

# Butler County 4-H News

August 2023

## Dates to Remember

**Aug. 2** - 4-H Council Meeting  
at 7:00 pm

**Aug. 10** - State Fair Livestock  
and Contest Online Entry

**Aug. 17** - State Fair Static  
Exhibits due to Extension  
Office by 5 pm

**Aug. 22** - State Fair Foods  
and Horticulture Exhibits due  
to Extension Office by 5 pm

**Aug. 25-27** - Nebraska State  
Fair 4-H Weekend

**Sept. 1-3** - Nebraska State  
Fair FFA Weekend

**Sept. 4** - Labor Day - Office  
Closed

**Sept. 6** - State Fair Exhibits  
available for pick up at the  
Extension Office



## Wild and Free in '23

**Congratulations** to all the exhibitors at the 2023 Butler County Fair! It was a fun-filled week with many accomplishments achieved by all. Whether it was in the showing ring, exhibit hall or during a fair activity, we hope you all had the best week in July! **Thank you** to everyone involved who made the 2023 Butler County Fair a success!

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August 25-September 3  
[www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org)

## STATE FAIR STATIC EXHIBITORS

Watch your email for instructions and a list of your State Fair eligible exhibits. Please read the reminder carefully to prepare your exhibit for State Fair. If you received a state fair postcard and pin on your project and did not get an email, please contact the office.

If all supporting material or labeling is not done correctly, the exhibit can be dropped a placing or even disqualified.

**State Fair Static Exhibits are due to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 17.**

**State Fair Food and Horticulture Exhibits are due to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 22.**

## STATE FAIR TICKET INFORMATION

**Livestock & In-Person Contest Families:** All Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Rabbit and Poultry 4-H/FFA exhibitors will automatically receive an 11-day admission wristband at no cost. Exhibitors will not have to select a wristband as it will automatically be provided with the livestock, rabbit and/or poultry entry. *4-H Dog Exhibitors and other non-livestock in-person entries (4-H Contests, Fashion Show, Presentations and the Robotics Showcase) will receive a free daily gate pass.* All purchased items will be in the exhibitor packet when the exhibitor checks in at the Livestock Check-In Trailer. Additional 11-Day Fair Wristbands can be purchased for \$25 and Daily Gate Passes for \$5 on the State Fair website. Livestock Exhibitor Parking Passes in the 3A/3B lot are available on the website for \$25. Deadline is 8:00 pm on August 10 for online livestock and contest entries. No exceptions! Enter online at <https://www.statefair.org/competitions/4-h-ffa-exhibitors>.

**1st Annual 4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair:** The Nebraska State Fair is thrilled to host the 1st annual 4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair. 4-H Day will be **Sunday, August 27**. To celebrate our 4-H members statewide we are offering a discounted admission that day that is only for bonafide 4-H members. They will be able to enter the Fair for \$5. This is **only intended for 4-H members**, family members including parents will need to purchase regular admission tickets. **This is not just for exhibitors, but for any enrolled 4-H member.** To purchase the discounted tickets visit: [4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair Tickets](#).

**General Tickets:** The Nebraska State Fair also has ticket options available for the general public. If you are planning to attend the Nebraska State Fair as a spectator, visit the following link for more information! <https://www.statefair.org/buy-tickets>

HAPPY  
LABOR  
DAY

Our office will be  
closed on Monday,  
September 4 in  
observance of Labor Day!

# Butler County 4-H Awards Celebration

**November 8, 2023 | 6:30 pm**

**Butler County Event Center**

**Pot Luck Meal**

**Summer Recap Video Presentation**

*RSVP by November 1 - to have a number for table set-up!*

## *Awards to be Presented:*

- 2023 Butler County Chris Clover Award
- 4-H Workshop/Camp/Conference Scholarship
- 2023 County Awards
- Outstanding 4-H Girl and Outstanding 4-H Boy
- 2023 Individual Appreciation Honoree
- 2023 Business Appreciation Honoree
- 2023 4-H Alumni Honoree
- 4-H Year Pins
- 4-H Leader Pins
- County Fair Buckle Ceremony
- And More!



# 2022-2023 4-H Record Keeping & Awards

## New Due Date: September 25

- **Annual Achievement Application** - \$10 incentive from Butler County 4-H Council for every member turning in the application.
- **Chris Clover Application** - special award for first and second year members.
- **County Awards Application** - award pins and county recognition.
- **Clover Kid Record Books** - \$5 incentive for every Clover Kid turning in the Clover Kid Record Book courtesy of Butler County 4-H Council.
- **Diamond Clover Award** - plan your goals and report your progress!
- **All Special Award Nominations** - due September 25!

The **4-H Annual Achievement Application** is a requirement for applying for the following Butler County 4-H Program Awards:

- 4-H County Awards
- Chris Clover Awards
- 4-H Workshop and 4-H Camp Scholarships
- 4-H Council Senior Scholarship (Due April 1)

### APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE BY VISITING THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

- County Award Achievement Application (youth ages 8-18 as of January 1) - [NE4H-Jr-Achievement-Application fillable.pdf](#)
- State Award/Delegate Achievement Application (youth ages 15-18 as of January 1) - [NE4H-Sr-Achievement-Application fillable.pdf](#)
- Chris Clover Award Application - [Chris Clover Award Application fillable.pdf](#)
- 4-H Workshop and 4-H Camp Scholarship Application - [Scholarship Application fillable.pdf](#)



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## NOMINATIONS WANTED

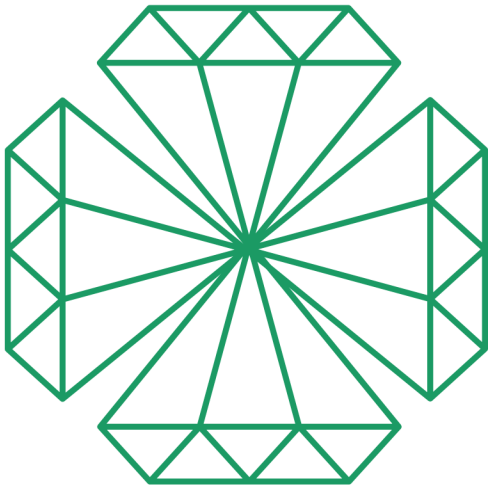
We are currently seeking nominations for our 2023 Butler County 4-H Honorees. Nomination forms can be found at: [4-H Awards & Record Keeping | Nebraska Extension](#).

- **Outstanding 4-H Girl and Outstanding 4-H Boy:** 4-H'ers who are high school juniors or seniors may be nominated for this award. This will be awarded to youth who have demonstrated personal integrity, well-rounded lives and a willingness to assume responsibility.
- **Individual Appreciation Honoree:** This individual has served 4-H in an extra special way.
- **Business Appreciation Honoree:** This business has supported 4-H through funding, in-kind donations and/or other types of support.
- **4-H Alumni Honoree:** This former 4-H'er has demonstrated a successful life in terms of citizenship, career, family, etc. influenced by their involvement in 4-H.



## DIAMOND CLOVER AWARD INFORMATION

The Diamond Clover Award Program encourages youth to engage in a variety of programs, projects and activities that will enable youth to acquire skills and abilities that will prepare them for success in the future. The program consists of six levels that require a young person to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. More information can be found at: [Diamond Clover | Nebraska 4-H](#). The goals sheet must be submitted to the Butler County Extension Office on **May 5** and the final reports to be submitted on **October 3**. For more information, contact Aliesha Meusch!



## CLOVER KID 4-H RECORD BOOK

The Clover Kid Record Book is designed as a beginning record keeping tool for 4-H members 5-7 years of age. Every Clover Kid completing a record book and turning it in by **September 25** to the Extension Office will receive a **\$5 incentive** provided by the Butler County 4-H Council. The Clover Kid Record Book can be found here: [2023 Clover Kid Record](#).





# Nebraska 4-H Annual Achievement Application for Awards and Recognition

The Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application is a standard application form used for the selection of county and state award winners, including Nebraska delegates to National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference, as well as Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarship award recipients. *To serve as a delegate for National 4-H Congress or Conference, youth must turn ages 15-19 during the calendar year in which the trip occurs. If you are interested in being considered as a delegate for these national experiences, you will make the designation on your application.*

## APPLICANTS

- All youth, aged 8-18, are encouraged to complete this application for acknowledgement of your annual achievements in 4-H and to be eligible for county and state level awards.

## COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

- The application is designed to be completed electronically. Limit responses in the "My Experiences" section to a maximum of three pages, single-spaced, 12 point font. *A fourth page is allowed for those applying for the National trips.*
- In the selection process, significant accomplishments in your 4-H experience, leadership, community involvement and career spark (potential career choice) are given more consideration than number of projects completed.
- Please do not send a list of your awards. You may include selected awards as part of the "My Experiences" section of the application.
- Creativity is encouraged; use bullet lists, photos, infographics, etc. to help tell your 4-H story.

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Submit the following elements via email (butler-county@unl.edu) to Butler County Extension by **September 25**. Applications can also be submitted via mail or drop-off.
- The completed application will include:
  - An "About Me" page
  - The "My Experience" answers (3 page maximum)
  - Additional responses required for *national experience applicants only* (1 page maximum)
- You can access the applications by visiting the following links:
  - Junior Achievement Application for ages 8-14 (county-only): [NE4H-Jr-Achievement-Application fillable.pdf](#)
  - Senior Achievement Application for ages 15-18 (state-eligible): [NE4H-Sr-Achievement-Application fillable.pdf](#)

Questions about the application and application process? Contact the Butler County Extension Office at 402-367-7410. For more information about the Nebraska Achievement Application, visit [Achievement Application | Nebraska 4-H](#).

## NATIONAL EXPERIENCE APPLICANTS

- **National 4-H Conference** is held in March in Chevy Chase, Maryland. This is the premier national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members across the country. Delegates not only learn while at the conference but also have the opportunity to practice and apply in a real-world setting their newly developed and refined skills. For more information, visit **National 4-H Conference | Nebraska 4-H**.
- **National 4-H Congress** is held in late November in Atlanta, Georgia. This program is an educational experience designed to make an impact. Youth will expand their skills, engage with other 4-H members and be inspired to make an impact in their club, community, country and world. For more information, visit **National 4-H Congress | Nebraska 4-H**.

## TO BE A DELEGATE

- Applicants must:
  - Turn age 15-19 during the calendar year in which the trip occurs to be considered.
  - Not have been a delegate to the program in which they are applying.
  - Be able to miss one full week of school and/or work to attend the program.
  - Be a participant in the Nebraska 4-H Program in any delivery mode.
  - Be dependable and punctual.
- If selected, delegates will:
  - Participate in an orientation and complete pre-program assignments.
  - Check and respond to email and other online information regularly in preparation for the leadership experience.
  - Participate fully in the program.
  - Carry out follow-up responsibilities designated by the 4-H program.
  - Make public appearances for 4-H.
  - **Expenses:** The Nebraska 4-H Foundation provides partial scholarships. Delegates will be responsible for travel to and from the airport from home, meals to and from the leadership experience location, optional tours and souvenirs they wish to purchase.

## COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

- One additional page is allowed for delegate applicants.
- As you complete your application, remember that while participation in 4-H programs, leadership and community are important, the information you share when you return from the leadership experience is equally important.
- You are encouraged to submit the application electronically. A selection team will screen applications. Applicants may be contacted for additional information.
- Chosen delegates may be required to travel to an airport that is not the closest to them due to chaperone location and cost restrictions.
- Following the county review, make revisions if needed and submit the applications for state review by January 15.
  - If you did not previously submit an application to Butler County, you are still eligible to submit by January 15 for all considerations of the state level award and scholarships.
  - **All applications for state awards and delegate selection should be submitted via email to: [4HAchieves@unl.edu](mailto:4HAchieves@unl.edu).** Files should be labeled with the applicants last name, first name and county. For example, *MeuschAliessaButler*.