

Special County Awards

Ogle County 4-H



Updated: August 2026

Awards Due: September 15, 4:30 p.m.

County Project Honor Awards

An unlimited number of awards given to all 4-Hers who obtain a score of 30 or greater on the blue County Project Honor Award and Experience Award Application (20 or greater for the 8-11 years old). 4-Hers may only be recognized in one project area annually. The award consists of a plaque and silver/gold discs. Record Recognition will be awarded to all youth who submitted record books. Cloverbud members must receive a score of 40 or higher on the Cloverbud Project Honor Award Application. Sponsored by Ogle County Extension Office.

Outstanding Club Officer Awards

One award will be given to the top club officer in each of the following club officer positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Reporter, and Recreation Chairman.

Ogle County 4-H Foundation Award

A \$50 cash award given to an outstanding 4-Her who has shown leadership, a willingness to help with activities, and has served as a positive example to younger members. Selected from those individuals submitting a 4-H Foundation/Co-Op Watch Award Application and submitted the County Project Honor application.

Co-op Watch Awards

The Co-op Watch Award is intended to honor 4-Hers, ages 15-18 by September 1 of the 4-H award year, for outstanding leadership involvement at the club level, as well as at the county level and beyond. A maximum of two awards can be given annually and are sponsored by Ogle County Farm Bureau and its affiliates.

Ogle County 4-H Horse Drill Team Traveling Horse Award

Traveling trophy recognizing one county 4-Her for an outstanding horse project year. Selected from youth enrolled in the Horse project and submit a special award application. The winner demonstrates commitment to the 4-H mission in the horse project by detailing how they improved or achieved something related to "Head, Heart, Hands, and Health." Sponsored by the Ogle County 4-H Horse Drill Team.

Outstanding 4-H Leader Team Awards

The award for the Outstanding 4-H Leader Team is given to one club's leaders each year. The award is intended to recognize club leaders for outstanding efforts to work together to effectively meet the needs of and coordinate the work of their club. Members, parents, and even leaders can make nominations each September using a special form provided by the Extension Office. Leader teams cannot receive this award in consecutive years.



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Club-of-the-Year

Sponsored by 4-H Federation, Club-of-the-Year goes to the club that received the most participation points throughout the year, and met the following standards: selected a theme or area of emphasis for the 4-H year; established goals for the 4-H year; submitted a club calendar containing program information; and qualified as an Ogle County 4-H Honor Club.

4-H Honor Clubs

Certificates awarded to clubs who have met a minimum of 8 out of 11 standards set by the State 4-H Office. Based on information submitted on the 4-H Club Record Form.

National 4-H Week Window Display Award

Club-of-The-Year points will be given to the all participating clubs in the National 4-H Week Window Display Contest. Winning Club will receive a club party.

Award Due: October 1, 4:30 p.m. - to State 4-H Office

Illinois 4-H Club Award Application

\$75 Cash Award for clubs who Excel in their work in one (or more) of these 3 areas: Community Service, Leadership, Project Mastery. Application must receive at least 90 points in order to be recognized. Sponsored by Illinois 4-H Foundation.

Award Due: November 1, 4:30 p.m. - to State 4-H Office

Experience Award Application

The Experience Award offers recognition for members who participate in activities and events. There are always lots of activities you can do as a 4-H member ranging from club to national events. The application will document outstanding educational programming at the state level in the following areas: Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning. Sponsored by Illinois 4-H Foundation.

Illinois 4-H Scholarship

This award recognizes youth who have demonstrated and maintained a high standard of 4-H excellence and mastery during their membership tenure. Scholarships are \$1,000 and can be used to pay for any college-related costs. Members must be 15-19 years old, be currently enrolled in the Illinois 4-H program, and must have been a 4-H member for a minimum of 2 years. Sponsored by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

Illinois 4-H Sustaining the Future Award

The Illinois 4-H Sustaining the Future Award was created to recognize 4-H members who have exemplified outstanding leadership within the agricultural industry. Sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and Affiliate Companies

Superior Young Producer Scholarship

The program is sponsored by the Illinois State Fair. Three \$1,000 scholarships are awarded each year in dairy; and nine scholarships are distributed among beef, sheep and swine project members. Contests are held during the Illinois State Fair. Members must compete in 3 to 4 individual segments that include: management test, skill-a-thon, judging contest, and/or meat identification or testing. Contestants must be 14 - 18 years of age to compete.