



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H AWARD GUIDELINES

Club Award Opportunities and Information

GUIDELINES FOR USING DISCS ON THE CLUB LEVEL

1. A 4-H member should attend a minimum of ½ of the club meetings per year.
2. The 4-H member needs to exhibit one project at the county fair or at another county event.
3. The club Organizational Leader will pick one project or activity area that he or she feels the 4-Her has met minimum requirements in and is their strongest area for that year.
4. The club Organizational Leader will order one disc for each 4-H club member per year.
5. Disc order form is to be completed (please include disc number and description on the form) by the Club Organizational Leader or another appointed leader and returned to UWEX by the due date. Disc art can be found on the CD provided to you.

CLUB RECORD BOOK SEAL ORDER

Seals may be ordered for each record book in your club. List number of seals needed in each category. Order as many as needed in each category – purple (outstanding record book), blue (very good record book), red (good record book), and green, (record book participation).

CLUB HONOR AWARD SELECTION

This award is available to club members for exceptional club involvement. Individuals will receive a 3" x 5" plaque. A maximum of three awards per club. It is recommended, but not required, that awards be selected one in each age group. Please write in names of award winners for each age group - Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-13.

GRADUATING MEMBERS

Graduating members may be in 12th or 13th grade. Information provided should include a correct spelling of their name as they wish for it to be spelled on the plaque, the number of years they have spent as members of 4-H, and their top 5 achievements. Achievements should be listed in reverse chronological order (most recent to least recent) in the following format:

Achievement or Area of Involvement, Year(s) or number of years involved

Example: Club President, 2009-2010
Grand Champion Steer, 2008
Best in Show Photography, 2006
Club Secretary, 2005-2006
Beef Project, 6 years

This booklet is a reference guide for Club Organizational Leaders. All forms will be sent from the UWEX Office to Organizational Leaders with due dates stated. Please refer to "Jackson County 4-H Record Book Guidelines" for complete record book information.

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JUDGING CRITERIA FOR COUNTY AWARDS

It is strongly recommended that each club member complete a record book. Record books may (it is not mandatory) be used to determine club awards. Record books are required, however, for county awards selection. The award selection committee will consist of two or three representatives designated from each club.

Thorough information on completing record books can be found in "Jackson County Record Book Guidelines" and judging criteria can be found on the judging forms. Guidelines and forms can be found at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/jackson/4h/FormsApplications.html#Record> and judging forms can be obtained from the UWEX office.

COUNTY LEVEL 4-H PROJECT AWARDS

Project Award categories are:

1. Exploring
2. Youth Leadership
3. Beef
4. Dairy (including dairy cattle, dairy goats and Adventures in Dairyland)
5. Horse (including Clothes Horse and Horseless Horse)
6. Swine
7. Sheep
8. Poultry/Rabbits
9. Small Animals/Veterinary Science (including cats, caviars, dogs, cage birds, self-determined small animals)
10. Photography
11. Visual Arts/Theatre Arts (including Celebrate Art, Art in Your Future, Leather craft, self-determined communication and cultural arts)
12. Drawing and Painting
13. Family, Home and Health (including Adopt-A-Friend, child development, crocheting, knitting, home environment, Taking Care and self-determined)
14. Clothing
15. Foods and Nutrition
16. Mechanical Sciences (including aerospace, automotive, bicycle, electricity, small engines, tractor, self-determined)
17. Woodworking
18. Environmental Education (including birds, fishing, insects, trees, recycling, self-determined)
19. Shooting Sports
20. Plant and Soil Science (including field crops, vegetables, house plants, plant crafts, flowers, home grounds, self-determined)

(These categories may be adjusted depending on the number of youth enrolled in a project or the number nominated for project awards.)

OTHER COUNTY AWARDS

1. Record Book Awards. Up to three awards in each of the following groups by grade: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-13.
2. 4-H Key Awards. Award quota is set by the state each fall. This award cannot be received more than once. Key Awards are selected through a separate selection process earlier in the year.
3. Achievement Awards. (Cannot be received in same year as Key Award.) See explanation below.

SUGGESTIONS FOR 4-H LEADERS COMPLETING THE COUNTY AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Number 1 asks you to list projects a 4-H member should be considered for. *A member may be nominated for a maximum of 3 project awards.*

In number 2, simply check "yes" or "no" to indicate whether or not this youth should be considered for a record book award. ***Please nominate the best record books submitted by your club members for this award.***

Number 3 is for you to make any comments that you feel are important for the selection committee to know. Comments may include any special needs a member may have that should be taken into consideration. ***Your comments will not be evaluated and it is not required that you include any.***

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: LEADER NOMINATION FORM

Jackson County 4-H presents Achievement Awards to two experienced 4-H youth each year. This award is the second highest honor a Jackson County 4-Her can receive. (The Key Award is the highest honor.)

The Achievement Award is based on a member's overall involvement, leadership, and accomplishments during their entire 4-H career. To be selected for this award, the member must show significant involvement at the club and county levels. District, state, and national experience is also a plus. Nominees should have served in youth leadership roles in a variety of ways. While awards and recognitions received by the 4-Her are considered, they are not the primary focus in selecting Achievement Award recipients.

Special Awards

"FRIEND OF 4-H" NOMINATION

Each club may choose to nominate one business, organization or individual for a "Friend of 4-H" Award. Consider those who have contributed time, money, or other resources to support your club or youth in a significant way. Award recipient will be announced at the annual banquet.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Any active 4-H group or individual may make a nomination for the Distinguished Service Award. Nominees must be currently active registered 4-H leaders and must have served a minimum of 5 years as a Jackson County 4-H volunteer. Nominees should be adults who have made outstanding contributions to our program through their involvement and leadership in Jackson County 4-H. DSA recipients will be announced at the annual family banquet in October.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Any active 4-H group or individual may make a nomination for the Volunteer of the Year Award. Nominees must be currently active registered 4-H leaders and must have served a minimum of 4 years or fewer as a Jackson County 4-H volunteer. Nominees should be adults who have made outstanding contributions to our program through their involvement and leadership in Jackson County 4-H. Volunteer of the Year recipients will be announced at the annual family banquet in October.

Note: Nomination forms for these special awards can also be found on the Jackson County 4-H web page at: <http://jacksoncounty4h.wordpress.com/leader-resources/>.