



# Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program Encourages Youth to Engage in a Variety of Projects and Activities

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program is designed to encourage 4-H youth to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable members to acquire the life skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring and contributing citizens. The program's overall goal is to provide 4-H members a rich and diverse learning experience.

The program consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. The program is designed to enable every 4-H member willing to exert the effort an opportunity to be recognized, regardless of how they are involved in 4-H.

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program is a new, statewide form of recognition and is not intended as a replacement for existing recognition programs. Participation in this program should be considered optional, as requiring 4-H members to participate is not appropriate.



## Benefits of Diamond Clover Program

### For youth:

- Recognition improves self esteem of youth
- Enhance the progress toward self-set goals
- Develops life skills
- Encourages and supports lifelong learning
- Provides opportunities for youth/adult partnerships
- Resumé building

### For volunteers/adults:

- Provide achievement opportunities to 4-H members
- Encourages positive and progressive leadership in youth
- Promotes retention and recruitment for 4-H membership
- Engages 4-H members in a variety of educational projects and activities
- For all members

### For communities:

- 4-H develops competent, caring and contributing citizens
- Prepares youth and adult leadership in the community
- Provides source of community pride

## NEBRASKA 4-H DIAMOND CLOVER PROGRAM LEVELS

	Corresponding Gemstone Identifier	Anticipated for	Complete at least
Level 1	Amethyst	ages 8–9	3 accomplishments
Level 2	Aquamarine	ages 10–11	4 accomplishments
Level 3	Ruby	ages 12–13	5 accomplishments
Level 4	Sapphire	ages 14–15	6 accomplishments
Level 5	Emerald	ages 15–17	7 accomplishments
Level 6	Diamond	ages 16 & up	8 accomplishments and a service-learning project