

HALL COUNTY 4-H AWARD PROGRAM

All award applications are due to the Extension Office by 5 pm on **October 1.**

All 4-H members are encouraged to participate in the 4-H Award Program.

NEBRASKA 4-H ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATION - The Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application was introduced as a new alternative to the Career Portfolio: <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>. By having one single form that more closely resembles the kinds of questions being asked on college applications and in resumes, 4-H'ers will be better prepared to be college and job ready while keeping a record of their achievements. This year there is a Junior (ages 8-14) and Senior (ages 15-18) application. Those in the Senior age group will also have the opportunity to pursue state level opportunities – selection for 4-H Congress, Conference, scholarships, and other leadership opportunities that arise statewide. With this exciting change, career portfolios will no longer be accepted on the State level to attain these opportunities. Hall County will also make the transition away from Career Portfolios and will use the Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application in its place in order to offer the best opportunities to our youth. If you enjoy the Career Portfolio format, please feel free to continue using it; however those will not be judged on the county or state level.

NEBRASKA 4-H GIVES BACK PROGRAM - The Nebraska 4-H Gives Back Program is an opportunity for a Nebraska 4-H member or a team of 4-H'ers to make a meaningful contribution to their community. This award recognizes the impact that 4-H youth make in their communities and celebrates the spirit of service-learning, a pillar of the 4-H experience. To achieve the Nebraska 4-H Gives Back honor, a 4-H member or team must complete a major service-learning project that benefits his/her community. Information is available at: <https://4h.unl.edu/ne4h-gives-back>.

DIAMOND CLOVER PROGRAM - The Diamond Clover youth recognition program (4-H age 8 and older) includes six levels: amethyst, aquamarine, ruby, sapphire, emerald and diamond. Printable forms are available at <http://4h.unl.edu/diamondclover>. The program is designed for 4-H members to progress at one level a year. Each level includes a set of goals that must be achieved for recognition. 4-H members decide what to do - pick from the wide range of activities provided or choose their own activities. The 4-H Diamond Clover program doesn't replace current recognition programs such as the Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application or county awards, but rather complements each of these programs.

OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBER - The Outstanding 4-H Member (ages 16-18) is chosen based on leadership, citizenship and community involvement shown in their Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application AND by completing their 4-H story. Details can be found at <http://hall.unl.edu/4-h-member-resources/>.

CLOVER KIDS - HEAD, HEART, HANDS and HEALTH PROGRAM - This program recognizes the hard work done by our Clover Kids. Each member, 4-H age 5-7, should have set goals in the areas of the four H's: Head, Heart, Hands and Health, earlier this year. All Clover Kids who turn in completed forms will receive a prize. Forms are available at <http://hall.unl.edu/4-h-member-resources/>.