



# EXPERIENCE LEVEL RECOGNITION

Any Illinois 4-H member may complete this application at the end of each 4-H year.

- All information must be from the past 4-H year (Sept 1 - Aug 31) except for the 2-3 items that refer to “two years in a row” or “multiple years.”
- Go through every page and mark the experiences you achieved this year. There are 4 dimensions of experience:
  - **Participation**
  - **Community Service**
  - **Leadership**
  - **Project Learning**
- For each item checked, write a note to the right explaining how you completed the experience. (*name of event, dates, etc.*). Lots of details are not needed.
- All items must be 4-H-related** unless indicated otherwise!
- There are places for individual, club, county, multi-county, state and national experiences.
- You can only count a specific event or activity in **one** location throughout the entire form.
- Sign your application and get the signature of your parent/guardian and club leader.
- Turn your application in to your local 4-H office on the date they require.
- County offices will submit all applications achieving Diamond & Emerald status to the Illinois 4-H Office in January. For state level competition, the application cannot be hand-written. Complete and submit the entire application, even for Diamond and Emerald levels.

## Requirements for each level

AWARD LEVEL	REQUIREMENTS	LIMITATIONS
<b>BRONZE CLOVER AWARD</b>	Complete 1 experience in <b>each</b> of the four dimensions.	Each activity/event can only be used once throughout the form. Members may not count the same experiences two years in a row.
<b>SILVER CLOVER AWARD</b>	Complete 2 experiences in <b>each</b> of the four dimensions; at least 2 of those experiences must be at the County level or beyond.	Each activity/event can only be used once throughout the form. Members may not count the same experiences two years in a row.
<b>GOLD CLOVER AWARD</b>	Complete 4 experiences in <b>each</b> of the four dimensions; at least 2 of those experiences must be <b>BEYOND</b> the County level.*	Each activity/event can only be used once throughout the form. Members may not count the same experiences two years in a row.
<b>DIAMOND CLOVER AWARD</b>	Complete 6 or more experiences in <b>ONE</b> dimension; at least 4 of those experiences must be <b>BEYOND</b> the County level.*	Each activity/event can only be used once throughout the form. You cannot use Participation activities to achieve Diamond Level.
<b>EMERALD CLOVER AWARD</b>	Complete 8 or more experiences in <b>ONE</b> dimension; at least 4 of those experiences must be <b>BEYOND</b> the County level.* <b>At least 2</b> of these 4 experiences must be at the State or National level.	Each activity/event can only be used once throughout the form. You cannot use Participation activities to achieve Emerald Level.

\* "Beyond county" activities include unit, multi-county, state, national or international experiences.

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# MY EXPERIENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

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	
	CLUB	Attended at least five 4-H club meetings or program sessions for two or more years	
	COUNTY	Participated in one county 4-H activity or event	
	COUNTY	Participated in two to four county 4-H activities or events (Cannot include the same event as item above.)	
	COUNTY	Participated in five or more county 4-H activities or events (Cannot include any event noted above.)	
	MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNAT.	Participated in at least one 4-H activity or event outside my county	
	MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNAT.	Participated in two to four 4-H activities or events outside my county. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	
	MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNAT.	Participated in five or more 4-H activities or events outside my county. (Cannot include any event noted above.)	
	STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNAT.	Participated in one state or national 4-H activity or event	
	STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNAT.	Participated in two to four or state or national activities or events. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	
	STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNAT.	Participated in five or more state or national 4-H activities or events. (Cannot include any event noted above.)	
	INTERNAT.	Hosted an international 4-H guest	
	INTERNAT.	Traveled internationally as part of a 4-H group	

# COMMUNITY SERVICE 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	Participated in a group service activity organized by my 4-H club	
	CLUB	Participated in three or more group service activities organized by my 4-H club. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	
	COUNTY	Participated in a group service activity organized by my county 4-H program	
	COUNTY	Participated in three or more group service activities organized by my county 4-H program. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	
	MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL	Participated in a group 4-H service activity organized beyond my county 4-H program	
	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.)	
	INDIVIDUAL	Participated in individual service activity – using project specific skills or knowledge from 4-H	
	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.)	
	INDIVIDUAL	Participated as a 4-H representative in a service activity organized by another community organization or group	
	CLUB	Planned a group service activity for my 4-H club	
	CLUB	Planned three or more group service activities for my 4-H club. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	
	COUNTY	Planned a group 4-H service activity for my county 4-H program.	
	COUNTY	Planned three or more group 4-H service activities for my county 4-H program. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	
	MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL	Planned a group 4-H service activity beyond my county 4-H program.	
	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.)	

	INDIVIDUAL	Planned an individual service activity – using project specific skills or knowledge from 4-H	
	INDIVIDUAL	Planned three or more individual service activities using project specific skills or knowledge from 4-H. (Cannot include same event as item above.)	

## LEADERSHIP 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
		<i>GENERAL LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Participated in a 4-H leadership program within my 4-H club	
	COUNTY	Attended a 4-H leadership training or event in my county/unit	
	STATE	Attended a 4-H leadership training or event at the state level	
	NATIONAL	Attended a 4-H leadership training or event at the national level	
		<i>ADVISING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Served as youth representative on a county/unit 4-H or Extension committee	
	STATE	Served as 4-H youth representative with a statewide group or committee	
	NATIONAL	Served as 4-H youth representative with a national group or committee	
	INDIVIDUAL	Served as youth representative on a committee with adults as part of my school or another organization	
		<i>ADVOCATING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	COUNTY	Participated in 4-H peer group that promoted a specific change in my community	
	COUNTY	Participated in group of adults (beyond my 4-H leader) and peers that promoted a specific change in my community	
	COUNTY	Collected data related to an issue in my community	
	COUNTY	Conducted assessment of community needs	
	COUNTY	Made a presentation on a community issue to a group, target audience or the media	
	COUNTY	Implement action to make a positive change on an issue in my community	
	STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNAT.	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)	

CHECK	LEVEL	EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
		<i>PLANNING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Served on a committee in my club to plan an event or program	
	CLUB	Served as an officer for my club	
	COUNTY	Planned an event for other 4-Hers in my county/ community	
	MULTI-COUNTY	Served on a committee to plan a multi-county 4-H event or program	
	STATE	Served on a state event planning committee	
	NATIONAL	Served on a national event planning committee	
	INDIVIDUAL	Helped plan a non-4-H event in my community	
	INDIVIDUAL	Held a leadership position in another group or organization (e.g. student council)	
		<i>PROMOTING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Recruited a new 4-H member for my club	
	CLUB	Recruited a non-4-H member to attend a 4-H-sponsored event	
	COUNTY, MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNAT.	Attended training to deepen my understanding of 4-H	
	INDIVIDUAL	Developed a presentation to tell others about 4-H	
	COUNTY, MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNAT.	Delivered presentation created by someone else to promote 4-H	
	COUNTY, MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNAT.	Visited Illinois legislators or other stakeholder group to tell my 4-H story	
	COUNTY, MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNAT.	Facilitated an activity at a booth or event that promotes 4-H	
		<i>MENTORING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Served as a 4-H project mentor (i.e. Jr. Leader) in my club	
	CLUB	Served as a 4-H Buddy in my 4-H club	
	COUNTY, MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL	Attended specific training on how to be a mentor	

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CHECK	LEVEL	EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
	COUNTY, MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNAT.	Served as a mentor to a group of youth as part of a 4-H program or day camp	
	COUNTY, MULTI, STATE, NATIONAL	Served as an overnight camp counselor	
	INDIVIDUAL	Served as an assigned mentor to another youth as part of program outside of 4-H	
		<i>TEACHING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	COUNTY, MULTI, STATE	Selected activities from a curriculum to teach to others	
	COUNTY, MULTI, STATE	Designed activities to teach a content area to others	
	INDIVIDUAL COUNTY, MULTI, STATE	Planned a 4-H workshop to teach a skill to others	
	INDIVIDUAL COUNTY, MULTI, STATE	Led a 4-H workshop to teach a skill to others	
	COUNTY, MULTI, STATE	Served as lead facilitator for a 4-H workshop to teach a skill to others	
	COUNTY, MULTI, STATE	Taught a sequence of lessons to a 4-H audience	
	INDIVIDUAL COUNTY, MULTI, STATE	Taught a sequence of lessons to a group outside of 4-H	
	INDIVIDUAL COUNTY, MULTI, STATE	Assessed a group I taught to see what they learned	

## PROJECT LEARNING 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
	INDIVIDUAL	Completed three activities in a 4-H project book as part of my project learning experience	
	CLUB	Participated in a 4-H group learning experiences with my club related to a project area	



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.)	
	INDIVIDUAL	Enrolled in a 4-H project area for more than one year	
	CLUB	Made a presentation/demonstration about a project that informed others in my club	
	CLUB	Went on a 4-H club fieldtrip or tour related to my project area	
	CLUB	Designed and taught a 4-H learning experience for others related to my project area in my club	
	CLUB	Participated in a 4-H club service activity using skills or knowledge related to my project area	
	CLUB	Planned a 4-H club service activity using skills or knowledge related to my project area	
	COUNTY	Participated in a county 4-H workshop or other learning opportunity related to my project	
	COUNTY	Made a presentation/demonstration about a 4-H project that informed others in my county	
	COUNTY	Went on a county 4-H fieldtrip or tour related to my project area	
	COUNTY	Participated in a 4-H competition or exhibit experience related to my project area in my county	
	COUNTY	Designed and taught a 4-H learning experience for other related to my project area in my county	
	MULTI, STATE, NAT, INTERNAT.	Participated in a 4-H workshop or other learning opportunity beyond my county related to my 4-H project	
	MULTI, STATE, NAT, INTERNAT.	Made a presentation/demonstration about a project that informed others beyond my county 4-H program	
	MULTI, STATE, NAT, INTERNAT.	Went on a 4-H fieldtrip or tour related to my 4-H project area beyond my county related to my project	
	MULTI, STATE, NAT, INTERNAT.	Participate in a 4-H competition or exhibit experience related to my 4-H project area beyond my county	
	MULTI, STATE, NAT, INTERNAT.	Designed and taught a 4-H learning experience for others related to my 4-H project area beyond my county	
	MULTI, STATE, NAT, INTERNAT.	Participated in a 4-H service activity using skills or knowledge related to my 4-H project area beyond my county	
	MULTI, STATE, NAT, INTERNAT.	Planned a 4-H service activity using skills or knowledge related to my 4-H project areas beyond my county	
	INDIVIDUAL	Participated in an individual apprenticeship, job shadow experience or other career exploration activity related to my project area	

# 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 <i>(for Emerald &amp; Diamond Awards)</i>
PARTICIPATION					
COMMUNITY SERVICE					
LEADERSHIP					
PROJECT LEARNING					
<b>TOTAL PER COLUMN</b> <i>(for Bronze, Silver &amp; Gold)</i>					

*(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 of that SAME ROW?**

*(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 of that SAME ROW?**

**AND Did you have at least 2 of those experiences in column D of that SAME ROW?**

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

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