

Madison County 4-H Project Award Application

TIP SHEET

1. There are a lot of opportunities noted on this form. We do not expect members to accomplish all of them, so do not let that overwhelm you if you only have a few checked off. You can still be recognized for having checked items as long as they meet the criteria for that level.
2. One of the reasons that so many activities are listed, is to provide a view of the *many, varied experiences available to members in the 4-H program*. As members grow older, we would expect them to focus on more areas.
3. A lot of details are not needed in the “Details” box. For most items, you will just need a date and name of the activity/experience. If you try to fit too much in the box, it will not fit properly. Feel free to use abbreviations or acronyms as needed. The *year* in the date listed is not needed. It should only reflect your participation during the past 4-H year: Sept. 1-Aug. 31.
4. All experiences must be 4-H related unless noted otherwise.
5. Members cannot use the same event/activity for more than one spot on the entire form. Find the area where your event/activity most appropriately fits.

Please review the following tips and suggestions as you fill out each section:

PARTICIPATION

- List all dates of the club meetings you attended this 4-H year. If you do not know the exact date, please list the month.
- If you are in a SPIN (Special Interest) Club, there is an option for you to list those meeting dates as well *if they pertain to the project area in which you are applying for*. i.e., if you are applying for an Animal Science Award and are a member of a horse or livestock judging team, you should list those meeting dates as well.)
- Examples of club activities include club fundraisers, trips or other activities *outside of club meetings* that do not fit elsewhere.
- Examples of county participation activities may include, but are not limited to helping with fair set-up, fair tear down, fair work nights, project watch, etc.
- Exhibiting at the Horse Show, Dog Show, General Project shows at Farm Bureau or the County Fair or State Fair should be listed under Project Learning.

- Examples of state participation activities may include, but are not limited to Illini Summer Academies, 4-H Memorial Camp, etc.

PROJECT LEARNING

- List the *names of the activities* that you completed in your 4-H *project book* that are **related to the project area in which you are applying for an application.** (i.e., if you are applying for a Food, Nutrition & Health Award, please list the activities you completed in your Cooking 101, 201, 301 or 401 book this past 4-H year).
- Only list presentations or demonstrations that you conducted to your club or beyond **if it relates to the project area you are applying for.** (i.e. if you are applying for an Engineering & Technology Award, only list presentations that pertain to that project area; not livestock, cooking, sewing, etc.)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Community Service activities are activities done to help people, animals, the environment, etc., without expecting anything in return. **Fundraisers that make money are NOT community service.**
- If you served on a committee to help plan a service activity, please list that in the separate box.

LEADERSHIP

- Youth representation on a county or unit 4-H or Extension committee examples include Federation, Expansion & Review, Council, etc.