

COMMON 4-H RECORD QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE 4-H RECORDS? A summary of what you've done during your years in 4-H.

WHERE ARE 4-H RECORDS? 4-H records are available online in fillable format or can be printed and handwritten (ages 8-10, 11-13 can be handwritten - 14 & older must type). Blank copies for handwritten records can also be obtained at the 4-H office.

My 4-H Year - ages 8-10 (as of 9/1/19) This record form is to be completed showing what you did during your current 4-H year. **A NEW FORM will be completed EACH year.** Blank copies are available at the 4-H office. These are also available in online fillable format on our website on the Youth Development page under the "4-H Records, Award Application & Scholarship Resources" category. Direct Link: <https://go.illinois.edu/lmsrecords>

Unit 16 Logan, Menard & Sangamon 4-H Member Record - ages 11-13 (as of 9/1/19) This record form is to be completed and added to each year from ages 11 to 13. **Each year you will be filling in the SAME FORM and adding information to it (should include just your 11 year old, 12 year old, and 13 year old 4-H years of info).** Blank copies are available at the 4-H office and the form is also available in online fillable format on our website on the Youth Development page under the "4-H Records, Award Application & Scholarship Resources" category. Direct Link: <https://go.illinois.edu/lmsrecords>

Illinois 4-H Award Application - ages 14 & above (as of 9/1/19) **FILLABLE .PDF FORM (MUST BE TYPED - only accepted version)** available as a link on our website on the Youth Development page under the "4-H Records, Award Application & Scholarship Resources" category. Direct Link to resource page: <https://go.illinois.edu/lmsrecords>

WHY DO WE DO 4-H RECORDS? To be eligible for 4-H county awards and also for state level awards. Records also help you with your organizational skills and allow you to demonstrate your project knowledge, show how you helped others & celebrate accomplishments! They are very helpful for future college, job, and scholarship applications.

WHAT IS AWARDED? All who complete records will receive a record completion award and may also win additional awards in the various age categories. At the high school level, the ultimate award is a choice between a trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA, a \$1000 College Scholarship, or a trip to another National 4-H Event if you are selected as a state winner!

HOW DO I FILL OUT RECORDS? Follow the examples on the record forms and list the activities you have been involved in and summarize what you have done in your 4-H projects and include a 4-H story/extended response/essays as directed on your specific age record form. Complete example forms can be found on our website can be accessed on our website. At the high school level, follow directions and suggestions given in the Illinois Award application and look over the example applications provided on our website on the Youth Development page under the "4-H Records, Award Application & Scholarship Resources" category. Direct Link: <https://go.illinois.edu/lmsrecords>

WHAT DO I INCLUDE IN MY 4-H STORY? 4-H Stories/Extended Responses should be at least 4 sentences long. You can include what you learned, what you liked best, what challenges you may have

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faced, and what you'd like to do next year. Use specific statements rather than general statements if possible (EX: I had fun learning to use clay and was able to shape mine into a cat figure instead of just saying I liked doing Visual Arts)

WHEN ARE 4-H RECORDS DUE? By the end of AUGUST your records should be given to your 4-H leader for them to submit to our office (check with your 4-H leader on their deadline)

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY RECORDS? Contact Carissa (akpore@illinois.edu) or Patty (phuffer@illinois.edu) - Logan 4-H or Sharon (slounsberry@illinois.edu) - Sangamon/Menard 4-H about your records questions.

4-H RECORD INFORMATION

General Suggestions

- ✓ Use "My 4-H Records Information" sheets and jot things as you go. This will make it easier to transfer info to your 4-H record forms. If you have given a talk or participated in an activity at a meeting, write it down on your info sheet to be placed on your record form.
- ✓ If you participate in a workshop or camp or other 4-H activity, again, get it written and/or entered onto your record form after you have participated.
- ✓ When you participate in 4-H shows go home and enter the information about those project areas after you have completed showing.
- ✓ **Don't save all your record keeping for the week before records are due!!**
- ✓ Contact Carissa (akpore@illinois.edu) or Patty (phuffer@illinois.edu) - Logan 4-H or Sharon (slounsberry@illinois.edu) - Sangamon/Menard 4-H if you have questions about how to do records. We'll be glad to help!

Examples of County 4-H Activities

Any 4-H workshops you have attended, 4-H Foundation Spaghetti Meal, National 4-H Week activities, 4-H Family Picnic, International Night, Scrambles during Fair

Examples of Community/Church Activities

Scouts, Library programs, Summer ball, Summer reading program, Swim Lessons, Gymnastics Classes, Dance Classes, Piano Recital, Acolyte, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School

Examples of School Activities

Band, sporting teams, fundraisers, school programs, spelling bees, science or art fairs, Music Contest, Speech Contest, Book It program

COUNT AS LEADERSHIP - when you have been in charge of something, if you are team captain, when you have gotten up in front of people to present something (talks at 4-H club meeting, speaking at a school events or other 4-H functions), teaching a younger 4-H member or being a mentor.

COUNT AS PARTICIPATION - when you attend a program & are a participant, when you are a 'member' of a committee or a team