



4-H Family Newsletter  
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2023



## Reminders:



December 25th closed for Christmas Day  
January 1st closed for New Years Day



## 4-H Online

Start the new year by enrolling for 4-H!  
To enroll go to, <https://v2.4honline.com>

*Please do not create a new profile if you have previously enrolled in 4-H, even a different county or state.*

ALL Youth and Volunteers/Club leaders must be enrolled by **June 15th 2024**.

**Please make sure to include youth T-shirts size in case we have T-shirt donated.**

**This year there are changes to the project selection when enrolling. The project selection is now optional with the EXCEPTION of HORSE and SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECTS due to the parental consent required for participation.**

**VOLUNTEER will have to also complete Volunteer Orientation in order to get approved on 4-H Online. Please go to <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation>.**

Find instructions for returning families can be found at  
<https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/returning-member>

For new families, find instructions here: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/new-member>

Before your enrollment can be accepted, dues must be paid. You can either pay the Extension Office with cash or check or pay online with credit card.

\*Enrollment Fees: 4-Hers and Clover Kids will continue to pay an fee of \$5.00 per 4-Her and Clover kid.

Contact Brittany for help enrolling by calling 402-329-4821

## 4-H Fed Steer Challenge

The 4-H Fed Steer Challenge is a unique opportunity for members looking to take their 4-H beef project to the next level. Applications for next year's program are due Dec. 1 and are available at [4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge](https://4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge).



## 2024 State Fair Updates:

The decision has been made to change the **age of eligibility in 2024 to be 8 years of age before January 1** (of the current year) for all in-person Nebraska State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows, contests) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, PASE, communications contest). Note: there will be some events that will maintain their ages due to specific program rules (shooting sports, FIRST LEGO League Challenge robotics). Please check information on each specific event as it becomes available.



### 4-H Livestock Achievement Program:

Through the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement program, youth can receive recognition as Members of Excellence for engaging in various project-related activities. NEW in 2024: Members as young as eight will be able to participate. Applications are due June 15, but why wait? Visit [4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement](https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement) to get started.

### 2024 Special Garden Project

Register for the Special Garden Project in 4-HOnline. The 2024 Special Garden Project is focused on the Princess India Nasturtium. Visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/special-gardening-project> for more information or to order please call the Extension Office or email Brittany at [bkolterman2@unl.edu](mailto:bkolterman2@unl.edu).



### Data Driven 4-H Statistics:

Data Science and Statistics Field Day and Competition. Is scheduled for March 16, 2024, on UNL East Campus. Teams will consist of four high school students (grades 10-12) and will compete in five unique games with a focus on probability, data science, and a little bit of luck. A \$500 CASNR Scholarship will be awarded to the top scoring team members.

Registration is sponsored for the first 20 teams. For information visit:

<https://4h.unl.edu/data-driven>

# Scholarships

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/senior-scholarships/>

## Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarship

**Due January 5, 2024-** Multiple scholarships for graduating seniors available to you: Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply Scholarship. The 4-H Legacy Scholarship Rose and Guy Richard McDonald Scholarship Horse Scholarship - Grand Island Saddle Club R. B. Warren 4-H Horse Educational Scholarship Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)



## State Achievement Application

State achievement applications are due Friday, Jan. 5!  
These applications are used to select National 4-H Congress delegates, National 4-H Conference delegates, and Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarship recipients. Learn more at [4h.unl.edu/achievement-application](http://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application).

## Donate 4-H Club T-Shirts



Pierce County 4-H Council would like if one 4-H T-shirt from each Club would be donated. T-Shirts will be used in a 4-H Quilt for auction at the Pierce County Fair. It can be drop off at the Extension Office.



## Attention 4-H Families

We still have some State & County Fair exhibits here in the office. Please pick up your exhibits as soon as possible we would appreciate it.



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# December Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	Pick up November Take Home Project	Pick up November Take Home Project	Pick up November Take Home Project	Don & Martha Romeo Scholarship DUE  Pick up November Take Home Project	Pick up November Take Home Project	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						
31	Closed for Christmas Day					



2024  
PIERCE COUNTY **FAIR**  
JULY  
24TH - 28TH

