

September 8, 2016

Dear 4-H'er and parents,

The 2016 4-H year is coming to an end and it is time to wrap things up with the paper work. (Now comes the fun part...) We recommend all 4-H'ers turn in 4-H records regardless of whether or not you want to apply for an award. The 4-H Council does recognize all 4-H'ers who turn in records with a small reward.

Deadline is Monday, October 3.

The 4-H Career Portfolio is a 4-H record that you keep adding to each year, so you have a complete record of your 4-H years. We recommend all 4-H'ers use it. It can be the hand-written copy or you can get the files on the website at: <http://4h.unl.edu/careerportfolio> and do it on the computer using Microsoft Word or Open Office.

Also, **Diamond Clover Award** applications were started last spring with goals written down on the application form. Now it's time to fill out the rest of the application and return it to the office. Those who get their goals accomplished will receive a plaque. Question about this? Call us.

Each year we have about 20 **scholarships** for 4-H camps and other activities available to all 4-H'ers from money generated from the livestock auction at the county fair. You do not have to do anything extra to apply for these scholarships. Just turn in your 4-H records. All of the names go into a pot and we draw for the winners. This year we hope to be able to award *more* scholarships, thanks to the Livestock Auction committee and how the livestock auction came out at fair.

All 4-H'ers who apply for **county award medals** will receive a medal if they meet the minimum requirements. Minimum requirements are:

- Two years in the project
- Two years exhibiting at county fair in the project
- Participation in one county event (i.e. workshop or contest) each year
- Participation in one community service activity each year

A form is enclosed for you to circle ***up to 3*** county awards you are applying for this year. You can only receive a project medal once for each project area.

Please find enclosed general guidelines for doing your records and guidelines for award applications. If you have *any* questions regarding your record book or having trouble getting it started, do not hesitate to give us a call. That is what we are here for! You can set up a time to meet with me to go over your record if you wish (402-729-3487), but please call soon if you would like to do that.

Sincerely,

Darci Pesek
Extension Educator

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General Guidelines for 4-H Records & Award Applications

1. **We recommend all 4-H'ers do the "4-H Career Portfolio."** However, the individual project sheets are also acceptable. Please put your project sheets together in a folder. "4-H Career Portfolio" is a form available at the office or online that incorporates all aspects of your 4-H participation. By keeping up your 4-H portfolio, it will be an excellent memory book and source of information later when you are applying for senior scholarships or writing resumes. If you are not applying for awards, do a "Story of The Year" covering this year's activities.

2. Circle the auction scholarship on the enclosed county form C-16 if you would like your name in for the drawing for one of the scholarships.

Every 4-H'er who turns in a record book on time is eligible for a 4-H camp or other event scholarship made possible from funds from the livestock auction at county fair.

3. The 4-H Council sponsors two \$200 college scholarships for graduating seniors. All seniors will receive a separate application form in the mail which must accompany the 4-H Career Portfolio. ***All seniors are eligible to apply for these scholarships.***

4. If you are applying for County or State awards, the "4-H Career Portfolio" is required. We recommend that you put your portfolio and accompanying information in the green 4-H record book cover available at the office or a report cover of some kind. We have enclosed directions on how to apply for awards and the entry forms. **Note: For State Applicants:** There is a separate award entry form enclosed for state competition. The State 4-H Office has grouped projects together into curriculum areas. You should write an award story for all your accomplishments within a curriculum area, instead of for a single project. This story should cover all your years in 4-H. The judges will be looking for emphasis in these three areas for selection for state competition: Your 4-H growth, how you have shared your knowledge with others, and how you have been involved in your community. State award winners will attend National 4-H Youth Congress in November 2017.

5. The 4-H Council sponsors the Golden Clover Awards. Juniors and seniors are eligible to apply for the Golden Clover and up to 1% of the 4-H'ers enrolled may win this award each year (usually 1 - 2 awards). Selection is based on overall achievement. To apply for this award, 4-H'ers should submit a copy of the 4-H Career Portfolio and an achievement story.

6. All 4-H records and award applications are due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. **Monday, OCTOBER 3** to be eligible for awards.

Each 4-H'er who turns in a record book on time will be recognized at Achievement Day during the County Fair in 2017.

See you soon!

4-H COUNTY AWARDS ENTRY SHEET

FORM C-16

NAME:	BIRTH DATE:
ADDRESS:	TOWN & ZIP:
COUNTY:	PHONE:
GRADE IN SCHOOL (FALL 2016)	NAME OF SCHOOL:
AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016:	CLUB NAME:

Youth currently enrolled in 4-H and in a project for at least two years may apply for county awards. Circle the letter "C" (County competition) preceding the project/activity in which your application is to be considered. County awards may be applied for in every project area. See the enclosed sheets for information on the awards and how to apply for them.

Note: If you are at least 14 years old and a county award winner this year, your records will also be considered for the state competition. (Age requirements, county selection for state competition 2016: Birth dates must be between Jan. 1, 1997 and Dec. 31, 2001 at the time of county selection.

C	Achievement	C	Consumer Educ.	C	Forestry	C	Shooting Sports
C	Aerospace (Rockets)	C	Dairy	C	Garden/Hort.	C	Swine
C	Agriculture	C		C	Goat	C	Vet Science
C	Beef	C	Demonstrations	C	Health	C	Visual Arts/Crafts
C	Bicycle	C	Dog	C	Home Environment	C	Welding
C	Bread	C	Electricity	C	Horse	C	Wildlife Conserv
C	Cat	C	Engines, Tractors & Field Equipment	C	Leadership	C	Wood Science
C	Child Development	C	Energy Mgmt	C	Photography	C	
C	Citizenship	C	Entomology	C	Poultry	C	Livestock Auction Scholarships
C	Clothing	C	Fashion Revue	C	Public Speaking	C	2017 Senior Scholarships
C	Companion Animals (Pets)	C	Fitness Leadership	C	Rabbits	C	Golden Clover Award for Juniors & Seniors
C	Computer Science	C	Food Nutrition	C	Safety		
C	Conservation	C	Food Preservation	C	Sheep		

I have personally prepared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my work:

Date _____ Signature of Member _____

We have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct:

Date _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____ Signature of 4-H Leader _____

4-H STATE AWARDS ENTRY SHEET

FORM S-16

NAME:	BIRTH DATE:
ADDRESS:	TOWN & ZIP:
COUNTY:	PHONE:
GRADE IN SCHOOL (FALL 2016)	NAME OF SCHOOL:
AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016:	CLUB NAME:

Youth currently enrolled in 4-H may apply for consideration in the Nebraska 4-H Incentives Program. Special recognition in the programs listed below is subject to donor availability and confirmation. Circle the letter "D" (District competition) preceding the curriculum area in which your application is to be considered for available incentives and/or future competition. Please note below which projects are included in each curriculum area.

***Age requirements, county selection for state competition 2016: Birth Dates must be between Jan. 1, 1997 and Dec. 31, 2001 at the time of county selection. National 4-H Conference & Other Events birth years are now the same as the rest.**

	Curriculum Area:	Projects Included In Area:
D	Animal Science	Beef, Sheep, Swine, Horse, Poultry, Companion Animal, Ag Achievement (Animal emphasis), Veterinary Science, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Dog, Cat, Rabbit
D	Citizenship & Civic Education	Citizenship, Heritage, Cultural Education, Global Education, International programs
D	Communication & Expressive Arts	Public Speaking, Photography
D	Consumer & Family Science	Clothing, Fashion Revue, Child Development, Consumer Education, Family Life Education, Home Environment
D	Environmental Education & Earth Sciences	Conservation, Energy Management, Forestry, Entomology, Soils, Range, Wildlife, Outdoor Education, Waste Management, Environmental Stewardship
D	Healthy Lifestyle	Health, Fitness Leadership, Food & Nutrition, Food Preservation & Conservation, Bread, Safety
D	Personal Development & Leadership	Leadership, Achievement, Careers, Exploring 4-H, Leisure Education
D	Plant Science	Gardening, Ag Achievement (Plant emphasis), Horticulture, Crops
D	Science & Technology	Wood Science, Electrical, Rocketry, Biological Science, Computers, Engineering
D	National Dairy Conference	
D	National Conferences & Other Events	

I have personally prepared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my work:

Date _____ Signature of Member _____

We have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct:

Date _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____ Signature of 4-H Leader _____

This application has been approved for state competition in the following areas: _____

Date _____ Signature of Extension staff _____