Due Tuesday, November 1, 2016 by 4:30 Nebraska Extension office Dodge County.

- Career Portfolios
- Diamond Clover Applications
- 4-H Ambassador Application
- Scholarship Application

MARK YOUR 2017 CALENDAR!

FREMONT 4-H FAIR
July 12 - 15, 2017

NEBRASKA STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW
July 16-20, 2017

DODGE COUNTY FAIR
August 2 - August 6, 2017

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR
August 25 - September 4, 2017

4-H CAREER PORTFOLIO
JUDGES NEEDED
VOLUNTEER DEADLINE:
Monday, October 31, 2016
JUDGING: Wednesday, November 2, 2016
If you or someone you know is interested in serving as a judge, please contact the Nebraska Extension office in Dodge County 402.727.2775.
Judging will begin at 4:00 p.m. Supper will be provided for all volunteer judges.
MARTHA AND DON ROMEO SCHOLARSHIP
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF FAIR MANAGERS

DEADLINE: Thursday, December 1, 2016

The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers will award
a $500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H male and a
$500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H female who are
graduating seniors in the State of Nebraska and who
plan to continue with post-high school education. The
selection of the scholarship recipients will be made by
the NAFM Scholarship Committee. The scholarship
will be awarded at the annual NAFM convention.

Applications are available at the Dodge County Extension
Office. Completed applications should be returned
to the Extension office.

THE PURPOSE OF THE
DODGE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

According to the Dodge County 4-H Council
Constitution, Article II:

The purpose of the Dodge County 4-H Council is to assist the Dodge County Extension Staff in the promotion of 4-H and to help plan and carry out the various activities pertinent to the Dodge County 4-H Program.

Therefore, persons elected to the 4-H Council are empowered to make decisions regarding the Dodge County 4-H Program. Dodge County 4-H members, leaders, parents, and volunteers are encouraged to share their suggestions, concerns, and ideas with the 2016 4-H Council members in order to... Make the best better!
CAREER PORTFOLIOS

**4-H CAREER PORTFOLIO**
Due Tuesday November 1, 2016
By 4:30 pm
to the Nebraska Extension In Dodge County

For the 4-H youth, the 4-H Career Portfolio is:
- an inventory of their cumulative involvement in 4-H, school and their communities.
- a snapshot of their growth through 4-H.
- a resource when applying for county, district, state, and national awards/opportunities.

Career Portfolio resources include:
- CD-ROMs loaded with the 4-H Career Portfolio template are available at the Nebraska Extension in Dodge County
- All the information on the CD-ROM can also be downloaded at:
  [http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dodge/careerportfolio/](http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dodge/careerportfolio/)

To create a Career Portfolio, the 4-H youth should begin with the CD-ROM template. Fill in the blanks and, when complete, print off the portfolio. Their annual story with supporting materials and sections will remain the same. 4-H’ers are NOT required to have separate record books for each 4-H project. An accurately completed Career Portfolio captures all the information from the 4-H project books.

**4-H Career Portfolio Judges NEEDED**
We need Career Portfolio judges. For more information, please contact the UNL Dodge County Extension Office at 402.727.2775.

**Clover Kid Record Book**
Don't wait to get started on career portfolios.....even Clover Kids have their very own record book. This is a simple book that Clover Kids can fill out and draw pictures to express their year in 4-H. Clover Kids will receive special recognition at the annual 4-H Achievement Celebration. You can receive the Clover Kid record book by going online at:
[http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dodge/careerportfolio/](http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dodge/careerportfolio/)

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**DIAMOND CLOVER RECOGNITION PROGRAM**
Due Tuesday, November 1, 2016
By 4:30 pm
to the Nebraska Extension in Dodge County

The Diamond Clover program enables every 4-H member willing to exert the effort an opportunity to be recognized—regardless of how they are involved in 4-H. The program is a new statewide form of recognition. It is NOT intended as a replacement for the Career Portfolio. Participation in the program is optional.

**Eligibility**
4-H members ages 8 – 19 years.

**Levels**
The Diamond Clover program is a six level self-determined recognition program. 4-H members progress through the first five levels of the program increasing their leadership, activities and responsibilities as they go. Older 4-H members may start the recognition program at the level that suits individual abilities.

**NEBRASKA 4-H DIAMOND CLOVER PROGRAM LEVELS**

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Each level has a certain number of suggested accomplishments required to complete that level. These accomplishments encourage individual exploration of a wide variety of 4-H projects, activities, and contests.

Participating 4-H members will gain:
- Self-esteem from successfully completing the requirements of each level
- skills from successful completion of the projects.
- the satisfaction of progress made towards self-set goals
- opportunities for developing youth/adult partnerships
- valuable additions for future resumes.

Learn more at [http://4h.unl.edu/diamondclover](http://4h.unl.edu/diamondclover).
CAREER PORTFOLIOS APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application Deadline: Tuesday, November 1, 2016 by 4:30 pm to the Nebraska Extension in Dodge County, Fremont

REQUIRED MATERIALS:
The following materials are required in the 4-H Career Portfolio should be assembled in the order listed.

ORGANIZING YOUR 4-H CAREER PORTFOLIO:

1. COVER: Use a standard Acco-type fastener in a stiff 8 ½ x 11 inch binder. Do NOT use a loose-leaf ring binder. The binder may be purchased from the Nebraska Extension Office.

2. NEBRASKA 4-H GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOGNITION APPLICATION FORM

3. DODGE COUNTY AWARDS APPLICATION

4. 4-H CAREER PORTFOLIO - A composite of all projects/activities participated in throughout the individual's 4-H career.
   - The 4-H Career Portfolio has been designed for use with Microsoft Word or Open Office. It is NOT required to be typed.
   - Additional pages may be added to the form as indicated.
   - Individuals may use computer word processing equipment to facilitate record-keeping.
   - Information should be printed in the same format as the various sections in "4-H Career Portfolio". However, the information does NOT have to be printed onto the actual form. Use font True Times New Roman 12 point.

5. YOUR 4-H CURRICULUM STORY
   Guidelines: A maximum of six (6) one-sided pages, double spaced, with one-inch margins, True Type Font Times New Roman 12 point.
   **Part 1: Introduction**
   Introduce yourself, you may wish to include information about your family and personal interests. Tell when and why you joined 4-H. You may want to tell why 4-H is important to you.
   **Part 2: Describe Your Growth in Your Major Project Area** - the project area in which you are applying for an award. Relate some of the experiences you have had while completing your 4-H project(s). Share how 4-H and your project helped you learn new knowledge and skills. You may want to include some things you have tried successfully and/or unsuccessfully.
   **Part 3: Other 4-H Projects and Experiences**
   Share highlights of other 4-H projects, activities, or experiences not mentioned in Part 2, include any major learning experiences, items of special interest, and/or unusual situations you encountered.
   **Part 4: Leadership/Community Service related to Part 2 of the Story**
   Explain how 4-H has helped you become a better leader and citizen, how 4-H has increased your interest and participation in community affairs, and what you have learned from team efforts.
   **Part 5: Conclusion - Summary of the Impact of 4-H on You.**—Describe how 4-H participation has helped you to feel good about yourself, influenced your personal goals, and impacted your use of leisure time. Tell about your future plans and the career you want to pursue.

6. SUPPORT MATERIALS:
   Support Materials: Total of six (6) pages - All materials must fit within the confines of an 8 ½ " by 11" piece of paper.
   *Includes:*
   - maximum of 4 pages of photos
   - 2 optional pages of other 4-H supporting materials (photos are not permitted)
   - newspaper articles and clippings may not be used
   - These materials must provide documentation to support your 4-H portfolio story. Do not include specific project record books or year end stories.
   Photographs may be used to illustrate highlights of the project/curriculum area. Photographs depicting special practices followed, year-to-year progress, or leadership activities provide excellent documentation of growth.
NEWSLETTER is going Electronic

As of May 1, 2016 families will no longer receive a hard copy of the 4-H newsletter. Families will receive the link to the newsletter in the weekly 4-H Blast. The newsletter will be posted on the Nebraska Extension in Dodge County webpage for your easy 24/7 access. If you would like to continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter please call the office and ask Amber to put you on the “hard copy” list. Please inform us as soon as possible if you would like to be added to the hard copy list. Thank you for your assistance during this change!

NOTE

1. Four (4) picture pages may be included. Photos should be securely mounted on 8 ½ x 11- inch one-sided paper. Include a brief caption explanation— descriptive, NOT "cute". Photos captions might identify event, year, and/or your role.

2. Provide "Action" photos to document 4-H activities.

3. Color photocopies, and/or digital photos are acceptable and may be submitted in place of actual photos. Photocopies of newspaper print pictures are not acceptable.
   - DO NOT write on the front of a photo.
   - DO NOT shingle pictures (where one photo must be lifted to see another). Photos may be trimmed, but do NOT confuse information being shared with a collage effect.
   - DO NOT include news clippings or photographs taken from newspapers, magazines newsletters, etc.
   - DO NOT use plastic cover sheets or sleeves on portfolio pages including support material pages.

END OF 4-H YEAR FORMS

The Dodge County 4-H website has all end-of-4-H-year forms:

http://dodge.unl.edu/careerportfolio

- 4-H Career Portfolio Application Guidelines
- Dodge County 4-H County & State Award Application
- Nebraska 4-H General Information Recognition Application
- Diamond Clover Program
- Download your “4-H Career Portfolio”
- College scholarships

GET THE INSIDE SCOOP ON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

“Get the Inside Scoop on Scholarship Applications” workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Nielsen Center, 200 Anna Stalp Avenue in West Point. Every junior and senior in high school, plus their parents, are encouraged to attend. Students presently enrolled in college and non-traditional students will benefit as well. Topics to be covered will be: how to find a scholarship, how to put together quality applications, how to answer questions wisely, how to write quality letters for applications, tips on completing applications, tips on following through with applications and setting up files for scholarship organization.

During the workshop Cheryl Kreikemeier, Sandy Ahlers, and Debra Schroeder will present a thorough step-by-step process of completing the scholarship process. Students are asked to sign-up with their guidance counselor or by contacting Nebraska Extension in Cuming County at 402-372-6006 if they plan to attend.

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SOURCE: Debra E. Schroeder, Extension Educator
With the upcoming Achievement Celebration, we strive to give credit where credit is due. Please give us an opportunity to make any needed corrections BEFORE the ceremony. Contact Amber at 402.727.2775 or amaassen2@unl.edu

Remember:
- Clover Kids are 4-H youth ages 5-7 years on January 1, 2016
- Members are 4-H youth ages 8-18 years on January 1, 2016
- Graduates are 4-H youth who will be age 19 on January 1, 2017

NEW 2016
- The 4-H council voted to make a few changes to the way 4-H years will be counted and when awards will be awarded.
  - Member Year 1 begins when the 4-H youth first enrolls in Dodge County 4-H.
  - Members will receive their plaque at this time. (The only way to receive your plaque is by coming to the Achievement Celebration or stopping into the office after the Achievement Celebration)
- 2016 will be the last year for the two year award.
- This year and next year we will work to get everyone caught up with the new system.
- Youth will be recognized for 1, 5, 10, and graduate years.

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### 2016 Dodge County 4-H Achievement Celebration

Sponsored by the Dodge County 4-H Council & 4-H Foundation
Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Gym
RSVP by 4:30 pm Wednesday, November 2, 2016
http://go.unl.edu/ddyp
402-727-2775 or amaassen2@unl.edu

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http://go.unl.edu/ddyp
Two Year Members
Elizabeth Franzluebbers  Samantha Miller  Bailey Rothanzl
Alexa Abrahams  Elley Headid  Johnathan Mitchell  Aydia Ryun
Jordan Adams  Avery Heinrich  Cortland Moeseman  Tate Sandman
Grace Benson  Hannah Heinrich  Chasity Mueller  Hannah Schlueter
Joseph Blaha  Chaise Hilbers  Luke Nebuda  Jenna Schneck
Kyson Blocker  Klayton Hilbers  Tobias Oelkers  Keira Stout
Kacee Booth  Paige Larsen  Kassidy Otteman  Philip Streff
Kelsey Bunn  Bennett Libra  Emerson Petersen  Madalynn Thompson
Elizabeth Buresh  Lily Marolf  Ty Petersen  Natalie Wagner
Anna Dunker  Carson McConnell  Aubrey Pieper  Brooke Wiese
Betsy Dunker  Dawson McConnell  Jentry Pieper  Lainey Willnerd
Hunter Epperson  Lane Mehaffey  Lucia Pleskac  Nolan Willnerd
Peyton Goebel  Marinn Meyer  Mollie Powell  Wyatt Willnerd
Avery Gosset  Wade Meyer  Grace Reynolds

Five Year Members
Rachel Adams  Abigail Hasemann  Ally Pojar  Cailey Stout
Rebecca Adams  Isaac Howser  Brendan Pojar  Mariah Swanson
Dalton Blaha  Joseph Howser  Brooklyn Reynolds  Brett Uthing
Emily Brodd  Emily Miller  Jacob Spicer  Holden Von Seggern
Emily Cech  Matthew Ondracek  Jesse Spicer  Charlotte Winey
Kayl Francis  Morgan Ondracek  Jordan Spicer

Ten Year Members
Elizabeth Franzluebbers  Julie Kempf  Karly Niewohner  Jamie Poppe
Taylor Harms  Ryan Kreikemeier  Matthew Ortmeier  Brittney Utemark
Jessica Holub  Michelle Krula  Lindsay Peters  Cynthia Yeager

Graduate Members
Aaron Hemme  KateLyn Ness
Emily Franzluebbers  Nolan Lund  Lindsey Wisnieski

Leader Awards
Two Year Leaders
Ann Brodd  Sheri Kriete  Becky Pieper  Rebecca Streff  Lizabeth Wolfenden
Jay Cech  Bonnie Nebuda  Charles Riggle  Marvin Wiese
Pamela Cech  Sean Oelkers  Kenneth Streff  Mindy Wiese

Five Year Leaders
Kelly Abrahams  Donald Franzlebbers  Fred Ness
Hope Bunn  Mandy Lackey  Ron Purell

Fifteen Year Leaders
Bernard Harms
Robyn Harms

November 1  Career Portfolio, Diamond Clover and Ambassador Applications
DUE into Nebraska Extension office by 4:30pm
November 1  Post-Fair Horse Meeting, Nebraska Extension office at 7:00PM
November 6  Achievement Celebration, Masonic Home, Fremont at 5:00PM
November 11  Dodge County Extension Office Closed - Veterans’ Day
November 16  Post-Fair Livestock Meeting, Nebraska Extension office at 7:00PM
November 24-25  Dodge County Extension Office Closed - Thanksgiving Day
December 26  Dodge County Extension Office Closed - Christmas Holiday (Observed)
CONSIDER NEBRASKA!

ACADEMICS & SUPPORT
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is a leader in academic excellence, offering world-class opportunities to extend your interests with 150 majors and 285 programs of study. Learn more at: http://admissions.unl.edu/discover/academics.aspx

CAMPUS LIFE
You’d be hard-pressed to find a major university with a stronger sense of community, a more feverish school spirit, or deeper commitment to involvement than Nebraska, where you can choose from 400 student organizations. Learn more at: http://admissions.unl.edu/why-unl.aspx#weird

COST & AID
Consumers Digest and Kiplinger.com rated NEBRASKA as a "Best Value in Public Colleges“ for our academic excellence and residential experience at a low cost. Learn more at: http://admissions.unl.edu/cost.aspx

DIVERSITY
Nebraska is committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse student body. Learn more at: http://admissions.unl.edu/student-life/diversity-community.aspx

LINCOLN LIFE
With 250,000 people, Lincoln has the same movies, stores, shows, restaurants, and coffee shops that you’d find in other major cities. Learn more at: http://admissions.unl.edu/why-unl.aspx#instagrid

UNL: ON-CAMPUS VISITS
Visiting campus is the best way to experience Nebraska. When you see it firsthand you begin to understand the rich tradition and contagious school spirit on campus. Each event offers the opportunity to learn about academics, scholarships and financial aid, living and dining options, how to get involved, Greek Life and career connections for your future. You will also have the chance to visit with current students and have your questions answered. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln offers a variety of unique campus visit options all year.

UNL AS A CHOICE FOR COLLEGE
If you or someone you know have plans to continue your formal education at a college or university, then put the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at the top of the list. Just go to the website http://admissions.unl.edu/

Explore options that meet your demands and get to know costs, scholarships, careers and student life on both East and City Campus. Remember that 4-H is your first class at the University of Nebraska. Really, 4-H, Extension and UNL all fit together. For more information, call toll-free 800-742-8800

For a partial listing of career or recent graduated academic majors, go to: http://casnr.unl.edu/academic-programs

UNL CASNR Scholarship
If you are a high school student that will be attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and have scored a 26 or higher on the ACT, you automatically qualify for a $1,000 UNL CASNR Scholarship. As a student, you will need to be enrolled in CASNR to receive the scholarship. To view programs available, visit http://casnr.unl.edu/paying-college

Dear High School Senior,
The Nebraska Extension Office - Dodge County staff has enjoyed working with you during your 4-H career. Even after high school, if there is any way we can help you; don’t hesitate to call our office. Did you know that the Nebraska Extension Office is a part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln system? So in a sense, you have already taken a “class” from UNL by participating in 4-H! Whether or not you have made your college decision, we are reminding you that there are many tremendous opportunities at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

For Important College Application Reminders for UNL, go to: http://admissions.unl.edu/.

Sincerely,
Dodge County Extension Staff