

Recognition Handbook





Bronze Achievement Award

Award: M-300-BR-P

(For 2nd Year and beyond)

Required:

___ 4-H member received 1st year member pin.

___ 4-H member showed project accomplishment in one to five projects, as determined by 4-H leader or 4-H/Youth Program Advisor.

___ 4-H member attended four club meetings.

Date _____ Date _____ Date _____ Date _____

___ 4-H member completed the 4-H record book.

___ At the club level or higher, 4-H member presented a demonstration, illustrated talk, public speaking, or project "why" using two or more visual aids.

Name of presentation: _____ Date _____

Club leader's signature (if all of the above are complete)

_____ Date _____

AND

4-H member completed one of the following, or independent 4-H member completed two:

___ 4-H member participated in judging program at the club or county level.

Name of area judged: _____

Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____

___ 4-H member participated in two county events/activities.

Name of event/activity: _____

Name of event/activity: _____

Date _____ Initials of 4-H club leader or event representative _____

___ 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership.

Describe your accomplishment: _____

_____ Date _____ Initials of Junior Leader secretary or leader _____

___ 4-H member completed a community service project with club or as an individual.

Describe project: _____

_____ Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____

___ 4-H member brought a non-4-H friend to a club meeting.

Name of friend: _____

Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____

___ 4-H member held an office in 4-H club.

Name of office: _____

Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____

Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____



Silver Achievement Award

Award: M-300-SI-P

(For 3rd year and beyond)

Required:

- ___ 4-H member received Bronze Achievement Award.
- ___ 4-H member showed project accomplishment in one to five projects, as determined by 4-H leader or 4-H/Youth Program Advisor.
- ___ 4-H member attended four club meetings.
Date _____ Date _____ Date _____ Date _____
- ___ 4-H member completed 4-H record book.
- ___ At club level or higher, 4-H member presented a demonstration, illustrated talk, public speaking, or project "why" using two or more visual aids.
Name of Presentation: _____ Date _____
- ___ 4-H member participated in judging program at the club or county level.
Name of area judged: _____
- Club leader's signature (if above are complete) _____ Date _____

AND

4-H member completed two of the following, or independent 4-H member completed three:

- ___ 4-H member participated in two county events/activities.
Name of event/activity: _____
Name of event/activity: _____
Date _____ Initials of 4-H club leader or event representative _____
- ___ 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership. Describe your accomplishment:

Date _____ Initials of Junior Leader secretary or leader _____
- ___ 4-H member helped in planning and completing a community service project with club or as an individual. (Independent 4-H member needs to do two community service projects.)
Describe project(s): _____
Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____
- ___ 4-H member brought two non-4-H friends to a club meeting.
Name of friends: _____
Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____
- ___ 4-H member held an office in 4-H club.
Name of office: _____
Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____
- ___ 4-H member provided leadership for a club committee.
Name of committee: _____
Accomplishment: _____

Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____
- ___ 4-H member mentored another 4-H member or non-4-H member with a 4-H project and/or activity.
Describe you experience: _____
Date _____ Initials of 4-H Club secretary or leader _____
Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____



Gold Achievement Award

Award: M-301-GO-P

(For 4th year and beyond)

Required:

____ 4-H member received Silver Achievement Award.

____ 4-H member showed project accomplishment in one to five projects, as determined by 4-H leader or 4-H/Youth Program Advisor.

____ 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership.

____ 4-H member attended four club meetings.

Date _____ Date _____ Date _____ Date _____

____ 4-H member completed 4-H record book.

____ At club level or higher, 4-H member presented a demonstration, illustrated talk, public speaking, or project "why" using two or more visual aids.

Name of presentation: _____ Date _____

____ 4-H member participated in judging program at the club or county level.

Name of area judged: _____

Club leader's signature (if all of the above are complete)

_____ Date _____

AND

4-H member completed three of the following, or independent 4-H member completed four:

____ 4-H member participated in three county events/activities.

Name of event/activity: _____

Name of event/activity: _____

Name of event/activity: _____

Date _____ Initials of 4-H leader or event representative _____

____ 4-H member helped in planning and completing two community service projects with club or as an individual. (Independent 4-H member needs to do three community service projects.)

Describe project(s): _____

Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____

____ 4-H member brought two non-4-H friends to a club meeting.

Name of friends: _____

Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____

____ 4-H member held an office in 4-H club.

Name of office: _____

Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____

_____ 4-H member provided leadership for a club committee. (Independent 4-H member may do so in a non-4-H setting.)

Name of committee: _____

Accomplishment: _____

Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____

_____ 4-H member has given a speech/presentation promoting 4-H to a school group, civic group, or any non-4-H group.

Identify audience or group: _____

Title of presentation: _____

Date _____ Initials of Presentation Witness or 4-H/Youth Program Advisor _____

_____ Independent 4-H member may substitute another 4-H promotion presentation for a club activity.

Identify audience or group: _____

Title of presentation: _____

Date _____ Initials of Presentation Witness or 4-H/Youth Program Advisor _____

Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____



County 4-H Citizenship Award

Award: M-303

(For 4th year and beyond)

Being enrolled in the 4-H citizenship project is NOT a requirement for this award.

Required:

____ 4-H member has completed four years in a 4-H program.

____ 4-H member has served as an active member of a county or community board or committee, an event committee, or a taskforce for three to six months.

Name of committee/community board: _____

____ 4-H member planned, organized, and implemented a citizenship activity for multiple 4-H clubs and/or the county.

Describe accomplishments: _____

____ 4-H member presented an educational public presentation on flag etiquette, the U.S.

Constitution, a patriotic program, or an American history topic for a 4-H club, wrote an editorial on the same topic for the local newspaper (include editorial, whether published or not published), or presented a program to another youth group (club, sports team, or classroom).

Name of presentation: _____ Date: _____

Group(s) presented to: _____

____ 4-H member identified a charity or community need and worked with others to organize efforts to help meet the need.

Describe accomplishments: _____

____ 4-H member studied current events and expressed opinions to decision makers at the local, state, or national level. (Include a copy of any written communication.)

Action taken: _____

Club leader's signature (if all of the above are complete)

_____ Date _____

Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____

Turn in this completed form with all supporting documentation by the journal deadline at year end.



County 4-H Leadership Award
Award: P-119-GO
 (For 4th year and beyond)

Being enrolled in the 4-H leadership project is NOT a requirement for this award.

Required:

- _____ 4-H member has completed four years in a 4-H program.
- _____ 4-H member has assisted the 4-H/Youth Program Advisor with planning, preparing, and implementing a county or multi-county 4-H event.
- _____ 4-H member is an active member in the county 4-H Junior Leadership organization. If an organization does not exist in the county, plan, prepare, and make every effort to start such an organization by working with other 4-H members, leaders, advisors, and/or 4-H/Youth Program Advisors.
- _____ 4-H member has written or arranged for a newspaper/magazine feature article (with a photograph) about 4-H at the local club, county, or multi-county area and has submitted it to the local newspaper in the area for publishing. The feature story can be about an individual or group of 4-H members and participation in the 4-H program.
- _____ 4-H member has attended and participated in a county, area, field education unit, or state 4-H educational event or activity and has shared the knowledge received by presenting a workshop to 4-H club(s) and/or county members.
- _____ 4-H member has planned and conducted officer training for a 4-H club or the county. (As many as seven 4-H members may work together in accomplishing this task.)
- _____ 4-H member has helped or assisted from one to six 4-H members to plan and implement community or county 4-H promotion campaign(s). This can include posters/signs/displays being placed at main streets, elementary schools, county courthouses, and/or other prominent locations in the community or county. Radio, newspaper, television media are utilized as available. Promotion campaign(s) can involve National Volunteer Week, National 4-H Week, achievement days, county fair, state fair, etc. (Include copy of any posters/signs/displays.)
 Describe the campaign: _____

County 4-H/Youth Program Advisor signature (if all of the above are complete)

_____ Date _____

Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____

Turn in this completed form with all supporting documentation by the journal deadline at year end.



Key Award

The 4-H Key Award is given to 4-H members who meet the following requirements and have passed their 16th Birthday. This is the highest honor given in 4-H.

Please see the Meade County Extension office for the form that should be used when applying for the Key Award.

- ___ Aged 16-19 as of January 1 of the current 4-H program year
- ___ Received the County's 4-H Citizenship Medal
- ___ Received the County's 4-H Leadership Medal
- ___ Attended and participated in three County or State 4-H educational events/activities and used the knowledge to plan and conduct three different one-hour workshops for 4-H Clubs and/or County members
- ___ Provided leadership at three County or State 4-H educational events/activities; in each section below, define the responsibilities and how they were fulfilled
- ___ Earned 2 project medals
- ___ Participated for 2 years in County's Public Presentation Competition
- ___ Held 2 elected Club or County officer positions
- ___ Wrote a letter to the editor of a local newspaper, explaining how the South Dakota 4-H Youth Development Program has impacted their life. Please attach a copy of the published letter to the checklist.

MEMBER COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

To get credit for the year, a member must do the following:

- ✿ Give a demonstration, illustrated talk, public speaking, project why, and/or participate in a county or state event like the Special Foods Contest or the Fashion Revue Contest to serve as a public presentation in the Foods project or the Clothing project.
- ✿ Attend at least four club meetings.
- ✿ Participate in one or more of the following: Jr. Leaders, a club or county event, show project/program accomplishment, and/or judge at some level.

COUNTY AWARDS

Meade County 4-H Horse Show (Tentative Listing)

Top Sr. Girl, Top Sr. Boy, Top Jr. Girl, Top Jr. Boy, Top Beg. Girl, & Top Beg. Boy

4-H Achievement Days(Tentative Listing)

All awards can be won more than once unless specified by donor. Members must have received a purple ribbon in the project area in order to receive a trophy/award. Winners are determined by points. Point System – Purple = 4, Blue = 3, Red = 2, & White = 1. In case of a tie, the trophy/award winner will be determined by random drawing. Best exhibit must be purple. (Tentative Listing)

Beef Showmanship Beg.	Champion Wool Ram	Conservation Jr.
Beef Showmanship Jr.	Goat Showmanship Beg.	Conservation Sr.
Beef Showmanship Sr.	Goat Showmanship Jr.	Photography Jr.
Champion Market Steer	Goat Showmanship Sr.	Photography Sr.
Champion Feeder Steer	Champion Dairy Goat	Horticulture Jr.
Champion Feeder Heifer	Swine Showmanship Beg.	Horticulture Sr.
Champion Breeding Heifer	Swine Showmanship Jr.	Visual Arts Jr.
Dairy Showmanship Beg.	Swine Showmanship Sr.	Visual Arts Sr.
Dairy Showmanship Jr.	Poultry Showmanship Beg.	Foods Jr.
Dairy Showmanship Sr.	Poultry Showmanship Jr.	Foods Sr.
Champion Dairy Female	Poultry Showmanship Sr.	Home Living Jr.
Sheep Showmanship Beg.	Cat Showmanship Beg.	Home Living Sr.
Sheep Showmanship Jr.	Cat Showmanship Jr.	Clothing Jr.
Sheep Showmanship Sr.	Cat Showmanship Sr.	Clothing Sr.
Champion Feeder Lamb	Rabbit Showmanship Beg.	Overall Sweepstakes Jr.
Champion Meat Type Ewe	Rabbit Showmanship Jr.	Overall Sweepstakes Sr.
Champion Meat Type Ram	Rabbit Showmanship Sr.	Best of Show Rosettes
Champion Wool Ewe	Champion Rabbit	Best STEM Exhibit

Judging Awards (Tentative Listing)

Awards are given at the Annual 4-H Recognition Event. The winner of these judging awards will be the top judge of each project in the county and must judge at a project contest at the state level; (State Fair, WJLS, W4HFCS, State Horse Show, Summer Spotlight, Black Hills Stock Show).

Crops Judge Beg.	Horse Judge Sr.	Horticulture Judge Jr.
Crops Judge Jr.	Livestock Judge Beg.	Horticulture Judge Sr.
Crops Judge Sr.	Livestock Judge Jr.	CDM Judge Beg.
Horse Judge Beg.	Livestock Judge Sr.	CDM Judge Jr.
Horse Judge Jr.	Horticulture Judge Beg.	CDM Judge Sr.

Leader's certificates and clover pins will be given to those 4-H leaders who have given 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, etc. years of service. Administrative Leaders must submit an annual leaders report.

Special Events/Awards/Trips:

4-H Key Award	Secretary Book Award
Citizenship Trophy	Public Presentations Beg.
Fashion Revue Beg.	Public Presentations Jr.
Fashion Revue Jr.	Public Presentations Sr.
Fashion Revue Sr.	Top Dog Exhibitor Beg.
Special Foods Beg.	Top Dog Exhibitor Jr.
Special Foods Jr.	Top Dog Exhibitor Sr.
Special Foods Sr.	Citizenship Washington Focus
Teen Leadership Conference	

AWARD TYPES

4-H'ers will choose what prize/award they would want to receive based on the number of points accumulated by each member. The 4-H'er will be notified how many points they accumulated in the form of a letter. The 4-H'er would then place their order by the deadline set in the letter. They will receive their prize/award at the Recognition Event.

-Order forms and a point's accumulation total will be available at the Extension Office.

-No substitutions of items by 4-H'er's. Items will be subject to availability.

-All points must be used toward award items. No substituting of points for extra embroidering.

-Points will not carry over to the next year.

-Points can be broken down to receive items that require less points. (i.e. If a 4-H'er has accumulated 30 points, they could opt to receive a t-shirt, hat and \$5 4-H item instead of a dufflebag.)

15 Points= \$15 Trophy Sponsor= Champion Livestock and Static Exhibit

Prizes vary year to year. Please see the extension office for a current listing.

SPECIAL AWARDS OR CONTESTS

Teen Leadership Conference - 4-H members 14 & over.

- * Submit with completed record book in September/October
- * Sponsors – Jr. Teen Leaders Association

Citizenship Washington Focus - Trip to Washington, D.C.

- * Submit with completed record book in September/October
- * Sponsors – Jr. Teen Leaders Association

STATE AWARDS

All applications for state awards and scholarships are due to the State 4-H Office at various times throughout the year. These applications require considerable time in preparing and there are some changes each year. Contact the Extension Office for more information on them.

Tentative Listing: Davis-Bahcall Scholarship, National 4-H Conference, and National 4-H Congress.

GRADUATING MEMBER AWARDS

Graduating 4-H Member Recognition -

Available upon high school graduation and/or reaching the age of 19 prior to January 1st of the upcoming year. To be eligible for this award, the member must have completed the current and final 4-H year.

1. Attended at least four club or special interest meetings.
2. Gave a public presentation at the club level or higher
3. Showed project completion

HORSE SHOW/4-H RODEO/SHOOTING SPORTS/RANGE JUDGING AWARDS

These project areas have their own committees. Each committee will determine, support and award recognition to members at the time of the event. Each specific committee will determine their own criteria and type of award given.

Meade County 4-H Rodeo

The Meade County 4-H Rodeo is held annually in July at the fairgrounds in Faith. Awards include buckles for 1st place in each event, and other prizes for 2nd – 4th places in each event. The above awards are given in each of the three age groups.

Meade County Horse Show

The Meade County Horse Show is usually held annually in June.

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Shooting Sports

Participants are expected to shoot official targets in at least one event. Participant's best targets/score from a county postal event or regional shoot will be retained by the Extension Office until the County Fair. At the Fair, the targets will be exhibited and awarded a ribbon placing based on the postal or regional shoot score. Other awards may be given at the discretion of the Shooting Sports committee.

All participants are encouraged to do their best when shooting official targets. Each participant's best attempt will be used to determine if their score meets the minimum qualifying score to earn a spot in the State competition held annually in Fort Pierre; however, this is not a requirement for project completion.

State & National Participants

Participants who earn a spot in state or national competition will be noted at the annual 4-H Recognition event. Each participant will be given one award or gift regardless of how many state or national events they were in. All are recognized together. Participants must also have met the minimum requirements for completing their 4-H year in order to be recognized in this area.

National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, and Citizenship Washington Focus

Members selected for these prestigious trips will be recognized at the 4-H Recognition event and be asked to give a short presentation about their experience.

RECORDING AND CLUB AWARDS

Top Secretary's Book

Awarded annually to the top secretary book submitted for judging. Books will be judged according the following criteria:

1. Appearance – 25 possible points. Example: Is the book neat and legible?
2. Records – 25 possible points. Example: Is member attendance recorded for each meeting? Does the roster include complete member addresses and years in 4-H?
3. Minutes – 50 possible points. Examples of criteria in this area are...
 - Meeting minutes documented for each meeting
 - (If not held, specify – NO MEETING)
 - Correct spelling
 - List speakers and club activities
 - Full names in minutes and demonstrations
 - Secretary has signed the minutes

Top Historian/Reporter Book

Awarded annually to the top historian/reporter book submitted for judging. Books will be judged according the following criteria:

1. Appearance – 50 possible points.
2. Complete record of club year – 25 possible points.
3. Originality and Creativity – 25 possible points.

Guidelines for the above areas are listed below.

1. Books will be judged on the current year only
2. List of members, officers and leaders should be included
3. Represent each monthly meeting and hosts
4. Monthly meeting clippings and club photos in chronological order
5. Pictures and newspaper clippings of special events listed under month happened. Ex. Fashion revue, demonstration day, horse show, county fair, Western 4-H FCS Show, etc.
6. Pictures and clippings neatly labeled. Use rubber cement or picture corners to mount pictures
7. Underline club name and members names in clippings
8. Must be submitted in sturdy cover
9. Any size or shape book is acceptable.

Youth Participating in 4-H Independent Study Programs:

The independent 4-H member program allows for planned learning to occur independent of a formal group setting such as a club. The member works in an individual, paired, or family learning environment. Learning is self-directed, usually with limited adult involvement except for parents (or mentor). Examples include self-study, home study courses, mentoring or shadowing with an “expert”.

Independent 4-H members

Independent 4-H members are expected to complete the requirements for participation outlined in the South Dakota 4-H Recognition document:

- 1) Although a record book is not required, a complete record book must be turned into the Extension office if the member wishes to be considered for 4-H recognition or special county awards.
- 2) Give a public presentation, preferably at the county or regional youth-in-action day. Other options are to give a presentation to a 4-H/Youth Program Advisor, non-family member, school classroom, community service organization meeting, or a youth group meeting. Documentation of the topic, date, audience, etc. must be included in the 4-H journal.
- 3) Complete at least **two** of the following:
 - a. Show project accomplishment in one or more project areas
 - b. Participate in judging at the county level or higher
 - c. Participate in a county event or activity
 - d. Participate in Junior Leadership

As with traditional members, responsibility and accountability are two life lessons that 4-H strives to help members learn. Therefore, members who do not meet the minimum requirements for completing a 4-H year, will not receive credit for that year. Members will be encouraged to work to obtain the minimum requirements the following year.