

NEBRASKA 4-H SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATION

This application is for all 4-H participants ages 15-18. It is used for the selection of Merrick County awards. This application cannot be used for state level awards.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

- Limit responses in the “My Experiences” section to a maximum of four (4) pages, single-spaced, 12-point font.
- In the selection process, significant accomplishments in your **4-H experience, leadership, community involvement, and career spark** are given more consideration than the number of 4-H projects completed.
- Creativity is encouraged, use bullet lists, photos, infographics, etc. to help tell your 4-H story.

A complete application includes: 1. About Me page
2. My Experience answers

ABOUT ME

Name: (First Middle Last)	
Present Address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip:	
County (enrolled in 4-H):	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Email Address:	
Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YEAR)	
Current Age:	

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

By inserting initials below, I certify that the information in this application is accurate and complete.

Applicant's Signature (typed initials):

Date:

Parent/Guardian's Signature (typed initials):

Date:

Answer the following items within a maximum of 4 pages. Please use headings (**4-H Experiences, Leadership Experiences, Community Involvement/Service Learning Experiences, and Career Spark**) to separate your responses. Creativity is encouraged, use bullet lists, photos, infographics, etc. to help tell your 4-H story. The items bulleted are suggestions of what might help us understand your involvement and learning.

4-H EXPERIENCES

Part 1

Describe your collective 4-H experience.

- Indicate the depth and breadth of your 4-H experience.
- Identify the number of years in the program.
- Identify program experiences in which you engaged.
- What skills have you learned as a result of being a part of the 4-H program?
- What have you learned about yourself as a result of being a part of 4-H?

Part 2

Describe your 4-H experience within the last 4-H year.

- What was your level of involvement?
- Identify 3 program experiences that you would consider a “highlight” of your year.
 - Describe these experiences. What did you do? What was involved? Who was a part of this experience? Why did you want to participate? What was accomplished through this experience? What was your favorite part of the experience? What did you learn?
- How will this past year influence your future (i.e., 4-H experience, classroom experience, career, etc.)?

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Part 1: 4-H Leadership Experiences

Describe your 4-H leadership experiences that have helped build your leadership skills.

- What type of leadership was it?
 - For example: Roles (Club President), Activities (4-H Lend a Hand Day), Experiences (Being a Junior Ambassador for my county).
- When did these experiences occur?
- Identify your part in the experiences:
 - Duties you completed
 - Responsibilities you fulfilled
 - Skills you utilized
- What did you learn about leadership through these experiences?

Part 2: Non 4-H Leadership Experiences

Describe your Non 4-H leadership experiences that have helped build your leadership skills.

- What type of leadership was it?
 - For example: Roles (Youth Choir Jr. Director), Activities (Warrior Football Camp), and Experiences (Student Council Member).
- When did these experiences occur?
- Identify your part in the experiences:
 - Duties you completed
 - Responsibilities you fulfilled
 - Skills you utilized
- What did you learn about leadership through these experiences?

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SERVICE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Describe two times you were involved in volunteer service to others and/or the community through 4-H or other opportunities.

- List the type of involvement
- When did the experiences occur?
- What were duties, responsibilities, and skills you used to be successful?
- What did you learn in each of your experiences?

CAREER SPARK

Describe how your 4-H experiences have sparked your interest in a future career field.

COUNTY AWARD

Add a paragraph to the end of your Achievement Application for each award you apply for, one paragraph per page please.