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TO: 4-H Club Members in Dixon County
FROM: UNL Extension - Dixon County
RE: 2023 4-H Achievement Application and Achievement Celebration

The 2023 4-H Year in Dixon County is nearly completed. Enclosed in this mailing is the County Award Sheet, information about completing the Achievement Application, Diamond Clover information, and Clover Kid form (if you have any in your household). Remember, in order to receive fair premiums, 4-H members are encouraged to complete their Achievement Application.

We want to encourage all 4-H'ers to complete an Achievement Application this year. If you need help with the Achievement Application, please call the Extension Office. Good Luck!

Achievement Application

The Nebraska State 4-H program has changed the record-keeping program. The application is a great record-keeping system that follows the youth through their 4-H career and is a valuable tool to use when applying for scholarships, awards, and jobs. (A sample is enclosed.) Fillable online forms are available. <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>

Diamond Clover Awards

Youth are also encouraged to apply for Diamond Clover Awards. These are based on individual accomplishments and are non-competitive. Please review the attached information sheet. Forms are located on this website: <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>

State Opportunities

Only Senior Achievement Applications (ages 15-18) are eligible to participate in the state-level awards application process regardless of the delivery mode in which they participated. The Nebraska 4-H Foundation utilizes the Achievement Application for awarding scholarships. Youth interested in applying for these scholarships must make that designation on their application, as well as complete the additional section titled "Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarships." The Achievement Application is the only way to apply for these scholarships.
<https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

National Opportunities

4-H'ers age 15 and older may be eligible to represent our great state at the National 4-H Congress or the National 4-H Conference. Please designate your desire to apply for these on your Achievement Application.

- **National 4-H Congress** is an award program, which provides recognition to 4-H youth for their outstanding performances and achievements in 4-H. Nebraska can send delegates to the National 4-H Congress each year. It is held annually in Atlanta Georgia.
<https://4h.unl.edu/congress>

- **National 4-H Conference** 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. The National 4-H Conference is held annually at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. <https://4h.unl.edu/conference>

Clover Kids!

There is a separate form for Clover Kid members. Clover Kids are not eligible for County Awards, however, there are special Clover Kid awards for those members' ages 5-7 years who complete the Clover Kid form that is enclosed in your mailing. If, for some reason, a Clover Kid form is not enclosed in your mailing, please give the Extension Office a call and one will be sent to you, or print one from the website.

Check out the website to download additional copies or to find more information!

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/awards-senior-scholarships/>

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What if our family didn't show at the Dixon County Fair?

If your 4-H members didn't participate in the county fair, but still completed work toward a project, they are still welcome to submit achievement applications. The end project of a 4-H year is not only how one did at the fair, but what one learned, showing it in the achievement application.

Deadline

The County Award Sheet, Achievement Application, Diamond Clover applications, and Clover Kid forms, need to be turned in to your Organizational Club Leader (for signature) by

Friday, November 17, 2023.

4-H Achievement Night plans have yet to be determined.
Be watching for future announcements via email, Facebook, and Remind!

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