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WILL COUNTY 4-H RECORD BOOK

NAME

4-H CLUB

EMAIL

4-H YEAR



Introduction

Welcome to the Will County 4-H member record!

This system is meant to work in tandem with the current state 4-H awards and recognition system while still accomplishing the goals outlined below.

We hope that you will take time to fill out record books!

What are record books?

The goal of record books is fourfold: 1) it is meant to be an accurate record of a member's 4-H 'career' 2) lead youth on the path to achieving bigger and better state awards & scholarships, 3) help members gain experience for their future, AND 4) help assist older members in completing job, college, and award applications.

Record books help us recognize 4-H'ers and their accomplishments while preparing them for their future. *Records are extremely useful for future college, scholarship, and career applications.*

What does the Will County Member Record consist of?

This record book is ONE part of the two part Will county member records. The records consist of the record "book" (which includes 4 different dimensions) and the state 4-H My Experience record. **There is NO rule about how complete your record book needs to be - completeness will result in awards BUT, we encourage all to submit record books and document the achievements you would like to.**

Record Book Dimensions

The following outline shows the dimensions of the record book. These dimensions align with the state dimensions and goals.

- 1. Participation** – Participation in individual, club, county, state, national, and international events. This dimension recognizes participation.
- 2. Community Service** – The participation in, planning of, and execution of community services projects. This dimension recognizes those who plan and implement projects AND those who participate.
- 3. Leadership** – This dimension recognizes those who step up and lead.
- 4. Project Learning** – This dimension recognizes projects and the mastery that individuals gain from 4-H.

Glossary of Important words

The language of record books can get confusing sometimes! Please see below for a list of common words that sometimes confuse people along with their meanings! If you have specific questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

DETAILS – When a record book or My Experience question asks you for details, please provide at minimum the date, city/location, & a few details. State 4-H My Experience might have stricter requirements.

EXPERIENCE CLASSIFICATION – this record book (as well as the State 4-H My Experience Application) will ask you to classify experiences based on their “level” – below are the level options along with a short definition & examples:

- **INDIVIDUAL**- Activities done by the 4-H member related to their 4-H projects or interests. *(Ex. - Visual arts project area- take an art class to learn more. Member plans and coordinates a food drive at their school.)* Not every event will need to be sponsored by 4-H, these can be individualized learning experiences. *(Ex- If you enrolled in Horticulture- attended a workshop hosted by Master Gardeners on preparing soil for planning. Enrolled in Health- went to a program sponsored by local fire department on fire safety in your home).*
- **CLUB**- Events done with your local 4-H Club *(Ex- Project tour, monthly club meeting, making and distributing care packages as a group.)*
- **COUNTY**- Event hosted by your County Extension Office. *(Ex- Lake County Public Speaking Contest, Macon County Livestock Judging Contest, McLean County Federation Member).*
- **UNIT**- Event hosted for all counties within your unit *(Ex-Unit 4 Dog Show, Unit 8 Horse Show) (Ex of a Unit- Unit 1=JoDaviness, Stephenson, and Winnebago County)*
- **STATE**- Event hosted by Illinois 4-H or another state 4-H program *(several virtual opportunities this year, Ex- Illini Summer Academies, New Jersey 4-H Lego Masters Virtual Event, Everyday Sportsman Challenge).*
- **NATIONAL**- Hosted by National 4-H Council or on a nationwide scale *(Ex- National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Day of Service with reported data to state.) Event designed specifically as networked national experience (national summits, 4-H Conference, Congress, CWF etc.)*
- **INTERNATIONAL**- Activities on an International Scale related to 4-H *(Ex-States' 4-H International Exchange Program or States'4-H International Pen Pal Program)*

Awards & Criteria

Non-Competitive Awards

- **Bloom**
 - Turned in member record book **OR** Turned in State 4-H My Experience Application
- **Sprout**
 - Turned in member record book, AND
 - Turned in State 4-H My Experience Application
- **Growth**
 - Turned in member record book, at least **ONE experience** marked in **each dimension**
 - Turned in State 4-H My Experience Application, at least **ONE experience** marked in **each dimension**
- **Strive**
 - Turned in member record book, at least **THREE experiences** marked in **each dimension**
 - Turned in State 4-H My Experience Application, at least **THREE experience** marked in **each dimension**
 - **All sections** have information
- **Forward Looking**
 - Turned in member record book, at least **FIVE experiences** marked in **each dimension. AT LEAST 3 outside county activities**
 - **All sections** have information, all goals are completed with clear plan of action.
 - Turned in **State 4-H My Experience Application**

Competitive Awards

- **Community Service Dimension Award (3 awarded)**
 - Awarded to members who have a strong Community Service dimension
 - These records are judged with a preference on: clear goals, perceived Mastery, strong plan for the future.
- **Leadership Award Dimension (3 awarded)**
 - Awarded to members who have a strong Leadership dimension
 - These records are judged with a preference on: clear goals, perceived Mastery, strong plan for the future.

- **Project Learning Dimension Award (3 awarded)**
 - Awarded to members who have a strong Project Learning dimension
 - These records are judged with a preference on: clear goals, perceived Mastery, strong plan for the future.

The following awards are competitive and nominations are chosen by leaders (and up to 5 nominees may be chosen by the Extension Office).

- Award nominees will receive a certificate
 - Nominated records will advance and the top 30% chosen for awards.
- **Called to Excellence Award**
 - ***Must receive Leader OR Extension Office Nomination***
 - Awarded to the top 30% of leader or office nominated members who show a strong progression of Mastery and growth in the 4-H program (i.e., they have been impacted greatly by 4-H).
 - **Called to Inspire Award**
 - ***Must receive Leader OR Extension Office Nomination***
 - Awarded to the top 30% of leader or office nominated members who show a strong ability to inspire others in their actions, have shown a strong ability to step up, and have impacted others through 4-H.
 - **Called to Lead Award**
 - Awarded to the top 30% of leader or office nominated members who show a strong progression of Mastery, a strong ability to lead, and have shown a strong ability to step up.

Other COUNTY Competitive Awards

These competitive awards are sponsored by the county.

Fred C. and Helen B. Francis Memorial Award

Recipient must be a 4-H Graduate or within one year of 4-H graduation. Can be received only once for outstanding achievement in 4-H Projects, activities, and community involvement throughout 4-H Career. Awarded to two members.

4-H Moment: A fun award where creativity shines! NEW

Show us your favorite 4-H Moment & explain what it is important to you. Entries can be a video, picture, drawing, presentation, etc. Winning entries will receive an awesome award! This award is competitive but is not associated with your record book – you can apply for this award solely if you would like (but we DO encourage you to do a record book!)



Mastery:inspire Awards **NEW**

These awards are sponsored by Will 4-H, companies, and organizations throughout Will County. ***These awards are given to individuals who inspire, who are changing the world, who will change the world, and who, well, are inspirations!***

Recipients will be awarded with a stand-out prize which could include things like experience scholarships, gift cards, company internships, higher value items (such as electronics, etc.) and more!

HOW TO APPLY:

- If you'd like to apply for this award, submit a complete Will County Record (which includes this record book & the state 4-H My Experience Application)
- **Record a short 30-60 second video talking about how you've inspired others and/or how 4-H has inspired you.**
- Due by county record book deadline

Criteria & Selection:

- These individuals are chosen based on their record books and impressive accomplishments. They are change making, passionate individuals who are making a difference in their home, community, county, the world, and to themselves.
- These individuals are chosen based on their impressive record books, accomplishments, inspiration, & the video.

INFO SHEET & CERTIFICATION

Your member record will consist of the following parts:

This Record Book

Illinois My Experience Award Application Record

Member Certification

I personally have prepared this application and certify that it accurately and truthfully represents my work.

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Certification

I personally have reviewed this application and certify that it accurately and truthfully reflects the member's work.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Leader Certification

I personally have reviewed this application and certify that it accurately and truthfully reflects the member's work.

4-H Leader Signature: _____

Date: _____

Your Goals

Setting goals is important for your future career and everyday life!

Please use the space below to set your goals for the upcoming year in each dimension and reflect on your goals from the previous year (if applicable).

List three goals for the upcoming 4-H year & list the steps you will take to achieve this goal:

1.	2.	3.
WHAT STEPS WILL YOU TAKE TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL? 1. 2. 3. 4.	WHAT STEPS WILL YOU TAKE TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL? 1. 2. 3. 4.	WHAT STEPS WILL YOU TAKE TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL? 1. 2. 3. 4.

IF you've never filled out a record book before, skip to the next section.

[] I don't remember my goals from last year (skip to the next section)

Reflect on two of the goals you set for yourself last year, did you achieve them? Why or why not?

GOAL:	GOAL:

1. 4-H Participation

My two most important 4-H Participation experiences are:

Being able to highlight the achievements you are most proud of is a skill that will be useful to you in scholarships, resumes, interviews, and much more! Here, we are asking you to highlight your two most important participation accomplishments and why.

<p>1.</p> <p>Please describe:</p>	<p>2.</p> <p>Please describe:</p>
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My 4-H Participation RESUME

Here's your chance! List all of the things you have participated in! *You may enter as much or as little details as you would like in the **details** column. Just remember that the more details there are, the more YOU will remember what you did!

BE SURE TO CLASSIFY THEM ACCORDING TO: (I) Individual (C) Club (CO) County (M) Multi-County (S) State (N) National (IN) International

EXPERIENCE	DETAILS*	I	C	CO	M	S	N	IN

2. Community Service

My two most important Community Service experiences are:

Being able to highlight the achievements you are most proud of is a skill that will be useful to you in scholarships, resumes, interviews, and much more! Here, we are asking you to highlight your two most important accomplishments and why.

1.	2.
Please describe:	Please describe:

My Community Service RESUME

Here's your chance! List all of the Community Service project's you've been involved in! *You may enter as much or as little details as you would like in the **details** column. Just remember that the more details there are, the more YOU will remember what you did!

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EXPERIENCE	DETAILS*	I	C	CO	M	S	N	IN

3. Leadership

My two most important Leadership experiences are:

Being able to highlight the achievements you are most proud of is a skill that will be useful to you in scholarships, resumes, interviews, and much more! Here, we are asking you to highlight your two most important accomplishments and why.

1.	2.
Please describe:	Please describe:

My Leadership RESUME

Here's your chance! List all of the leadership projects and positions you have held and been involved in! *You may enter as much or as little details as you would like in the **details** column. Just remember that the more details there are, the more YOU will remember what you did!

BE SURE TO CLASSIFY THEM ACCORDING TO: (I) Individual (C) Club (CO) County (M) Multi-County (S) State (N) National (IN) International

EXPERIENCE	DETAILS*	I	C	CO	M	S	N	IN

4. Project Learning/Mastery

My two most important Project Learning experiences are:

Being able to highlight the achievements you are most proud of is a skill that will be useful to you in scholarships, resumes, interviews, and much more! Here, we are asking you to highlight your two most important accomplishments and why.

1.	2.
Please describe:	Please describe:

My Project Learning RESUME

Here's your chance! List all of the projects and project learning experiences you've been involved in! *You may enter as much or as little details as you would like in the **details** column. Just remember that the more details there are, the more YOU will remember what you did!

BE SURE TO CLASSIFY THEM ACCORDING TO: (I) Individual (C) Club (CO) County (M) Multi-County (S) State (N) National (IN) International

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NEXT STEP:

Completing your State record

The last step in your record book journey! Complete your State 4-H **My Experience Award Application**. To complete this record, simply check the boxes of what you have accomplished and put them in the right areas. Provided you took accurate records, this process should be fairly quick!

Access the most recent My 4-H Experience Award at: go.illinois.edu/MyExperience

This record will put you in the running for state awards and is part of the Will County Record Book.

Questions

Do you have questions? Are you interested in how you can apply this information to future applications? Do you need help filling out a section?

We are here to support you!

Contact us:

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