



TIPS ON TAP



4-H NEWS OF OTOE COUNTY
"YOUR FRONT DOOR TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA"

4-H ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATION

The Otoe County and Nebraska 4-H Awards program begins with the 4-H members doing their best and recording their accomplishments.

Now is the time of year to tell us what you have learned and to apply for a 4-H award by completing your 4-H Achievement Application.

There are MANY awards offered: medals, cash, trips, and scholarships. **The deadline is Friday, October 1** for the 4-H Achievement Application to be turned into the Extension Office.

Enclosed in this "Tips on Tap" is the 3-page Otoe County 4-H Entry Sheet and Otoe County Awards form. These pages tell you what is necessary to apply for each award.

A good 4-H record will help you recall your many experiences in 4-H and will be an asset when applying for scholarships of any kind when you are graduating.

THANK YOU!!

The 2021 Otoe County Fair was an amazing success! Congratulations to all the 4-H members who through 4-H "Made the Best Better." Thank you to the 4-H Council members, Ag Society members, leaders, superintendents, parents, grandparents, and friends of 4-H who volunteered throughout the pre-fair and fair activities. We totally appreciate your time and talents!

A big thank you to all who sponsored awards for our 4-H youth. The Otoe County Fair has a proud history and through the efforts of all of you – the tradition of excellence continues.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we experienced an "unFAIRgetable" fair this year.

- Deb Weitzenkamp, Erin Steinhoff, and Cheryl Goff



4-H COUNCIL ELECTIONS

If you would like to place your name on the 4-H Council ballot please contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 or a Nominating Committee member. 4-H Council Nominating Committee members include:

- Megan Brehm (meganbrehm1@gmail.com)
- Julie Van Meter (jvanmeter001@gamil.com)

The 4-H Council needs one youth and one adult from each of the three districts for a two-year term. The 4-H council normally meets 10 times a year to provide guidance to the Otoe County 4-H program. Please consider placing your name on the ballot! Please let us know by Friday, October 15th if you are interested.



4-H FOOD PRESERVATION FOR 2022

4-H members you can preserve food now for the 2019 Otoe County Fair! All canning for the 2022 Fair needs be the result of the 2022 project year, which begins September 1, 2021. With the earlier fair dates and unknown weather patterns, you can be ahead of the game by processing fruits and vegetables starting this fall.

SAVE THE DATE:
ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT CELEBRATION
NOVEMBER 7TH

STATE FAIR NEWS

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

Congratulations to all 4-H members who had their exhibits selected for the Nebraska State Fair! Good luck to those who are participating in live 4-H events on the August 28-29 weekend.

All projects going to the Nebraska State Fair must be at the Extension Office by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 20. Exceptions are:

- **Flowers, Foods, and Horticulture** - Tuesday, August 24 by 3:30 p.m. (Please call the Extension Office with class, cultivar or variety by August 18.

Supporting information is required for **ALL** Home Environment exhibits at the Nebraska State Fair. Information must include: 1) explaining all the steps taken to create your entry and 2) stating the element or principle of design used.

Supporting information is also required for **ALL** food preservation items. A form is available from the Extension Office for your use.

Remember to include all supporting information that was required for your exhibit at the county fair. Vegetables must have the cultivar on the tag.

We will have your completed entry tag here at the office when you drop off your items.

State Fair 4-H exhibits will be ready to be picked up at the Extension Office on Friday, September 10th.

STATE FAIR VOLUNTEERS

Help us put on a fantastic 2021 Nebraska State Fair for our 4-H members! We rely heavily on volunteers in the days leading up to and during the State Fair, and this year is no exception. We have a large variety of volunteer roles, dates, and times available. Plus, you'll receive a fair pass for each day you volunteer during the State Fair! Learn more and sign up at 4h.unl.edu/state-fair-volunteer.

STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

To register for the 2021 Nebraska State Fair, 4-H and FFA exhibitors and parents must complete the online registration and pay by credit/debit card. Like last year, you can register and pay for both 4-H and FFA entries in one convenient process at this website: <http://nebr.fairwire.com>.

For more information, go to the State Fair website: <https://www.statefair.org/>.

4-H and FFA exhibitors and their families are responsible for submitting all livestock entries online. This includes:

- 4-H and FFA Livestock entries
- 4-H Companion Animal entries
- 4-H Dog Entries
- 4-H Dog Skill-a-thon entries

All livestock entries must be submitted no later than 8:00 p.m. Central Time on August 10, 2021. A credit or debit card is required to submit entries.

STATE FAIR TICKETS

Our 4-H static exhibitor families will be able to order discount passes directly from the Nebraska State Fair! Orders can be placed using the following link and password. Please remember the opportunity to order these discounted tickets is for static exhibitors and their families only.

Note – There is a limit of 10 tickets per exhibitor. Discount tickets will not be available through the county offices.

Static Exhibitor Discount Ticket Link:

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/2561552/nebraska-state-fair-exhibitor-admission-lincoln-nebraska-state-fairlivestock>

Password: 20214-H

Note – All livestock exhibitors and in-person event exhibitors (contests, fashion show, presentations) will still be able to order discounted tickets when they enter in ShoWorks for State Fair.

Note – General public tickets are available at: <https://www.statefair.org/buy-tickets>.

All advance ticket options are available now until midnight on August 24th at 12:00 a.m.



- 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?
- When applying for a "County Project Award" medal, it is important to share your 4-H experiences in the project area in which you are applying.

Part 2 – Describe your 4-H experiences within the last 4-H year.

- What was your level of involvement?
- **Ages 8 to 14: Identify two (2) program experiences** that you would consider a "highlight" of your year.
Ages 15 to 18: Identify three (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.)?
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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

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?

2021 Otoe County 4-H Entry Sheet

4-H Achievement Application for Awards and Recognition

About 4-H Member

Name _____
 First Middle Last

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ - _____ - _____ Cell phone _____ - _____ - _____

Email address _____

Date of birth _____ / _____ / _____ Current age _____
 Month Day Year

Certification Statement

By signing name below, I certify that the information in this application is accurate and complete. Please sign in ink.

4-H Member's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

Please check the opportunities for which you are applying. You may check more than one:

- _____ County Awards (January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2012)
- _____ State Level Awards (January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2007)
- _____ State Level Scholarships (High School Senior or College Freshman)
- _____ National 4-H Congress (turn age 15 to 19 during the calendar year in which the trip occurs to be considered)
- _____ National 4-H Conference (turn age 15 to 19 during the calendar year in which the trip occurs to be considered)

Check Here if Applying	AWARD	SPONSOR	APPLICATION PROCESS
	4-H Achievement Application Completion Award - \$20 Check	Otoe County 4-H Foundation	Completed 4-H Achievement Application - Turn in a successfully completed 4-H Achievement Application. - Can win this award every year
	4-H Council Junior Division Clover Award - 6 awards given - \$50 Clover Dollars to be used at any 4-H Camp, conference, workshop(s), or event(s).	Otoe County 4-H Council	Completed 4-H Achievement Application - 6 Junior (10 & under) awards. - 4-H members who have not received this award in the past will be given first priority. - Needs to be used by September 30, 2021. - Clover Dollars to be used by award winner only.
	4-H Council Intermediate Division Clover Award - 5 awards given - \$75 Clover Dollars to be used at any 4-H Camp, conference, workshop(s), or event(s).	Otoe County 4-H Council	Completed 4-H Achievement Application - 5 Intermediate (11-13 year olds) awards. - 4-H members who have not received this award in the past will be given first priority. - Needs to be used by September 30, 2021. - Clover Dollars to be used by award winner only.
	4-H Council Senior Division Clover Award - 4 awards given - \$100 Clover Dollars to be used at any 4-H Camp, conference, workshop(s), or event(s).	Otoe County 4-H Council	Completed 4-H Achievement Application - 4 Senior (14 & over) awards. - 4-H members who have not received this award in the past will be given first priority. - Needs to be used by September 30, 2021. - Clover Dollars to be used by award winner only.
	ACE Camp – Adventure Camp about the Environment - Camp fee is estimated at \$190 - NRD will give a \$100 scholarship. Camp dates are in the middle of June.	Nemaha Natural Resources District (NRD) – Contact the NRD for the application form at 402-335-3325.	Completed 4-H Achievement Application - Must have completed 6 th , 7 th , or 8 th grades in the 2020/21 school year to attend. - Camp is at the State 4-H Camp in Halsey, Nebraska. - 4-H members who have not received this award in the past will be given first priority.
	Hard Luck Award - \$25 Check	Otoe County 4-H Council	Write a story on your type of hardship (ex.: cake is eaten by dog; steer dies; dog runs away, brother drops iron on dress and scorches it, etc.) and what was learned from the experience. - No “4-H Achievement Application” is necessary for this award. - 4-H member can win this award only once.
	Community Service Medal	Otoe County 4-H Council	Completed 4-H Achievement Application - Must be 13 or older to apply

2021 Otoe County 4-H Activities

Form 2-2021

Name: _____

Use this sheet to list individual participation in 4-H activities. Please put a check on the line next to the activity if you participated in it during 2021.

Club Meeting Attendance
How many meetings? _____

List your completed 2021 4-H projects:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

If you have completed more than ten projects, please list on back.

4-H Leadership

- Club Officer _____
 Club Committee Chair _____
 4-H Council Member _____
 Anything else _____

County Judging Contests

- Junior Life Challenge _____
 Livestock _____
 Horse _____

State Judging Contests

- Dog _____
 Entomology _____
 Hippology _____
 Horticulture _____
 Horse _____
 Life Challenge _____
 Livestock _____
 Livestock Quiz Bowl _____
 Meats _____
 Poultry _____
 Weed & Grass ID _____

National Level Contest _____

Exhibited at:

- District Horse Show _____
 State Horse Show _____
 County Fair _____
 State Fair _____
 AKSARBEN _____

4-H workshops you attended:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Participated in Speech Contest at:

County _____
 State _____

Participated in:

Specialty Food Auction _____

Participated in contests:

- Favorite Foods Revue _____
 Culinary Challenge at State _____
 Interview Clothing judging _____
 Interview Food judging _____
 Interview Photography judging _____
 Interview Quilt Judging _____

Livestock Showmanship

- County Fair _____
 State Fair _____
 AKSARBEN _____
 Livestock Herdsmanship _____
 Carcass Contest _____

Presentation Contest at:

County _____
 State _____

Fashion Show at:

County _____
 State _____

Performing Arts Contest:

County Fair _____

County Promotion Events:

- Representing 4-H _____
 Club Booth _____
 Club Float _____
 Fundraising activities _____

First Lego League member _____

Shooting Sports at:

County _____
 State _____

4-H Camp

Attended 4-H Camp _____
 Served as 4-H Camp Counselor _____

Attended State Level event(s):

- Any "UNL Big Red" camp _____
 Leadership Conference _____
 4-H Horse Stampede _____
 NAYI _____
 Any other State 4-H event _____

Citizenship Washington Focus

Advisory Committee Member _____
 On list to attend _____
 Attended this year _____

Diamond Clover awards (achieved this year or worked on this year)

Level 1 _____ Level 4 _____
 Level 2 _____ Level 5 _____
 Level 3 _____ Level 6 _____

Please list your Community Service projects that you worked on either as an individual or as a member of your club:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Volunteered to help at:

- Summer 4-H Workshops _____
 County Fair Cleanup Day _____
 County Fair _____
 State Fair _____
 4-H Clover Kids Camp _____

Attended 2020 4-H Achievement Celebration _____

Other 4-H Contest or Activity not listed anywhere else on this page:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

