

Livingston County 4-H

Recognition for Excellence



Guidelines for Applying for Awards

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Record Book Award

Record Book Awards will be given to members who turn in COMPLETED record books. Awards will be given by 4-H Age for members 8-18.

Record book must meet the following criteria

- Include Project Plans for each area
- Include the My 4-H Activities Sheet
- Be arranged in a neat and organized manner

Outstanding First Year Member Awards

Background

- To encourage first year 4-H members to complete project plans and project reports and keep track of 4-H involvement.
- **Criteria**
- Must be first year 4-H member.

Application Procedure

- Information Cover Sheet
- Complete First Year Member Award Application (Next Page)
- **Do not** include additional pictures, newspaper clippings, project outlines, etc.
- Neatness, grammar and spelling will be considered

I Dare You Award

Background

- Mr. William H. Danforth, founder of the American Youth Foundation, was a successful businessman who lived 85 full years practicing his philosophy of Stand Tall, Think Tall, Smile Tall and Live Tall each day. He challenges young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through their lives of leadership and service. In his book, Mr. Danforth encourages the owner to pass the book along to ten friends after they have read it to encourage them also to reach their highest potential.

Criteria

- 4-H member should demonstrate evidence of outstanding leadership, scholarship, athletics and religious service
- Must be a high school Junior or Senior
- Members may receive this award only once in their 4-H career
- Up to 2 awards may be presented each year

Application Procedure

- To apply for the I Dare You Award, submit the following to the Extension office by September 15 by 4:30 p.m.
- Information Cover Sheet
- Nomination from a 4-H Leader.

Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond, Emerald Experience Award

Open to all 4-H youth ages 8-18. Must follow the State 4-H instructions and application (found on our website) and submit to the Livingston Extension Office by 4:30p.m. on September 15, 2020.

County Treasurer Award

Background

- The office of Treasurer carries the responsibility of accurate handling and accounting of the funds of the 4-H club. The top club treasurer is recognized each year at the county level.

Criteria

- Selection of the top treasurer for the year is based on the completeness and accuracy of the record, neatness, number of transactions and having all required signatures. Don't forget to complete the 4-H Club Inventory in the Treasurer's Book. Include items such as flags, gavel, etc.
- Treasurer books must be audited and signed by a member of the club other than the Treasurer, a parent, and a leader.

Application Procedure

- To apply for the Treasurer of the Year Award, submit the following to the Extension office by the September 15 4:30 p.m. deadline.
- 4-H Treasurer's book
- Neatness, grammar and spelling will be considered

County Secretary Award

Background

- The responsibility of the office of Secretary requires accurate recording of the minutes of the club meeting and attendance. It may also include recording member participation and business correspondence. The top club secretary is recognized each year at the county level.

Criteria

- Selection is based on completeness of the book including member attendance, officers, committees and minutes of all meetings.

Application Procedure

- To apply for the Secretary of the Year Award, the following items need to be submitted to the Extension office by the September 15 4:30 p.m. deadline.
- 4-H Secretary's book
- Neatness, grammar and spelling will be considered

County Reporter Award

Background

The duties of club reporter including writing interesting and accurate reports of the club meetings and special club activities and sending them to the local newspaper. This helps to keep the local community informed of 4-H activities. The top club reporter is recognized each year at the county level.

Criteria

- Selection is based on number and quality of news articles submitted to the local paper.
- Number and quality of the Meeting Reports that are returned to the Extension office in a timely manner.

Application Procedure

- To apply for the County Reporter Award, the following items need to be submitted to the Extension office by the September 15 4:30 p.m. deadline.
- Submit a notebook or scrapbook containing activities and information on the club's 4-H activities for the year.
- Neatness and completeness are considered

County Historian Award

Background

The duties of club historian include collecting and recording club activities and achievements in a scrapbook. This helps to keep the club's history recorded for future members and to keep them informed of past 4-H activities. The top club historian is recognized each year at the county level.

Criteria

- Selection is based on number and quality of articles selected for inclusion in the book

Application Procedure

- To apply for the County Historian Award, the following items need to be submitted to the Extension office by the September 15 4:30 p.m. deadline.
- Submit a notebook or scrapbook containing activities and information on the club's 4-H activities for the year.
- Neatness and completeness are considered

Club of the Year Award

For the 2019-2020 4-H year, we are asking club leaders to fill out the State 4-H Club of the year application, which can be found on our website. Turn this completed form into your local Extension Office, or via your club's Box file link by 4:30 p.m. on September 15, 2020.

Club Community Service Award

Background

- Each year, 4-H clubs identify needs within their community and carry out projects that benefit the community and residents within the community. Outstanding clubs are recognized for their efforts in this area.

Criteria

- Clubs must conduct community service projects within their community.
- Awards will be selected based on number/variety of service projects (did service projects fill a need in the community?), percent of club members participating in service projects, neatness and completeness of application.

Application Procedure

- To apply for the Community Service Awards, the following items need to be submitted to the Extension office by the September 15 4:30 p.m. deadline.
- One Community Service Award application should be submitted for the entire club.
- Submit a notebook or outline of community service projects including information on the need in the community, specific information regarding the service project (what was done, who helped, and how it contributed to the community).
- Include any pictures or newspaper articles related to the community service project (although helpful, pictures or articles are not required).

County Project Award Medals & Blue Awards

Background

4-H project and award medals are awarded on the basis of outstanding effort toward accomplishing the objectives of the individual award programs. Members can receive a medal for an award area only once. After receiving a medal, members receive a Blue Award each year they continue to show outstanding effort in that award area. Medal winners are determined on the basis of a cumulative project record in the award area. The number of medals awarded in each area is determined by project enrollment.

Award areas include:

Achievement – Includes all work done in all project areas throughout 4-H career. **This should be applied for ONLY if you have been in 4-H for three years. Open to those on the county level 11-18 years of age. Those members who are between the ages of 15 and 18 may go on to apply for the Illinois State Award. ***Because this application is a fillable PDF document, please contact the office for the application link to be sent. *****

Please apply for the awards below using the following application.

Animal Science – Includes Beef, Cat, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse & Pony, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Small Pets, Swine, Veterinary Science, and any related county projects.

Community Involvement & Global Awareness – Includes Intercultural and any related county projects.

Environment & Natural Resources – Includes Natural Resources, Entomology, Forestry, Geology and any related county projects.

Food, Nutrition & Health – Includes all Foods & Nutrition projects, Health and any related county projects.

Home & Family – Includes Child Development, Clothing, Consumer Education, Interior Design and any related county projects.

Engineering & Technology – Includes Aerospace, Bicycle, Computer, Electricity, Robotics, Small Engines, Tractor, Woodworking, and any related county projects.

Personal Development – Includes Communication, Photography, Video/Filmmaking, Visual Arts, Leadership, Theater Arts, and any related county projects.

Plants & Soils – Includes Plant & Soil Science, Crops & Soils, Horticulture, Floriculture, and any related county projects.

Award Criteria

- Must have been enrolled in project area for one year with the exception of the Achievement Award. See above.
- Must be currently enrolled in the project
- Must show continued growth in project area

Application Procedure

- To apply for a county medal or Blue Award, the following items need to be submitted to the Extension office by September 15 by 4:30 p.m.
- Information Cover Sheet
- County Award Application.
- Neatness, grammar and spelling will be considered.

