



“I Belong” Award Application

Name: _____ 4-H Age: _____

Curriculum Area: _____ Exhibit Class Number: _____

County _____

Exhibit Description: _____

You may use a second page to answer these questions.

1. How does this 4-H project encourage your feelings of belonging to the Nebraska 4-H Youth Program?

2. How does this 4-H Exhibit give you the opportunity to Belong?

3. List your favorite involvement with 4-H. What personal strengths did it allow you to see in yourself?

4. In your own words, state what you feel it means to Belong in 4-H.



4-H “I Belong” Award

Objective: Recognize 4-H static exhibits incorporating or demonstrating concepts from the areas of inclusivity, diversity, self-realization at the county fair. Exhibits in all curriculum areas will be considered for the award.

Youth will be recognized for static exhibits that incorporate and/or demonstrate:

- Concepts of self-reflection and explorations of one’s own heritage.
- Explorations of one’s own heritage, culture, and cultural lens
- Application of knowledge including advocating for others in all curriculum areas.

Diversity Statement: The diversity of Nebraska 4-H strengthens our programs and provides uniqueness to our heritage. The term diversity refers to race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and physical or mental disability. People may be different in many ways, including race or ethnicity, age disabilities, language, culture, appearance, or religion. In Nebraska 4-H, we want to provide opportunities for all youth to fully participate in every aspect of life.

Curriculum Areas: Animal Science, Communications/Expressive Arts, Consumer & Family Sciences, Environmental Education and Earth Science, Healthy Lifestyles, Leadership & Citizenship, Plant Sciences, and Science, Engineering & Technology (SET).

Examples of Applications:

- A heritage exhibit that shows cultural heritage or origin
- A club project that exhibits how you belong to a 4-H Club.
- A baked product that is made from a family recipe.

Youth interested in applying for this award will submit the application along with a picture of the exhibit to their respective Extension Office. Deadline for youth to apply are due at the start of their county fair. All youth who participate will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

Award Application includes:

- Completed application no longer than 2 pages.
- A picture of the static exhibit.

Youth can submit application one of two ways:

1 – Paper copy to their local Extension Office. County Offices will need to submit the application electronically on their behalf by August 30th.

2 – Online at <https://go.unl.edu/ibelongaward4h>





Judging:

All applications will be submitted to the NAE4-HYDP Diversity Committee for judging. Awards will be given to the top applicants from across the state. Applications will be submitted by the County Extension Office no later than August 30th. Winner will be announced during National 4-H Week in October.

Each application will be judged on the following criteria:

- Applicant demonstrates inclusivity, diversity, and self-realization concepts.
- Exhibits allow youth to grow and strengthen their personal attributes and talents.
- Applicant promotes a sense of belonging to the Nebraska 4-H program for all youth.
- Answers are complete and demonstrate correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling.