

Did You Know?

You can earn a variety of awards in recognition of all the hard work you do in the 4-H program. Here is a brief explanation of the different awards you can earn and apply for. To find out more and to get the details contact your club leader or the Extension Office. Check off your accomplishments to see what you have earned!

1. Year pins can be earned for each year you complete.

To complete a year you **must**-

- _____ 1. Have attended 4 club meetings
- _____ 2. Have given a presentation at the club or county level
- _____ 3. Completed and turned in your Journal to your leader
--Number of Goals Completed _____
- _____ 4. Have participated in Community Service on club or county level
- _____ 5. Have participated in 4-H Promotion on club or county level

Examples: National 4-H Week Activities, brought a friend to a 4-H meeting, wrote a thank you note to a sponsor, made a poster etc.

And at least **one or more** of the following

- _____ 1. Showed project accomplishment in at least one project area
Examples: exhibited at Achievement Days, worked on project-learned something new, etc.
- _____ 2. Judged at club or county level
- _____ 3. Participated in county event or activity
Examples: exhibited at Achievement Days, judged, 4-H camp, TLC, Western Jr., Western 4-H FCS Show etc.
- _____ 4. Participated in leadership on club or county level
Examples: held an office in your club, helped a younger member, camp counselor, etc.

2. Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards are earned after you have completed two full years of 4-H. You can't receive more than one of these per year. To receive these awards you need to:

BRONZE-for second year members and beyond

Complete all of the following

- 1. Attend 4 club meetings
- 2. Give a presentation at the club or county level
- 3. Show project accomplishment in one to five project areas
- 4. Complete your 4-H Journal

Complete one or more of the following

- 1. Judge at club or county level
- 2. Do or help with a Community Service project
- 3. Bring a non 4-H friend to a club meeting
- 4. Hold an office at the club level
- 5. Provide leadership at club or county level
- 6. Attend two county level events or activities

SILVER-have completed 2nd year and has received the Bronze award

Complete all of the following

1. Attend 4 club meetings
2. Give a presentation at the club or county level
3. Show project accomplishment in one to five project areas
4. Complete your 4-H Journal
5. Judge at club or county level

Complete two or more of the following

1. Help plan a Community Service project
2. Brought two non 4-H friends to a club meeting
3. Hold an office at the club level
4. Provide leadership at club and county level
5. Attend three county level events or activities
6. Be a 4-H mentor for a younger member

GOLD-have received the Bronze and Silver award-

Complete all of the following

1. Attend 4 club meetings
2. Give a presentation at the club or county level
3. Show project accomplishment in one to five project areas
4. Complete your 4-H Journal
5. Judge at club or county level
6. Provide Junior Leadership at club or county level

Complete two or more of the following

1. Help plan two Community Service projects
2. Brought two non 4-H friends to a club meeting
3. Hold an office at the club level
4. Provide leadership for a club committee
5. Participated in three county level events or activities
6. Give a talk or public presentation promoting 4-H to a non 4-H group

3. 4-H Project Awards-For each project you are enrolled in and have completed for three years you may earn a project award, to do this you need to:

1. Complete the project for three years
2. Received the Silver Award
3. Prepare and present a project workshop to 4-H Members, parents, adults*
4. Guided and/or assisted a younger 4-H member in your club or the county with possible fair exhibits, presentations, etc.*
5. Share what you have learned with two local donors or sponsors.
6. Seniors need to attend a local government meeting, Juniors and Beginners need to read and share a current event.*

check with leader and/or office for details, information and ideas on how to complete these items

4. County Medals-

Citizenship- Being enrolled in the 4-H Citizenship project is NOT a requirement for this award. But you must do the following:

1. Has completed four years or more of 4-H.
2. 4-H member served as an active member of a county or community board or committee, an event committee or taskforce for three to six months.
3. Planned, organized, and implemented a citizenship activity for multiple 4-H clubs, and/or the county.
4. 4-H member presented an educational public presentation on flag etiquette, the U.S. Constitution, a patriotic program, or an American history topic for a 4-H club. Wrote an editorial on the same topic for the local newspaper (include editorial published or not published) or presented a program to another youth group (club, sports team or classroom).
5. Identified a charity or community need and worked with others to organize efforts to help meet the need.
6. Studied current events, and expressed opinions to decision makers at the local, state, or national level.

Leadership-You must do the following:

1. Assisted the Extension Educator with planning, preparation, and implementing a county or multi-county event.
 2. Be an active member in the County Junior Leadership Organization. If organization does not exist in county makes every effort to get it started.
 3. Have written or arranged for a newspaper or magazine article featuring 4-H, (this could be a local club, county, or multi-county area), included a photograph and submitted the article to a local newspaper. The feature story could be about an individual or group of 4-H members and their participation in the program.
 1. Attended and participated in a county, area, field education unit, or state 4-H educational event and shared the knowledge received by presenting a one hour workshop to 4-H club and/or county members.
 2. Planned and conducted officer training for a 4-H club or the county. Member may work with as many as six other 4-H members to accomplish this task.
 3. Helped, with up to six other 4-H members, to plan and implement a media campaign for their community and/or county during National 4-H Week.
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KEY AWARD-You must do or meet the following requirements

1. Passed 16th birthday
2. Received the County 4-H Citizenship Medal
3. Received the County 4-H Leadership Medal
4. Attended and participated in 3 county, area, field education unit, or state educational events/activities and used the knowledge to plan and conduct 3 different one-hour workshops to 4-H clubs and/or county members:
5. Provide leadership at 3 county, area, field education unit, or state 4-H educational events/activities.
6. Have earned two project medals.
7. Have participated for two years in county public presentation competition.
8. Have held two club or county offices (elected).
9. Have written a letter to the editor of our local newspaper, explaining the impact the 4-H program has had on their life.

****Applicant for the Key Award Medal will need to turn in a cover letter and resume following the resume guidelines, highlighting overall 4-H career*****

5. SPECIAL COUNTY MEDALS To receive these medals 4-H members must meet the following requirements for each medal:

****4-H members who were 14 and older during the 2004-2005 4-H year may apply for and receive any or all of the above medals in one or more 4-H year.**

****4-H members who were 12 years of age and older during the 2004-2005 4-H year may start applying for and receiving any of the above medals-BUT ONLY 1 medal per 4-H year can be applied for and awarded.**

I. AGRICULTURE: Member must be or have been enrolled, shown project accomplishment, and received at least one project medal in each of the following three areas:

- 1) Engineering area
- 2) Livestock and Small Animal area
- 3) Natural Resources and Plant Sciences

For Project listings please see your club leader or contact the Extension Office.

Example of Agriculture Award: Sue Clover has been enrolled, shown project accomplishment, and has received project medals in Small Engines, Poultry and Forestry. She is eligible for the Agriculture Award medal.

II. FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE: Member must be or have been enrolled, shown project accomplishment, and received at least one project medal in each of the following three areas:

- 1) Clothing area:
- 2) Food & Nutrition Area:
- 3) Family and Consumer Science Area:

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Example of Family and Consumer Science Award: John Clover has been enrolled, shown project accomplishment, and has received project medals in clothing, Breads, and Home Management. He is eligible for the Family and Consumer Science medal.

III. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT: Member must be or have been enrolled, shown project accomplishment, and received at least one project medal in three of the project areas that are not included in the Agriculture and Family & Consumer Sciences Areas. For Project listings please see your club leader or contact the Extension Office. Example of Personal Development Award: Jane Clover has been enrolled, shown project accomplishment, and has received project medals in Visual Arts, Health and Photography. She is eligible for a Personal Development Award medal.

COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

1. Member must be 16 years of age or older by January 1st for the year selected.
2. Member will develop a resume about their 4-H career, SEE: Custer County 4-H Resume Guidelines
3. Write a cover letter highlighting one but no more than three 4-H experiences that have made an exceptional impact on the 4-H members life.
4. Has earned a County Citizenship and/or a Leadership medal.
5. Letter of recommendation by a 4-H leader or an adult who has been a positive role model in the 4-H members life.

Special Custer County Recognition Awards you may apply for or be eligible for:

CLUB SECRETARY BOOK AWARD—Jr. Donor-Joy Dillon, Sr.-Donor-Rick Mills
+Club Secretary Books for the 4-H year just completed must be submitted to the Extension Office by October 15th
+Secretary Books will then be delivered to the appropriate donor to make a selection

GUS ALDINGER MEMORIAL ROCKS & MINERAL AWARD—

Donor-Jim & Lois Massa
+This award is chosen by the judge at 4-H Achievement Day

CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD—Donor-Marge McColley

+Clubs must submit a scrapbook of activities & projects which they have done during the current 4-H year. Scrapbooks will be returned at the Recognition Event. Plaque will remain in the Extension Office

WILLIAM KRUEGER MEMORIAL CONSERVATION AWARD—

Donor-Krueger Family
+Must be 16 years of age as of January 1---of 4-H year
+Club Leader recommendation
+4-H Resume and cover letter highlighting 4-H Conservation activities

RUEBEN HOVELAND MEMORIAL - OVERALL - CONSERVATION AWARD—

Donor-Hoveland Family
+Must be 16 years of age as of January 1---of 4-H year
+Club Leader recommendation
+4-H Resume and cover letter highlighting 4-H AG related projects and activities

TRASK CITIZENSHIP AWARD—Donor-Trudy Trask

- +Must be 16 years of age as of January 1---of 4-H year
- +Club Leader recommendation
- +4-H Resume and cover letter highlighting Citizenship project and activities

FLATT LEADERSHIP AWARD—Donor-Custer Co. Leaders Association

- + Must be 16 years of age as of January 1---of 4-H year
- +Club Leader recommendation
- +4-H Resume and cover letter highlighting Leadership project and activities

BISHOP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD—Donor-Darrell and Diane Bishop

- + Must be 16 years of age as of January 1---of 4-H year
- +Club Leader recommendation
- +4-H Resume and cover letter highlighting achievement and growth in 4-H career

KATHLEEN SCOTT MEMORIAL PHOTO AWARD—Donor-Custer County 4-H Leaders Association

- + Must be 16 years of age as of January 1---of 4-H year
- +Must be enrolled in the Photography project during the current year
- +Selection is made by judge during 4-H Achievement Day

HELEN WALSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—Donor-Custer County 4-H Leaders Association

- +Request application from Extension Office, with requirements
- +Selection is made by Scholarship Committee in the Spring

BONDURANT/TREW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—Donor-Trew Family

- +Request application from Extension Office, with requirements
- +Selection is made by Trew Family in the spring

SPECIAL LEADER AWARD—Donor-Bear Mountain 4-H Club

- +Must be recommended by a 4-H member
- +Requirements—recommendation why the leader should be chosen for this special award

FRIENDS OF 4-H AWARD—Donor-Custer County 4-H Leaders Association

- +Individuals, organizations and businesses in your local community who have demonstrated support for our 4-H program will be considered.
- +A summary of information is required

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD—Donor-Custer County 4-H Leaders Association

- +The highest award- a 4-H Leader can receive on the County level
 - +A summary of reasons why this nominee should be considered is required
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