

Bond County 4-H Award Opportunities



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Unit wide meeting/activity policy

Every enrolled 4-H member must attend a minimum of four 4-H sponsored meetings, activities, or events during the current 4-H year (September 1 - show day) in order to be eligible for 4-H exhibition, premiums, or other 4-H awards and recognition.

In order for 4-H members to be eligible for awards and recognition they must submit a Bond County 4-H Member Record (due October 15) or 4-H Cloverbud Member Record. Bond County 4-H Goal Sheets (due February 1) are highly encouraged.

Individual Awards

1. **Engage Recognition** – Recognizes all members of 4-H for their participation during a 4-H year.
2. **Experience Recognition** – Recognizes members who are involved in a diverse 4-H experiences (club, county, multi-county, state, national, and international levels). At the county level, members will submit the Bond County 4-H Member Record listing experiences in the following dimensions:

- Participation
- Project Learning
- Community Service
- Leadership

Eligible members may be asked to complete the My Illinois 4-H Experience Application for state level recognition. Recognition is based on meeting the requirements for each level as follows:

- Bronze Clover – 1 experience in each dimension
- Silver Clover – 2 experiences in each dimension; at least 2 at county level or beyond
- Gold Clover – 4 experiences in each dimension; at least 2 beyond the county level
- Diamond Clover – 6 or more experiences in one dimension; at least 4 beyond the county level
- Emerald Clover – 8 or more experiences in one dimension; at least 4 beyond the county level, plus at least 2 at state or national level

3. **Project/Activity and Livestock Awards** - Presented to members with remarkable scores on the Project Learning dimension of the Bond County 4-H Member Record. Additional recognition will be given to the top scoring member in each project/activity area. Livestock Exhibitors should also complete the Illinois 4-H Livestock Record. Livestock awards will be given under the Animal Science category.

Project Award Categories:

<i>Animal Sciences</i> Animal Science/Veterinary Science Beef, Cat, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Small Pets, Swine	<i>Civic Engagement</i> Civic Engagement, Service Learning, Collectibles, Exploratory, Family Heritage, Passport to the World, Diversity and Cultural Awareness
<i>Career & Leadership Development</i> Build Your Future, Entrepreneurship, My Financial Future, Leadership	<i>Healthy Living and Nutrition</i> Child Development, Cooking, Food Science, Sports Nutrition, Food Preservation, Health
<i>Creative Arts</i> Clothing, Communications, Creative Writing, Journalism, Public Speaking, Interior Design, Photography, Shopping in Style, Theatre Arts, Video, Visual Arts	<i>STEM</i> Aerospace, Bicycle, Computer Science, Electricity, Robotics, Small Engines, Technologies (Maker, ESports, UAV Systems: Drones), Tractor, Welding, Woodworking
<i>Environmental Sciences</i> Entomology, Beekeeping, Forestry, Geology, Exploring Your Environment, Natural Resources, Outdoor Adventures, Sportfishing, Wildlife, Weather, Shooting Sports	<i>Food Systems</i> Cover Crops, Crops, Floriculture, Plants & Soils, Vegetable Gardening

4. **Cloverbud Engage Recognition** – Recognizes all Cloverbud members who turn in a Bond County 4-H Cloverbud Member Record. Cloverbuds completing their final year will receive graduation recognition.

5. **1st, 5th, 10th, 11th Year Member Recognition** - Recognizes 1st, 5th, 10th & 11th year members who submit a Bond County 4-H Member Record. One member from each year may be recognized for an outstanding overall score.
6. **Alumni Awards** - Recognizes members who are completing their last year as a 4-H member and who submit a Bond County 4-H Member Record.
7. **Trip Assistance Awards** – Trip assistance vouchers will be awarded to members according to grade levels who score the highest on the Bond County 4-H Member Record. Members can receive this award only once in their 4-H career per trip. Trips include: Youth Livestock Conference, 4-H Camp, Illini Summer Academies, and Junior Leadership Conference. These awards are awarded on an annual basis pending available funds and/or trip cancellations from another source.
8. **National Leadership Award (I Dare You)** – Presented to members who are 15-18 years old or who have completed the 9th grade. The award is designed to recognize members who are climbing up the ladder of achievement and leadership responsibilities. The “I Dare You” title encourages youth to strive to be their best and to make a difference in the lives of others. A member can receive this award only once in their 4-H career.
9. **County Outstanding 4-H Member** – Presented to 4-H member(s) that have completed the Bond County 4-H Member Record and have achieved an outstanding score. Members can receive this award only once for each age division (Junior: ages 8-13, Senior: ages 14-18).
10. **Helping Hands Award** – Presented to a 4-H member who goes above and beyond and may sometimes be the person behind the scenes keeping things going. Wes Pourchot created this award and he is asked each year to help with choosing the recipient once **all leaders are given a chance to nominate members**. This award is for a 4-H member who really steps up and pitches in.
11. **Volunteer of the Year Award** – This award will be presented to an outstanding volunteer within Bond County 4-H. Eligible recipients are leaders or traditional and SPIN clubs, livestock superintendents, workshop volunteers, parents who consistently volunteer and go above and beyond the parent role. Each volunteer is only eligible to receive this award every five years. Nominations may be made by youth, parents, volunteers, and staff.

County Scholarships

1. **Ken Kennedy Scholarship** - This one-time \$500 award is granted annually in memory of Ken Kennedy, who was the Bond County Cooperative Extension Service Adviser from 1986-1991.
2. **Allison Langham 4-H Memorial Scholarship** - This scholarship is a one-time \$500 award based on 4-H accomplishments, community involvement and a personal essay and is to be used for post high school educational costs. Allison was the daughter of Ty and Lisa Langham and a Bond County 4-H member in the Showstring club. Allison enjoyed 4-H activities. She especially enjoyed showing her goats at the 4-H show during the Bond County Fair. During the 2004 4-H Auction, Allison’s goat project was auctioned off and the funds became the seed money for this scholarship. Additional money from contributions and the Friendship Quilt has been added to the scholarship fund. Allison’s enthusiasm for learning was contagious. I think she would be pleased to know her passion continues.
3. **HCE Scholarship** – This scholarship is made available in the spring. Please watch for details.

Club Awards

1. **President & Vice President Award** – Members serving in the role as President or Vice President for their club will write a one page essay, including details regarding their experiences in this officer role. Essays should include examples of personal leadership (such as preparing the club agenda, planning programs, assisting members, holding officer meetings, etc.) which gives insight into the leadership role they served in. Requires a club leader signature on the essay as a nomination.
2. **Secretary Award** – Must include completed secretary book with attendance log and minutes.
3. **Treasurer Award** – Based on completed treasurer book, completed financial statements and audit.

4. **Reporter Award** – Based on reports turned in to Extension Office within two weeks of meetings, special events or activities. At least eight reports must be submitted.
5. **Historian/Scrapbook Award** – Based on completion of club scrapbook (no more than three people working together) capturing details of events/activities that the club has participated in during the current 4-H year. Captions should be provided regarding details of the event.
6. **Club Clover Challenge** – Clubs who participate in the Bond County Clover Club Challenge, designed for club innovation, leadership and dynamic club meetings are eligible for cash awards. Clubs should complete a designated amount of activities in order to earn a BINGO and must submit the Clover Club Challenge Report Form.

Community Awards

1. **Friend of 4-H** - Each year the Friend of 4-H award is given to an individual or business who has supported Bond County 4-H in many ways over the years. All leaders and staff may nominate individuals or businesses for this award.