



Extension Colleagues:

A few notes about the attached “SAMPLE Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application”.....

- The intention of this application is to provide you with a sampling of IDEAS as to the type of item/event/activity that can be included in each one of the boxes AND the format in which we wish information to be included.
- For the actual application, 4-H members should NOT be expected to complete ALL boxes!! They more than likely will not be completing even half of the boxes. Please share that with your 4-H volunteers and members. The object is not to fill in everything; it is to keep track of what the member did experience this past year.

We hope that the “Tips” sheet and this sample application will make is easier for you and your 4-H members to work through this new application.





# MY EXPERIENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Legal Name SAMPLE APPLICATION w/ Examples in ALL boxes!!

Name You Wish to Use for Publicity \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

County of 4-H Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

## Verification Statements

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I personally have prepared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my work.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I personally reviewed this application and certify that it accurately reflects the member's work

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I personally reviewed this application and certify that it accurately reflects the member's work

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Extension Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed this application and believe it accurately reflects the member's work and approve it for state competition.

I am submitting my application for the following award. *(Check only one level.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Bronze Clover

\_\_\_\_\_ Silver Clover

\_\_\_\_\_ Gold Clover

\_\_\_\_\_ Diamond Clover *(Check only one dimension.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Community Service

\_\_\_\_\_ Leadership

\_\_\_\_\_ Project Learning

\_\_\_\_\_ Emerald Clover *(Check only one dimension.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Community Service

\_\_\_\_\_ Leadership

\_\_\_\_\_ Project Learning

# PARTICIPATION DIMENSION

Place an "x" prior to each Experience that you have had this past 4-H program year (September 1 through August 31). Then provide information to verify your selection of this statement. (i.e. Dates of club meetings, Name of the event attended, names of service activities, etc.) Be brief! If a date or event is used in one box, it cannot be used in any other box on the form. In boxes with multiple levels noted, circle the level of the event noted. ALL items must be 4-H related unless noted otherwise.

CHECK	LEVEL	EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
	CLUB	Attended at least five 4-H club meetings or program sessions	9/27/17; 10/25/17; 11/29/17/1/24/18; 2/28/18
	CLUB	Attended at least five 4-H club meetings or program sessions for two or more years	9/28/16; 10/26/16; 11/30/16; 1/25/17; 2/22/17
	COUNTY	Participated in one county 4-H activity or event	4-H Olympics, 6/14/18
	COUNTY	Participated in two to four county 4-H activities or events (Cannot include the same event as item above.)	Officers Training, 10/6/17; Arts Workshop, 11/11/17
	COUNTY	Participated in five or more county 4-H activities or events (Cannot include any event noted above.)	Sheep Workshop, 5/14/17; 2nd Arts Workshop, 2/16/18; Public Presentations Contest, 6/12/18; Federation Camp-out, 7/13/18; Introduction to Photography Workshop, 3/18/18
	MULTI	Participated in at least one 4-H activity or event outside my county	Unit-wide Food Challenge Contest, 4/23/18
	MULTI	Participated in two to four 4-H activities or events outside my county. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	Western IL 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, 3/17/18; 4-H Fishing Camp, 9/23/17
	MULTI, INTERNAT.	Participated in five or more 4-H activities or events outside my county. (Cannot include any event noted above.)	4-H Shooting Sports Club Intro, 4/15/18; Regional Jr. Leaders Conf., 11/15/17; 4-H Multi-State Internat'l Host Family Retreat, 7/16-17/18; Unit 4-H Livestock Jdg Practice, 5/30/18; 4-H Robotics Contest, 3/16/17
	STAT	Participated in one state or national 4-H activity or event	Jr. Leadership Conference, 2/24-25/2017
	STATE	Participated in two to four or state or national activities or events. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	Illini Summer Academies, 6/2018; State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, 6/2018
	NATIONAL,	Participated in five or more state or national 4-H activities or events. (Cannot include any event noted above.)	Natl 4-H Livestock Jdg, 11/2017; 4-H Livestock Jdg Invitational 8/2018; 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest, 8/2018; Natl 4-H Conference, 4/2018; Natl 4-H Congress, 11/2017
	INTERNAT.	Hosted an international 4-H guest	4-H Host family for Miko Hung, 7/2018
	INTERNAT.	Traveled internationally as part of a 4-H group	4-H Exchange Trip to Ottawa, Canada, 8/2018

# COMMUNITY SERVICE DIMENSION

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CHECK	LEVEL	EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
	CLUB	Participated in a group service activity organized by my 4-H club	Made Premie blankets, 11/2017
	CLUB	Participated in three or more group service activities organized by my 4-H club. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	Made cancer caps, 9/2017; Collected pop top tabs for ronald McDonald House, 12/2017; Served lunch @ men's shelter, 3/12/2018
	COUNTY	Participated in a group service activity organized by my county 4-H program	Food Drive collection, 10/12/2017
	COUNTY	Participated in three or more group service activities organized by my county 4-H program. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	Food Drive Collection #2, 11/14/2017; Food Packaging Event, 4/16/2018; Cleaned and painted at county fairgrounds, 6/30/2018
	MULTI	Participated in a group 4-H service activity organized beyond my county 4-H program	Unit 4-H Car Wash Day to raise funds for Food Pantry, 3/21/2018
	MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL	Participated in three or more group 4-H service activities organized beyond my county 4-H program. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	Food packaging event @ Jr. Leadership Conf., 2/2018; Collected food drive donations at 4-H Day @ Cardinals, 5/2018; Natl 4-H Day of Service - Humane Society Cleanup, 4/28/2018
	INDIVIDUAL	Participated in individual service activity – using project specific skills or knowledge from 4-H	Repaired elderly neighbor's fence (woodworking), 5/2018
	INDIVIDUAL	Participated in three or more individual service activities – using project specific skills or knowledge from 4-H. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	Fixed lawn mower & mowed elderly neighbor's yard (small engines), 6/2018; Baked & donated cakes to bake sale for American Cancer Society, 4/2018; Collected kitchen donations for tornado victims, 4/2018
	INDIVIDUAL	Participated as a 4-H representative in a service activity organized by another community organization or group	Wreaths across America event, 12/2017
	CLUB	Planned a group service activity for my 4-H club	Chairman, Caps for Cancer Committee, 12/2017-1/2018
	CLUB	Planned three or more group service activities for my 4-H club. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	Committees to plan: Clean toys @ Ronald McDonald House, 4/23/2018; Clean up trash @ 4-H ballpark, 5/25/2018; Painted mural on park building, 6/12/2018
	COUNTY	Planned a group 4-H service activity for my county 4-H program.	Committee for Food Packaging Event, 2/13/2018
	COUNTY	Planned three or more group 4-H service activities for my county 4-H program. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	Committees for Veteran's Day Flag Distribution, Nov. 2017; Memorial Day Flag Distribution, May, 2018; 4-H Federation School Supply donations, July/August 2018
	STATE,	Planned a group 4-H service activity beyond my county 4-H program.	Jr. Leadership Conf Food Packaging Event, 2/24/2018
	MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL	Planned three or more 4-H group service activities beyond my county 4-H program. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	Unit-wide 4-H Help Your Neighbor Event, 6/6/2018; Book donation Event for Natl 4-H Conference, 4/10/2018; Book donation event for 4-H exhibitors at IL State Fair, 8/2018

INDIVIDUAL	Planned an individual service activity – using project specific skills or knowledge from 4-H	Planned & held Bake Sale to raise funds for American Cancer Society, 5/23/2018
INDIVIDUAL	Planned three or more individual service activities using project specific skills or knowledge from 4-H. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	Planned & held for Am. Cancer Society - 2nd Bake Sale, 6/14/2018; Jump Rope-a-thon, 10/23/17; Woodworking Craft Sales, Nov/Dec 2017

## LEADERSHIP DIMENSION

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CHECK	LEVEL	EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
		<i>GENERAL LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Participated in a 4-H leadership program within my 4-H club	Leadership Activities @ club meeting, 6/17/2018
	COUNTY	Attended a 4-H leadership training or event in my county/unit	Day Camp Counselor Training, 6/6/2018
	STATE	Attended a 4-H leadership training or event at the state level	IL Teen Leadership Conference, 1/13-14/2018
	NATIONAL	Attended a 4-H leadership training or event at the national level	Healthy Living Summit, 2/23-25/2018
		<i>ADVISING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	COUNTY	Served as youth representative on a county/unit 4-H or Extension committee	Expansion & Review Committee Member, Sept 2017 - Aug 2018
	STATE	Served as 4-H youth representative with a statewide group or committee	Illini Summer Academies Planning Committee, Sept 2017 - June 2018
	NATIONAL	Served as 4-H youth representative with a national group or committee	Natl 4-H Congress Design Team, Jan 2018 - present
	INDIVIDUAL	Served as youth representative on a committee with adults as part of my school or another organization	Student Delegate to Principal's Advisory Board, Sept 2017 - May 2018
		<i>ADVOCATING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	COUNTY	Participated in 4-H peer group that promoted a specific change in my community	Technology Teen Teachers promote introduction to after school activities, July 2018
	COUNTY	Participated in group of adults (beyond my 4-H leader) and peers that promoted a specific change in my community	Federation & Park District promoting fitness trails for healthy community activity, May - Sept 2018
	COUNTY	Collected data related to an issue in my community	4-H club surveyed community members for support of new park, Sept 2017
	COUNTY	Conducted assessment of community needs	4-H advocate team - needs assessment for community, 1/'18
	COUNTY	Made a presentation on a community issue to a group, target audience or the media	Ag in Classroom Teen Teachers presentation to school board, March 2018
	COUNTY	Implement action to make a positive change on an issue in my community	Co. Ambassador Team secured funding & approval to build disc golf park, Sept-Oct 2017
	<b>STATE</b>	Collaborated with groups outside my 4-H community on an issue with local <u>and</u> state/national/global importance (Could be a non-4-H group)	Participated in statewide Healthy Living summit w/ other groups on opioid crisis, 2018

CHECK	LEVEL	EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
		<i>PLANNING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Served on a committee in my club to plan an event or program	Club Tour committee - Local Dairy Goat Farm, 6/7/2018
	CLUB	Served as an officer for my club	Club Vice-President, 10/2017 - 8/2018
	COUNTY	Planned an event for other 4-Hers in my county/ community	4-H Federation Dance Committee, Dec 2017 - Feb 2018
	MULTI-COUNTY	Served on a committee to plan a multi-county 4-H event or program	Unit Food Drive Collection Committee, Sept - Nov 2017
	STATE	Served on a state event planning committee	State Robotics Challenge Design Committee, Sept 2017 - April 2018
	NATIONAL	Served on a national event planning committee	Natl 4-H Conference Youth Leadership Team, Sept 2017 - April 2018
	INDIVIDUAL	Helped plan a non-4-H event in my community	Planned Church Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner, March/April 2018
	INDIVIDUAL	Held a leadership position in another group or organization (e.g. student council)	Basketball Team Captain, Nov 2017 - Feb 2018
		<i>PROMOTING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Recruited a new 4-H member for my club	Betsy Moo, started 10/14/2017
	CLUB	Recruited a non-4-H member to attend a 4-H-sponsored event	Karen Caring, 4-H Camp, 6/12-16/2018
	STATE	Attended training to deepen my understanding of 4-H	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, 11/18/2018
	INDIVIDUAL	Developed a presentation to tell others about 4-H	Speech Class - "Why I Joined 4-H", Nov 2017
	STATE	Delivered presentation created by someone else to promote 4-H	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Trainer, 2/10/2018
	STATE	Visited Illinois legislators or other stakeholder group to tell my 4-H story	Legislative Connection, 4/25-26/2018
	COUNTY	Facilitated an activity at a booth or event that promotes 4-H	National 4-H Youth Science Day activity @ Eagle Creek Mall, 10/6/2017
		<i>MENTORING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Served as a 4-H project mentor (i.e. Jr. Leader) in my club	Jr. Leader, Foods, Sept 2017 - Aug 2018
	CLUB	Served as a 4-H Buddy in my 4-H club	Susan & Ged Hampton, Oct 2017 - Aug 2018
	MULTI	Attended specific training on how to be a mentor	4-H Tech Wizard Mentor Training, Feb 2018

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CHECK	LEVEL	EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
	COUNTY	Served as a mentor to a group of youth as part of a 4-H program or day camp	4-H Tech Wizards Summer Day Camps, June/July 2018
	MULTI	Served as an overnight camp counselor	Southern Illinois 4-H Camp Counselor, 6/4-9/2018
	INDIVIDUAL	Served as an assigned mentor to another youth as part of program outside of 4-H	Served as High School Mentor to Jr. High youth @ Boys & Girls Club, Sept 2017 - Aug 2018
		<i>TEACHING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	COUNTY	Selected activities from a curriculum to teach to others	Ag in Classroom Teen Teacher, March - April 2018
	MULTI	Designed activities to teach a content area to others	Leadership Day Camp, Team-building Activities, 6/27/2018
	COUNTY	Planned a 4-H workshop to teach a skill to others	Planned basic woodworking workshop for local 4-H SPIN club, 11/2/2018
	MULTI	Led a 4-H workshop to teach a skill to others	Led a workshop on Ensuring Food Safety @ the Regional Food Challenge Contest, 6/14/2018
	COUNTY	Served as lead facilitator for a 4-H workshop to teach a skill to others	Coordinated Food Safety Workshop at county Learn & Share Day, 1/15/2018
	COUNTY	Taught a sequence of lessons to a 4-H audience	4-H Environmental Studies Teen Teacher, 6 sessions, June/July 2018
	INDIVIDUAL	Taught a sequence of lessons to a group outside of 4-H	
	COUNTY	Assessed a group I taught to see what they learned	

## MASTERY PROJECT DIMENSION

Place an "x" prior to each Mastery Experience that you have had this past 4-H program year (September 1 through August 31). Then provide information to verify your selection of this statement. (i.e. Dates of club meetings, Name of the event attended, names of mastery activities, etc.) Be brief! If a date or event is used in one box, it cannot be used in any other box on the form. In boxes with multiple levels noted, circle the level of the event noted. ALL items must be 4-H related unless noted otherwise.

CHECK	LEVEL	EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
	INDIVIDUAL	Completed three activities in a 4-H project book as part of my project learning experience	Adventures in Diversity Project - Activities #4.1; #4.3; & #5.1, Nov 2017 - April 2018
	CLUB	Participated in a 4-H group learning experiences with my club related to a project area	Foods Project Session, 11/6/2018



CHECK	LEVEL	EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
	CLUB	Participated in at least five 4-H group learning experiences with my club related to a project area. (Cannot include same event as previous item.)	Foods Project Sessions - 1/26/18; 3/16/2018; 5/19/2018 Woodworking Project Session - 11/15/2017 Diversity Project Session - 1/6/2018
	INDIVIDUAL	Enrolled in a 4-H project area for more than one year	Foods - 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018
	CLUB	Made a presentation/demonstration about a project that informed others in my club	Demonstration - Types of Sandpaper, 11/10/2017
	CLUB	Went on a 4-H club fieldtrip or tour related to my project area	Toured local bakery & restaurant for Foods Project, 4/28/2018
	CLUB	Designed and taught a 4-H learning experience for others related to my project area in my club	Adapted activity from Adventures w/ diversity Project, Taught 3/24/2018
	CLUB	Participated in a 4-H club service activity using skills or knowledge related to my project area	Cooked a meal for local men's shelter (Foods), 1/3/2018
	CLUB	Planned a 4-H club service activity using skills or knowledge related to my project area	Chair of committee to plan holiday dinner (Foods) for local men's shelter, Nov-Dec 2018
	COUNTY	Participated in a county 4-H workshop or other learning opportunity related to my project	International Night Program (Adv. in Diversity), 2/12/2018
	COUNTY	Made a presentation/demonstration about a 4-H project that informed others in my county	Presentation to 4-H Federation & Ambassadors on Preparing to Speak to a Legislator (Public Presentations), 3/22/2018
	COUNTY	Went on a county 4-H fieldtrip or tour related to my project area	4-H Federation Tour to John Deere Headquarters in Moline, 6/18/2018
	COUNTY	Participated in a 4-H competition or exhibit experience related to my project area in my county	County 4-H Show - Foods & Woodworking exhibits, July 2018
	COUNTY	Designed and taught a 4-H learning experience for other related to my project area in my county	Woodworking Safety Workshop @ County-wide 4-H Day Camp, 7/23/2018
	MULTI	Participated in a 4-H workshop or other learning opportunity beyond my county related to my 4-H project	Unit 4-H Tractor School, Jan/Feb 2018
	STATE	Made a presentation/demonstration about a project that informed others beyond my county 4-H program	State Fair Action display on Woodworking Techniques, 8/12/2018
	MULTI	Went on a 4-H fieldtrip or tour related to my 4-H project area beyond my county related to my project	Southern Illinois 4-H Tour to Purina in St. Louis (Small Pets), 7/22/2018
	STATE	Participate in a 4-H competition or exhibit experience related to my 4-H project area beyond my county	State Fair Foods Exhibit, 8/13/2018
	STATE	Designed and taught a 4-H learning experience for others related to my 4-H project area beyond my county	Video 360 Workshop presented at State Robotics Competition, 4/21/2018
	NATIONAL	Participated in a 4-H service activity using skills or knowledge related to my 4-H project area beyond my county	4-H Day of Service Food Packaging Event in Southern Illinois, 4/28/2018 (Foods)
	MULTI	Planned a 4-H service activity using skills or knowledge related to my 4-H project areas beyond my county	Planned Unit-wide Lawn Mower Repair program; recruited 6 other older 4-H members to assist in 3 economically-challenged locations throughout Unit, 3/31/2018
	INDIVIDUAL	Participated in an individual apprenticeship, job shadow experience or other career exploration activity related to my project area	Shadowed owner of local bakery several time over 6 month period, Dec, 2017 - May 2018

# MY SCORE

DIMENSION	COLUMN A <i># of club / individual experiences</i>	COLUMN B <i># of county experiences</i>	COLUMN C <i># of multi-county/regional experiences</i>	COLUMN D <i># of state/national experiences</i>	TOTAL PER ROW
PARTICIPATION					
COMMUNITY SERVICE					
LEADERSHIP					
PROJECT LEARNING					
TOTAL PER COLUMN					

*(All applications are reviewed. Members should not assume that the way s/he views the experience is the same way a reviewer may see it. )*

**Did you complete at least 1 experience in each row?**

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES, You are on track for a **BRONZE CLOVER AWARD**

**Did you complete at least 2 experiences in each row? AND**

**Did you have at least 2 of those experiences in columns B, C or D?**

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES, You are on track for a **SILVER CLOVER AWARD**

**Did you complete at least 4 experiences in each row? AND**

**Did you have at least 2 of those experiences in columns C or D?**

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES, You are on track for a **GOLD CLOVER AWARD**

**Did you complete at least 6 experiences in one row? AND**

**Did you have at least 4 of those experiences in columns C or D?**

*(You CANNOT count Participation Activities for this award)*

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES, You are on track for a **DIAMOND CLOVER AWARD**

**Did you complete at least 8 experiences in one row? AND**

**Did you have at least 4 of those experiences in columns C or D? AND**

**Did you have at least 2 of those experiences in column D?**

*(You CANNOT count Participation Activities for this award)*

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES, You are on track for an **EMERALD CLOVER AWARD**