club of the Year Award
(all clubs eligible)**

Submit (4-H Member or Club Leader) a minimum of one (1) full page essay detailing the accomplishments, involvements and service the club participated in during the past program year. Evaluators will look at member participation, trips and other learning experiences, as well as, community service and county event participation. You must also submit a list of club members with the essay. *Two (2) clubs will be awarded each year.*

Leadership Award

In order to qualify for this award, a member must substantiate accomplishment in THREE (3) areas:

Teaching, Communication & 4-H Service, and Personal Growth & Leadership.

Teaching Must have completed ONE (1) of the following, and be able to substantiate on the application.

1. Co-Teach TWO (2) 4-H projects with Club Leader or 4-H Educator

OR

2. Solo teach ONE (1) 4-H project with Club Leader or 4-H Educator supervision

Communication & 4-H Must have completed BOTH of the following and be able to substantiate on application, provide documentation if applicable.

1. Co-Lead a 4-H County Community Service, Recreational or Educational Event. You must describe work and time involved on application (i.e., Simple Six, University U Leader Training, STEM Camp, etc.).
2. Other 4-H Community Service - Help Educator with Special Program (i.e., 4-H The Country Fair, *State Fair preparation office help, PiNY, Fashion Revue, CB Achievement, etc.)

Attending State Fair as a Junior Super or Teen Assistant does NOT count towards this category, office help before or after State Fair **does count.*

Personal Growth & Leadership Must have completed BOTH of the following and be able to substantiate on application.

1. Attend at least ONE (1) Leader Training (Simple Six, University U Leader Training, etc.).
2. Attend STARR, Career Explorations, Teen Leadership Retreat, or any offered Teen Event on the County, District or State Level.

If you are unsure if an activity qualifies, please contact the 4-H office.

Leadership Award Application

Applicant's Name

Leader Name

Club Name

Phone

Email

Youth Signature

Leader Signature

TEACHING

Date, Activity, and Description

COMMUNICATION & 4-H SERVICE (Please attach all supporting documentation if applicable.)

Date, Activity, and Description

PERSONAL GROWTH & LEADERSHIP

Date, Activity, and Description

County Certificates and County Medals

County Certificates and County Medals require an application and a copy of an Activity Report ("green sheets") due by October 9th.

It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that a PHOTO COPY of the Activity Report be submitted in place of original.

Subject Areas for Certificates and Medals

Aerospace (Rocketry)	Gardening/Horticulture	Rabbit	Clothing & Textiles
Goat	Sheep	Dairy	Guinea Pig (Cavy)
Technology & Engineering	Dog	Horse	Wildlife & Fisheries
Electric Energy	Photography	Woodworking	Fine Arts
Poultry	Food & Nutrition	Public Speaking	

- Application Procedure:**
1. Complete the application. Make sure it is signed by Leader. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
 2. Return completed application and Activity Report (make sure Activity Report is current) to the 4-H office by October 18th. ***Make sure that your club years are listed as: Ex: 2024-2025 and NOT 2024 or 2025, Evaluators MUST be able to substantiate years in project.***
 3. The Activity Report must show a minimum of TWO years of projects and activities for CERTIFICATES and a minimum of FOUR years of projects and activities for MEDALS.

Choose EITHER Certificate OR Medal for selected project areas you are applying for (do NOT list in both sections). If you do NOT receive a medal, you will automatically be awarded the certificate if you qualify.

Criteria for County Certificates

1. Member must have participated in the subject area for a minimum of TWO (2) years. Participation is defined as successfully completing at least ONE (1) project in the subject area every year. At least one project must be completed in the year you are applying for the certificate. Project work goes beyond The Country Fair participation (i.e., entering and competing in a showmanship class) in the animal species categories. Projects include: animal treats, breed ID books, equipment needs (grooming stands, leads, halters, etc.) science books, posters/displays, etc.
2. Member must submit an application and Activity Report.
3. Only one application will be required for members applying for more than one Certificate.
4. Member may receive certificates more than once.

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**Criteria for
County Medals**

Only outstanding applicants will receive this award. This is up to the discretion of the selection committee. All, some, or none of the county medals may be awarded. This award is meant to recognize outstanding work, it is competitive and the number of awards given in each subject area may vary from year to year.

1. Member must have participated in the subject area for a minimum of FOUR 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 medal. Project work goes beyond The Country Fair participation (i.e., entering and competing in a showmanship class) in the animal species categories. Projects include: animal treats, breed ID books, equipment needs (grooming stands, leads, halters, etc.) science books, posters/displays, etc.
2. Member must submit an application and Activity Report.
3. Member MUST submit an essay for EACH Medal being sought. Essay should support the activity and detail participation within the subject area.
4. Only one application will be required for members applying for more than one medal.
5. Member may receive medals more than once.

**Additional
Considerations**

When choosing medal recipients, the following activities and achievements may be considered:

- ◆ Public Presentations given in subject area
- ◆ Related service projects (in or out of 4-H)
- ◆ Content of essay
- ◆ Leadership shown in subject area, especially junior leader activities
- ◆ Attendance at leader/junior leader trainings
- ◆ Exhibiting projects in subject area at The Country Fair and State Fair
- ◆ Participation in programs that increased member's proficiency & knowledge in subject area

4-H's motto is "To Make the Best Better" and our county medals are awarded to those who have shown themselves to be examples of this ideal. Make your essay emphasize your 4-H activities and how they help you become better citizens, leaders and participants in community life.

Application for County Certificates and Medals

Only ONE Application is needed to apply for multiple Certificates and /or Medals

Applicant's Name

Leader Name (if applicable)

Club Name

Address

Phone

Email

Age

Date of Birth

Completed Years in 4-H

Youth Signature

Leader Signature (if applicable)

I Am Applying For

CERTIFICATES

MEDALS

Scholarships and Awards

All scholarships are due by the application deadline. Each can be won only once.

4-H Citizenship Scholarship

This monetary leadership award is given to an Orange County 4-H member on the basis of all around achievement in 4-H work with major emphasis on leadership in citizenship.

- 1) Must be a 4-H member who is 14 years of age or over.
- 2) Must complete an Activity Report (green) and application by the scholarship deadline date.
- 3) Cannot have received this award previously.

Scholarship application is due by October 9th.

4-H Civic Engagement Scholarship

This monetary leadership award is given to an Orange County 4-H member on the basis of all-around achievement in 4-H work with emphasis on leadership in civic engagement

- 1) Must be a 4-H member for at least 3 years and be 16 years of age or over
- 2) Plans to continue education beyond high school
- 3) Must participate in a minimum of 3 4-H activities/experiences
- 4) Must complete an Activity Report (green) demonstrating all around achievement in 4-H work with a major emphasis on leadership in citizenship and civic engagement
- 5) Recommendation letter from coordinating leader or 4-H Educator

ESSAY - The essay must explain the applicant's understanding of citizenship, civic engagement and contribution to community. It must include a description of a citizenship activity completed in the year the applicant is applying. Providing an explanation of the activity, planning, role played by applicant and how they demonstrated leadership, as well as the results of the activity, the response from those whom the service benefitted, and how the service impacted the individual performing it. In addition, they should include a description of all-around achievement in 4-H. The essay may include the applicant's other roles in the community, school, and religious community and how they demonstrate leadership in citizenship. More weight will be given to their activities in 4-H.

Scholarship application is due by October 9th.

Ralph E. Lamar Leadership

This award is to recognize those 4-H members excelling in their 4-H leadership experiences. The minimum eligibility requirement is 5 years as a 4-H member and those graduating High School in the year of the award. The award is to be given in the fall following graduation from high school. Award to amount to \$200-\$250 per year from the NYS 4-H Foundation. Ralph E. Lamar is a dedicated 4-H volunteer of over 40 years who has given of himself to 4-H on a club and county level. 4-H Activity Report and Application must be filled out.

- A. 80% consideration - 4-H experiences
 - Jr. Leadership participation & activities
 - Offices held in local club and/or county
 - Public Presentations
 - State & District activities
 - The Country Fair & State Fair exhibits & activities
 - Overall project work
 - Community service
- B. 20% consideration - other experiences
 - High School leadership activities
 - Community and/or church leadership activities

Scholarship application is due by October 9th.

Jeremy DeBlock Memorial Scholarship

Jeremy DeBlock was one of our most active and dedicated 4-H dairy members. He participated in everything – not only the fun trips but in the work involved in practicing for contests as well as preparation and clean-up at the fair. Jeremy particularly had a lot of success in the Dairy Bowl & Dairy Challenge. Jeremy also participated in Junior DAIRY LEADER Program, a program that prepares young people for successful careers in the dairy industry. He maintained his support for our dairy program even in college and as he started his career. Sadly, he was lost to us in 2005 in a tragic accident.

To apply for this scholarship, you must have been accepted into the Junior DAIRY LEADER Program through Pro-Dairy for the calendar year. Junior DAIRY LEADERS is an annual program designed for ages 16 to 19 who are interested in pursuing a career in the dairy industry. Opportunities include national trips, farm tours throughout the Northeast, interaction with industry professionals, and most importantly technical and personal skill development. To learn more, visit <https://cals.cornell.edu/pro-dairy/our-expertise/youth/junior-dairy-leader-program>.

An individual must be a member for a minimum of 3 years.

- 60% – 4-H Experiences
 - Exceptional participation in 4-H dairy, sheep goat, equine and/or poultry activities.
 - County and State Fair exhibits & activities
 - Evidence of hard-working, completely honest and willing to help anyone
- 40% – Other Experiences
 - High school activities
 - Community activities

Deadline to apply October 9th

4-H Leader's Association Community Service Scholarship \$500

This scholarship is awarded to a 4-H member who is entering their senior year of high school who plans to continue their education after High School Graduation. An individual must be a member for a minimum of 5 years and may only be awarded this scholarship once. The applicant needs to supply a recommendation from their coordinating leader or 4-H Educator.

- 80% is based on an essay about a community service project completed in the year the applicant is applying. The essay must explain their roles in leadership, explanation of activity, planning, role played by applicant, as well as the results of the activity, the response from those whom the service benefitted, and how the service impacted the individual performing it.
- 20% is based on the individuals' other leadership roles in the community, school, and religious community.
- Must supply 4-H Activity Report (green) demonstrating previous community service throughout 4-H career

Top candidates for this scholarship will be interviewed by a panel of 4-H Leaders. Chosen candidate should make arrangements to attend the Achievement Celebration for recognition. **Due: October 9th.**

**4-H Leader's
Association
Agriculture
Scholarship \$500**

This scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member entering their senior year of high school who plans to continue their education after High School Graduation. An individual must be a member for a minimum of five years in 4-H with promotion of agriculture and animal science and may only be awarded this scholarship once. The applicant needs to supply a recommendation from their coordinating leader or 4-H Educator.

- 80% is based on an essay which explains marketing, husbandry, care, handling, and feeding of their animal as well as how the animal has impacted their life.
- 20% is based on public presentation, community service OR school involvement revolving around agricultural topics.
- Must supply 4-H Activity Report (green) demonstrating previous agricultural and animal science project areas throughout 4-H career.

Top candidates for this scholarship will be interviewed by a panel of 4-H Leaders. Chosen candidate should make arrangements to attend Achievement Celebration for recognition. **Due: October 9th.**



Application for 4-H Awards

*Must include green Activity Report
with ALL applications*

Date _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Age _____ DOB _____ Years in 4-H _____

4-H Club Name _____

Name of School Attending _____

Grade _____ Year of Graduation _____

Do you plan to continue your education? _____ Yes _____ No

If Yes, Where and in What Major? _____

Leader's Recommendation (if applicable)

Year _____

Applicant's Name _____

Club _____

Leader's Name _____

Adult/Leader Statement of Recommendation:

I recommend the application of _____
Applicant's Name

For Scholarship _____

County Medal _____

Certificate _____

Signed,

Leader's Signature

Date

Please make any additional comments, which would assist the selection committee, below:

Achievement in STEM Award Application

Description: This award is given to any youth ages 8-19 who meet the criteria below and demonstrated achievement within the STEM program.

Criteria for award:

1. Youth must have participated in **4 County STEM programs** during the 4-H year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30).
2. Youth must have exhibited **5 STEM projects** at the county The Country Fair.
3. Youth must have participated or completed **2 additional STEM activities/projects**.

Youth Name

Age

Club

1. Please indicate which programs you participated in during the year.

☐ National Engineering Week Challenge ☐ Project FeederWatch
☐ Rube Goldberg Challenge ☐ Robotics
☐ Growing Challenge
☐ Animal Science Knowledge Contest (Dairy Quiz Bowl or Dairy Challenge, Goat Bowl & Skillathon, Horse Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging)

2. Please fill in the following chart demonstrating the STEM projects that you exhibited at The Country Fair. (Example of sections that qualify - Engineering, Natural Resources, Animal Science, Woodworking, Horticulture, Electrical, Food Science, etc. Contact the STEM educator with questions on which projects qualify)

SECTION	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT	AWARD

3. Please list additional 4-H activities that you participated in that are related to STEM. Some examples could be STEM Explorers, STEM Camp, Rube Goldberg, club related projects or trip, animal science project, etc.

Annual Membership Pins



Every 4-Her and Cloverbud ***IN ATTENDANCE*** at the Achievement Celebration is entitled to receive the membership pin if he/she is registered with a 4-H or Cloverbud Club, the fees are paid, and one project is completed.

As an example, this means that anyone who joins a 4-H or Cloverbud Club between October 1 and September 30 of the program year and completes a project is entitled to their first year pin.

4-H Achievement Celebration – October 17th, 2026, 2-4 pm, at the Education Center & 4-H Park, 300 Finchville Turnpike, Otisville, New York.