



CLARK COUNTY 4-H RECORDS/AWARD GUIDE

Record-keeping is an important part of 4-H. By completing records of what you have learned and accomplished during your year and the 4-H Fair. Your member portfolio shows your growth through your entire 4-H career. You have done the work, now let's work on getting rewarded for those accomplishments! Records are available online, at the Clark County Extension Office, or on our website – <https://extension.illinois.edu/cce/4-h-clark-county> or from your 4-H Leader.

Follow these easy steps to complete your records:

1. **RECOMMENDED-** Fill out the **"Clark County 4-H Member Portfolio"**. This will serve as a permanent record throughout the 4-H'er's career, showing ALL of your involvement in 4-H and community activities. *This record REALLY helps when you are older and filling out college applications and scholarships!*
2. **REQUIRED YEARLY-** Fill out the **"4-H Experience Checklist"**. All of this information you will have after completing your Member Portfolio. It's that EASY! This is what is required for any recognition at Achievement Night.
3. Submit the above records to your 4-H Leader, the date to be announced each year. Applications must be signed by the 4-H'er, parent/guardian, and 4-H Leader before being turned into the Extension Office.

Award Opportunities at the 4-H Fair

County Project award/banner- banners or awards are donated by local businesses, individuals, and county leaders' organizations to be presented to 4-Hers showing outstanding project work. Livestock projects are given banners to Grand and Reserve Champions. General projects are given an award who projects are selected as top exhibits in several general project areas.

Outstanding Electricity Award- The Energy Education Council presents a plaque to the 4-H'er showing the most work in their electricity project during the current year.

Herdsmen Award- superintendents in the area of beef/dairy, sheep, swine, horse, rabbits, goats, and poultry will select one 4-H'er as the recipient of the Herdsmen Award for their species. The award will be based on the Neat Pen and Show Box or supplies, keeping animals presentable, helpful attitude, and general helpfulness in the barn and arena. The award will be presented before the Livestock Auction.

Award Opportunities on the County Level

Achievement Banner- Given to 4-H'er at the completion of the first year. This is where you keep your yearly pins, project pins to collect during your 4-H career.

4-H Experience Award- given to 4-H'ers – Given to 4-H'ers in the following categories: The Bronze Clover Award is the first level of recognition during the PAST YEAR. These 4-H'ers have accomplished at least one experience in each of these four areas: Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning. The Silver Clover Award is the second level of recognition for 4-H'ers during the PAST YEAR. These 4-H'ers have accomplished at least two experiences in each of the four areas. The requirements to achieve the Gold Award are to complete four experiences in each dimension with at least two of those BEYOND the county level.

Inspire Award- 4-H'ers (14 and older) are selected because of the difference they have made in their club, county, and community by demonstrating leadership qualities and participating in community service activities. Two 4-H'ers per club are selected by club leaders, each year and may only receive this award one time.

Outstanding 4-H Member Award- This award is given to 4-H'ers (13 and younger) who has dedicated their 4-H year through their dedication, leadership, and hard work at the club and county level. Two 4-H'ers per club are selected each year by club leaders and may only receive one time.

10 & 11 Year 4-H Member Award- This award is given to honor all 10 and 11-year 4-H members to recognize their dedication and achievement throughout their 4-H career.

Completion Member Award- A special 4-H is given to each completion member during 4-H Achievement Night. These members are also recognized at the 4-H Fair. All 4-H members who are aging (10 & 11-year members) out of the 4-H program are eligible.

4-H Foundation Scholarship- 4-H'ers currently in the 12th grade or above can apply for one of the five \$750 scholarships provided by the Clark County 4-H Foundation. Members must have been in 4-H for the past five years and exhibited at the most current 4-H Fair. Applications are due by October 1.

Livestock Records on the animals you have shown. An award will be given for the best Livestock Record.

Crops Records on the crops you have shown. An award will be given for the best Crops Record.

Award Opportunities at the State 4-H Level

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>

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What do the Ribbons mean at the Fair?

The judging process has two phases. The first part is non-competitive, and everyone receives a ribbon/rating based on their own project's individual merits. A blue ribbon means the project met the standards; a red ribbon means the project met most of the standards but needed some improvement, and a white ribbon means the project did not meet the standards and needs much improvement. A participation ribbon will be given if a project is entered late or doesn't follow the exhibit requirements stated in the fair book.

The second phase of judging is the competitive phase. In the competitive phase, projects are judged against each other. A class champion ribbon means that project was the best in its class. A Champion ribbon means it was the best overall project in a class or group of classes. A Reserve Champion ribbon means it was the second-best overall project in a class or group of classes. A State Fair Delegate ribbon means that this project was selected to represent Clark County at the Illinois State Fair. A State Fair Alternate ribbon means that the project can go to the Illinois State Fair if the selected delegate chooses not to participate.

Please call the Clark County Extension Office at 217-826-5422 if you need additional information. We can help you out!



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4- H Experience Checklist

NAME _____ CLUB _____

	List Details - Must be filled out to qualify for awards.
<p><u>ACHIEVEMENT BANNER</u> First-year members only- must complete this portion</p>	Must attend 1 club meeting, list project shown at the Fair-
<p><u>BRONZE CLOVER AWARD</u> Selected a project and show at the 4-H Fair.</p>	What project areas did you complete and show? Example – (Cooking 101, swine, visual arts scrapbooking, etc.)
Attend at least 5 club meetings or activities -	How many meetings or activities did you attend -
Give a talk or demonstration.	Name of talk or demonstration and what month did you present -
List all community service activities you participated in:	Explain how you helped -
<p><u>SILVER CLOVER AWARD</u> List committees, offices, or leadership roles in your club or county.</p>	What Leadership role(s) did you serve -
Take part in a learning activity related to A member's project.	What activity or workshop did you attend -
Assist group leaders with a special activity, tour, or program.	What was the activity and how did you help -

<p><u>GOLD CLOVER AWARD</u> Participate in one or more county, regional, or state learning experiences.</p>	<p><i>What experience(s) did you attend and where was it located -</i></p>
<p>Provide leadership for a project or activity at the club or county level.</p>	<p><i>Explain what you did -</i></p>
<p>Assist in conducting an activity or program at the county level or beyond.</p>	<p><i>How did you assist -</i></p>

***This form must be complete yearly to receive any recognition/award/pins etc. for completion or at Achievement Night.**

****IF you have completely filled out Bronze, Silver and Gold, you should consider applying for the Illinois 4-H Experience Award for Individuals, found here: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>**

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.