2026 Boone County 4-H Recognition Awards

Outstanding First Year Member
Donated by: The Blasingame Family
Recipients: Chase Zeien and Poppy Orlove

Outstanding Junior Members
Donated by: Boone County Fair Association
Recipients: Annie Zeien and Charlotte Pollard

Outstanding Pre-Teen Members
Donated by: Kevin & Mary Brubach
Recipients: Ainsley Pollard and Kelton Pacheco

Outstanding Mid-Teen Members
Donated by: Boone County Pomona Grange
Recipients: Noah Graves and Natalie Shott

Outstanding 4-H'ers of the Year
Donated by: Prairie Grange
Recipients: Lydia Ward and Koralyn Wick

Boone County 4-H Foundation Award
Donated by: Boone County 4-H Foundation
Recipients: William Ellingson

Outstanding Historian
Donated by: Charity Grange
Recipients: Hunter Shott

Secretary of the Year
Donated by: Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau
Junior Recipient: Emma Landi

Treasurer of the Year
Donated by: Solutions Bank
Recipient: Molly Purdom

Outstanding Beef Exhibitor Awards
Donated by: Personal Pride Car Wash
Recipient for ages 8-11: Annie Zeien
Recipient for ages 12-14: Noah Graves

Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor Awards

Donated by County Line Grange, Merri Milk Maids, and Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau
Recipient for ages 8-11: Charlotte Pollard
Recipient for ages 12-14: Matthew Avila
Recipient for ages 15-18: Koralyn Wick

Illinois Holstein Awards

Donated by: Illinois Holstein Association
Certificate Recipients: Matthew Avila, Ainsley Pollard, Charlotte Pollard, and Koralyn Wick

Dog Award

Donated by: Tim & Kris Hall
Recipient for ages 8-11: Poppy Orlove

Food & Nutrition Award

Donated by: Prairie Grange
Recipient for ages 8-13: Annie Zeien

Outstanding Horse Exhibitors

Donated by: Northern Lights Horse Promoters
Recipients for ages 8-11: Blake Amundson, Lily Becker, Josephine Bye and Poppy Orlove
Recipients for ages 12-14: Eli Ward
Recipients for ages 15-18: William Ellingson, Cheyanne Semonich, and Lydia Ward

Most Improved Youth in Equine Division

Donated by: Northern Lights Horse Promoters
Recipients for Novice: Lily Becker and Poppy Orlove
Recipients for ages 12-14: Blake Amundson, Josephine Bye, and Eli Ward
Recipients for ages 15-18: William Ellingson, Cheyanne Semonich, and Lydia Ward

Judy Lee Memorial Award

Donated by: Rob Lee
Recipient: Eli Ward

Phyllis VanBrocklin Award

Donated by: Alice VanBrocklin
Recipient: Josephine Bye

Horse Scholarship

Donated by: Northern Lights Horse Promoters
Recipient: William Ellingson

Horse High Attendance Awards

Donated by: Northern Lights Horse Promoters
Recipients: Lillian Breda, Josephine Bye, Raylynn Hardy, Sylviah James, Makinlee Kittinger, Audrey Klotz, Poppy Orlove, Lynlee Schulte, Eli Ward and Lydia Ward

Horticulture Award

Donated by: Women's Garden Club of Boone County
Recipient: Lydia Ward

Rabbit Awards
Donated by: County Line Grange
Recipients for ages 14-18: Alyssa Gilmore

Outstanding Sheep Exhibitor Awards
Donated by: The Complete Sheep Shoppe
Recipient for ages 12-14: Ainsley Pollard

Swine Awards
Donated by: Webb Farm, Beaver Valley Clippers 4-H Club, and the Bob Lyford Family
Recipient for ages 8-13: Payson Graves
Recipient for ages 14-18: Natalie Shott

Veterinary Science Award
Donated by: Ann Johnson, D.V.M.
Recipient: Charlotte Pollard

Visual Arts Awards
Donated by: Jayne Melssen, Kaitlyn Nielson, and The Complete Sheep Shoppe
Recipient for ages 8-13: Matthew Avila
Recipient for ages 14-18: Koralyn Wick

Woodworking Award
Donated by: LeRoy Community Grange
Recipient: Timothy Avila

Illinois 4-H Experience Award Winners
The Experience Award offers recognition for members who participate in activities and events. There are four dimensions: participation, community service, leadership, and project learning. Your award level is determined by how many experiences you complete in each area.

Bronze Medal Recipients: Jayden Adams, Leyan Adams, and Vann Rossmiller

Silver Medal Recipients: Timothy Avila, Lily Becker, EvaMarie Foley, Alyssa Gilmore, Annie Zeien, and Chase Zeien.

Gold Medal Recipients: Matthew Avila, Scarlette Ellwanger, Kelton Pacheco, Ainsley Pollard, and Molly Shipton

Volunteer Awards

Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame

Donated by: Illinois 4-H Foundation
Recipient: Paul Zeien, Jr.

Krieg-Manring 4-H Angel Award

Donated by: Krieg & Manring Families in memory of Victor & Mildred Krieg and Helen Manring
Recipient: Scott and Donna Gill

Volunteer Recognition Service Awards

One Year of Service: Kasey Baker, Stephanie Clevenz, Toni Gabriel, Erin Gustafson, Paige Hardy, Devan Rabe, Theresa Schober-Worley, Ella Thome, and Lori Walton

Five Years of Service: Heather Brickweg, Maren Reid, and Marcy Stark

Ten Years of Service: Dawn McCoy and Sarah Shanks

Twenty Years of Service: Scot Sell

Boone County Project Honor Awards

Sponsored by: Boone County 4-H Federation
An (*) denotes a certificate winner

Blake Amundson: Horses*
Matthew Avila: Dairy*, Visual Arts*
Timothy Avila: Achievement*, Visual Arts*, Wood Science
Lily Becker: Achievement*, Horses, Visual Arts*
Josie Bye: Horses*
William Ellingson: Achievement*, Horses*
Scarlette Ellwanger: Clothing & Textiles*, Food & Nutrition*, Gardening & Horticulture, Pets, Technology & Engineering, Visual Arts*
Alyssa Gilmore: Achievement*, Rabbits*, Visual Arts*
Noah Graves: Achievement*, Beef*, Swine
Payson Graves: Achievement*, Beef*, Swine
Poppy Orlove: Achievement, Dogs, Horses
Kelton Pacheco: Achievement
Ainsley Pollard: Achievement*, Communications, Dairy*, Performing Arts, Public Speaking*, Sheep*, Veterinary Science*
Charlotte Pollard: Achievement*, Dairy*, Sheep*, Veterinary Science
Cheyanne Semonich: Horses*
Natalie Shott: Achievement*, Swine*
Megan Walberg: Achievement*, Sheep*
Owen Walberg: Achievement*, Sheep*
Eli Ward: Achievement*, Horses*
Lydia Ward: Achievement*, Horses*, Gardening & Horticulture
Koralyn Wick: Achievement, Dairy*, Visual Arts
Annie Zeien: Achievement, Beef, Food & Nutrition*
Chase Zeien: Achievement, Beef, Gardening & Horticulture

2026 4-H Cloverbud Graduates

Jaxon Baker
Ella Berg
Logan Bruch
Peighton Carlson
Finleigh Drennen
Logan Edwards
Madelyn Franseen
Morgan Gustafson
Dawson Kirk
Lily Lee
Savannah Lockert
Bennett Maynard
Elizabeth Morgan
Bo Slater
Rayne Sweeney