

Achievement Application

Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application for Awards and Recognition

Deadline for County Awards – November 10, 2021

Two versions of the application are available – Junior (ages 8-14) for county awards, and Senior (ages 15-18) for the selection of county, state and national awards including the selection of delegates to National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference and selection of recipients of Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarships.

Application info and links may be found on our website: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/stanton/award-applications/>

Completing the application

- **To apply for County Awards:** Application may be emailed to: Stanton-county@unl.edu or paper copy submitted to: Stanton County Extension, 302 6th St., Stanton, NE 68779.
- Limit responses in the “My Experiences” section to a maximum of 3 pages – Junior or 4 pages - Senior, 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.

County Level Awards

Age divisions for awards:

Junior – 8-10

Intermediate – 11-13

Senior – 14-18

Awards will be selected for the following categories:

- Agriculture
- STEM
- Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- Healthy Living
- College and Career Preparation for My Future

Winner in each category will receive \$50. 4-H'er may win each category once per age division. Application has to be worthy to win in order to be selected. It will be the judge's prerogative to determine if an application is worthy or not.

Please submit the following items via email (or paper copy) to Stanton County by November 10.

Senior Applicants (ages 15-19) need to mark if they are applying for State and/or National Awards in addition to a County Award. Designate BOTH Awards applying for and the Program Area in which you are applying. If applying for State and National Awards be sure to read and submit all additional information.



NEBRASKA 4-H JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATION

This is intended for all 4-H members ages 8-14. It may be used for county level awards.

IDENTIFY THE PROGRAM AREA OF SUBMISSION

	Agriculture
	STEM
	Leadership and Entrepreneurship
	Healthy Living
	College and Career Preparation for My Future

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 3 pages. Please use headings to separate your responses (**4-H Experiences, Leadership Experiences, Community Involvement/Service Learning Experiences, and Career Spark**). 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 2 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.

- At present, what has 4-H “sparked” in you that you are curious to explore (both academically and in extra-curricular activities) in middle school, junior high, high school, or beyond?
- How do you see yourself contributing professionally to your community in the future? How has 4-H influenced how you see yourself in this future role?
- Explain any experiences you have pursued in connection with your career spark. Some examples:
 - Has 4-H sparked your curiosity about what it would be like to work in a certain career and you have interviewed someone in that career?
 - Identify any influence your 4-H experience has had on your academic course selection.
 - Identify any junior leader/job shadow/internship/volunteer experience in which you engaged in an effort to explore your sparked interest.
 - Have you been a part of any formal or informal mentorships related to potential career interests?

