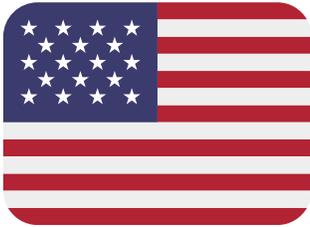




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# CITIZENSHIP PROJECT FOCUS

## POLK COUNTY 4-H PROJECT OVERVIEW

Citizenship is the opportunity, right and responsibility to contribute to shaping the world around you and provide service to others.

- Explore your relationships with others: family, peers, state, nation and world.
- Get involved! Be an active, responsible citizen.
- Take action to help others.
- Show social responsibility and respect, and respond to the needs, rights and responsibilities of others.

### **Starting out Basic/Level 1**

- Get to know the other people in your club and what they like to do for fun.
- Construct a family tree of relatives, identifying places lived and vocations.
- Interview a neighbor and identify the similarities and differences between you.
- Create and carry out a plan to help someone outside your family.
- Discover the history of your school or community.
- Tour your city courthouse or the state capitol.
- Help pick up trash at a park.

### **Learning More Intermediate/Level 2**

- Find out the names of your local or state representatives and the committees on which they serve.
- Interview your principal and find out what you and your 4-H club can do to improve the school grounds.
- Collect samples of club bylaws and constitutions; compare and contrast them.
- Observe a community board meeting
- Create and carry out a plan to help someone in your community.

### **Expanding Horizons Advanced/Level 3**

- Volunteer to be a tutor or mentor in your school.
- Investigate the departments in your county government and find out what they do.
- Interview someone from your local Chamber of Commerce or economic development agency to learn about the goals for your community.
- Identify a cause important to you and determine how to make a difference.
- Map out area resources available to youth and families

## Here are other opportunities to explore citizenship:

- Ask your local nursing home residents how they would like to celebrate the next holiday and involve others to carry out the plan.
- Say the Pledge of Allegiance at 4-H Club Meetings.
- Develop a family tree identifying places relatives lived and traditions.
- Observe a community board meeting.
- Youth take leadership roles in their 4-H club and apply that experience to other areas.
- Volunteer for a local, county or state political campaign for a candidate you support.
- Create a team to raise funds and participate in a benefit for a national cause you support.
- Sign up to attend Citizenship Washington Focus
- Plan service projects for their community that promote health and wellness such as a food drive or an athletic activity, such as a 5K run.

## Resources

### 4-H Resources

- [Citizenship Adventure Kit](#)
- [Family Celebration from Around the World](#)
- [Citizenship Guide's Handbook](#)
- [Citizenship Public Adventures \(Set of 2\)](#)
- [Seeing i2i - Adventures in Diveristy and Cultural Awareness](#)

### Events

- [Citizenship Washington Focus](#)
- [National 4-H Congress](#)
- [National 4-H Conference](#)
- [Discover Unicameral Youth Legislature](#)

#### **Other Resources**

Ellis Island  
Congress for Kids  
Education World

### Projects for Fair

- Create a patriotic or cultural fine arts project
- Create a public adventure poster describing your public adventure or service learning activity.
- Write a citizenship essay.
- Make name art that symbolizes or explains where your name came from and what it means.
- Work on a family history exhibit about where your family came from.