

4-H Achievement & Record Books

Due October 15th

Record Book Importance

Record books help teach youth the vital life skill of records, accounting, reporting, and financial responsibility. All project areas have record books they can fill out. 4-H does not require record books to be turned in, however, there are many prizes including cash that are awarded to top books as well as many skills to gain!

County Awards

Medals are given to top books in each curriculum area at the county level. Also, Grand and Reserve Books are selected for Junior and Senior age divisions. Grands are given \$50 and Reserves, \$25. County eligible books must include the Achievement Application and Project Record Books.

Record Book Assistance

4-H Staff is available to meet either in person or virtually to help families with their record books Achievement Applications. Set up an appointment by emailing jschwartz2@unl.edu.

Achievement Application

The Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application is a standard application form used for the selection of county and state award winners, including Nebraska delegates to [National 4-H Congress](#) and [National 4-H Conference](#), as well as Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarship award recipients.

Two versions of the application are available:

- Junior Achievement Application for ages 8-14 (county-only)
- Senior Achievement Application for ages 15-18 (state-eligible)

Applications can be found here: <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>

Project Record Books

Project Record Books are mostly two page documents that have your project goals on the first page and project financials on the second page. Some clubs and projects recommend longer project record books such as horse and shooting sports. These record books can be found here:

Large Animal: https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/wayne/Large%20Animal%20Record_Reader.pdf

Companion Animal:

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/wayne/Companion%20Animal%20Record_%20Reader.pdf

Photography:

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/wayne/Photography%20Unit%201%202_Reader.pdf

Shooting Sports:

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/wayne/Shooting%20Sports%20Record%2009_Reader.pdf

Other Projects: https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/wayne/General%20Record%20Book_Reader.pdf

What is included in the Achievement Application

A complete application includes:

- **Designation of Awards and Program Area of Submission**
- **About Me page**
- **My Experience pages** - Limit responses to a maximum of four pages, single-space, 12 point font.
- **DELEGATE APPLICANTS ONLY: Representing Nebraska 4-H (National Application) page** - A fifth page is allowed for youth applying as delegates to National 4-H Conference or National 4-H Congress.
- **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS ONLY: Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarship page** - Youth applying for the State Scholarships must complete this additional section and attach the following items with their application:
 - Copy of current transcripts
 - ACT/SAT score

Applicants should not send a list of awards received. Youth may include selected awards as part of their "My Experiences" section of the application.

Creativity is encouraged. Applications may include bulleted lists, photos, infographics, etc. to help tell the 4-H member's story.

Only one application is required and permitted even if youth are applying for multiple awards and recognition.

How to Submit Record Books/Applications

Achievement Applications and Project Record Books must be submitted to Scotts Bluff Co Extension office by October 15th for county-level participation. Hard copies in Green 4-H Folders are encouraged, however, we will also accept electronic submissions emailed to jschwartz2@unl.edu for county-level participation.

Following a county-level review, youth may make revisions as needed before submitting for state-level review.

State-level applications must be emailed to 4HAchieves@unl.edu. The state-level application submission deadline is January 15. Files should be labeled with the applicants last name, first name, and county. For example: "Walker Robin Scotts Bluff.pdf".

Other Awards-Diamond Clover!!

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover program encourages 4-H members to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will help them acquire life skills necessary to lead successful lives as a competent, caring, and contributing citizen. The program consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. Applications are due Oct 15 and can be found here: <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>

Club Awards

The Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence program is designed to recognize and celebrate 4-H Clubs for successfully encouraging and empowering members. Clubs must meet a certain set of criteria and document how this criterion was met. Clubs must apply annually. Applications are due October 15 and can be found here: <https://4h.unl.edu/clubs-excellence>

County Record Books Check Off

- Green 4-H Folder(preferred but not required)
- 4-H Project Record Books
- Achievement Application
- Submit by October 15th to Extension Office in Paper Form or electronic to jschwartz2@unl.edu

State Achievement Application Check Off

- Follow County Record Book Check Off
- After County Record Book Score Sheet is returned improve Achievement Application following suggestions.
- Submit Achievement Application to 4HAchieves@unl.edu by January 15.

Career Portfolios will not be accepted this year for awards.

4-H Achievement Celebration is planned for November 1 st!!

You are cordially invited to join us Sunday November 1st for the Annual 4-H Achievement Celebration hosted by your local 4-H Council. The event will be held in the Panhandle Research & Extension Center Auditorium. Recognition of 4-H members and volunteers will be the goal. COVID-19 modifications will be followed.

Deadline to submit nominations for the following awards is October 15th:

Volunteer and Heart of 4-H Awards

The 4-H Council honors several individuals and businesses each year for their support of our youth program. Please contact our office with names of people you think deserve to be nominated.

4-H Council Nominations

Executive Council Members (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) are elected at the Achievement Night. By October 15th please contact a Council Member or the Nebraska Extension Office if you have nominations. The 4-H Council meets every other month. The President of the Council is also required to represent 4-H at six Extension Board Meetings each year.

I Dare You Award and Outstanding 4-H Member Awards

The "I Dare You" Award and Outstanding 4-H Member Award are two of the highest honors given on the county level. Both awards are based on a 4-Her's activities and accomplishments. Each of these awards is given out every year. 4-H leaders, parents, the 4-Hers themselves, or a friend can submit an application for the 4-Her of their choice. Members who are 16–18 years of age as of January 1, 2020 are eligible. Applications are due October 15th and can be found online at <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/scottsbluff-morrill/educational-programs/scotts-bluff-morrill-4-h/>.

Outstanding Leader Award

4-Hers and 4-H families, here is your chance to recognize your 4-H leader and all of the hard work they do. We are now accepting nominations for the Outstanding 4-H Leader Award. Our leaders are vital people in 4-H. Anyone who belongs to our 4-H family can nominate a leader. Just submit their names along with a short story about why you think they should be chosen. Applications are due October 15 and can be found at <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/scottsbluff-morrill/educational-programs/scotts-bluff-morrill-4-h/>.

New Horizon 4-H Alumni Award

Scotts Bluff County 4-H has many volunteers that are recent 4-H alumni. 4-H has made an impact on their lives so they have decided to give back to the program as volunteers and are already making a difference in the 4-H program. If this describes someone you know is making an impact on the 4-H program, let the Extension Office know.

Spirit of 4-H Award

This award is to honor the memory of Tom Holman, long-time Extension Educator in Scotts Bluff County. It is given to 4-H members in their first few years of membership who are trying a variety of project areas. If this describes a 4-H member that you know, contact the Extension Office.