



4-H Recognition Program 2025 Deadlines & Information Rock Island County

These applications are based on the 2024-2025 4-H year.

DEADLINE	AWARD(S) NAME	DETAILS
September 10, 2025	Holstein-Friesian Association Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Members must be enrolled in the Dairy project and exhibit Holstein dairy animals at the county 4-H show.
September 10, 2025	Illinois 4-H Electricity Achievement Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application All 4-H'ers enrolled in the 4-H Electricity Project are eligible to apply. (All ages) You may not apply for this award if you have already received it.
September 15, 2025	Officer Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Club Secretary Outstanding Club Treasurer Outstanding Club Reporter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretary Book can be found here. The Treasures Book can be found here. (Include a copy of your monthly/quarterly bank statements.) Outstanding Club Reporter – Is selected by who submits the highest number of club reports to the 4-H Newsletter. Extra Points may be given for club articles published in different media outlets (i.e., local newspapers, Facebook...) and photos submitted.
September 20, 2025	Illinois 4-H Club Award Applications	Paper Submission: to County 4-H Office by Club Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Tutorial Video
October 1, 2025	Volunteer Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer of the Year Lifetime Volunteer 4-H Alumni Award Friend of 4-H Award 	Electronic Submission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Calling all 4-H Members, Families, Alumni, and Community Members. If you know of an outstanding volunteer needing recognition, please fill out the application. Friend of 4-H Award – You can nominate a group/business or an individual for this award.
October 1, 2025	Rock Island County Club of the Year Award	Electronic Submission by Club Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Winning club will receive a pizza party!

October 1, 2025	Outstanding 4-H Growth Award	<p><i>Electronic Submission</i> by Club Leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Leaders (ONLY) nominate 4-H members ages 9 - 13 as of 9/1/2023. Leaders may nominate as many members as they would like, but the final decision will be made by the Extension staff if more than one nominee is submitted in the same area. (One winner per project area) • Leaders, please fill out this application by clicking here
October 1, 2025	Record Book Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock • General Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print off your Z-Suite Record Book and submit it to the office. • Link to Z-Suite: https://4h.zsuite.org/ • If you filled out the paper version of the Livestock Record Book, that can be submitted as well. • For all age 4-H members
October 1, 2025	I Dare You Award	<p><i>Electronic Submission</i> by 4-H member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application • To apply for this award, you must be a 4-H member, 16 years of age and older, or at least a high school sophomore. • If selected for this award, you have the opportunity to attend National Leadership Summer Conference in Shelby, Michigan. • Check out this website to learn more about the conference.
October 1, 2025	4-H Experience Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application (Scroll down to the bottom of this webpage to find and download the application.) • A tip sheet, scoring help, and examples can be found here. (Scroll to the bottom of this webpage. • For all age 4-H members • 2023 – Please note that several changes have been made to this application.

November 1, 2025	Illinois 4-H Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Science • Civic Engagement/Global Living • Creative Performing Arts & Communication • Gardening, Agriculture & Food Access • Healthy Living/Nutrition • Leadership • Natural Resources & Environmental Science • Personal Growth • STEM/Robotics 	<i>Electronic Submission</i> by 4-H member (15-19 as of 9/1/23) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application • Upload a 1-2 min video “Telling Your 4-H Story” • Recommendation Form (Two of these will be needed. Please feel free to ask Extension staff.) • Tutorial Video
November 1, 2025	Sustaining the Future Award <i>sponsor- Illinois Farm Bureau</i>	<i>Electronic submission</i> by 4-H member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application • Premier 20 Flier- <i>Winners get invitation</i> • Illinois 4-H Sustaining the Future Award (This provides great information about this award. If you are a 4-H member who has exemplified outstanding leadership within the AG industry, this is for YOU!) • Promotional Video
March 3, 2026	Experience & Excel Awards	All award notifications sent to 4-H staff and applicants
April 10, 2025		State 4-H Recognition Event (by invitation for scholarship recipients)