What will I do as an independent member?
- Choose and do learning projects just like club members would
- Learn and share with a mentor
- Attend county, area, and state 4-H camps, workshops, and conferences
- Volunteer to lead or assist with 4-H committees, programs, and activities

How will I benefit as an independent member?
You will
- Learn life skills in a project you choose—aerospace, art, clothing, consumer science, forestry, livestock, music, photography, veterinary science, wildlife, etc.
- Meet and make new friends through
  - completing community service projects
  - giving presentations
  - serving on 4-H committees
  - participating in programs and activities

Becoming a 4-H member just got easier!

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

How will I become a 4-H independent member?
Contact your local county extension office.


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What is 4-H?
4-H is for boys and girls in grades K-12. Membership in 4-H clubs and groups helps young people learn to become great
• Citizens
• Communicators
• Leaders
Members choose projects (on almost any topic) and enjoy a variety of activities such as camps, fairs, and afterschool programs that give them opportunities to learn and work with other youth and adults. They come together in 4-H clubs (grades 4-12) and in Clover Kid programs (grades K-3).

Is independent membership for you?
Young people need and want to be involved in social settings such as clubs, but sometimes it is difficult to attend meetings for a variety of reasons. If you are one of these young people, then independent membership may be right for you.

Who is eligible for independent membership?
Any youth in grades 4 through 12, who, for some family or personal reason, cannot attend a 4-H club meeting.

What are the requirements to become an independent member?
Find a mentor, an adult 21 years or older, okayed by parents and the county extension office who has successfully completed
• Iowa 4-H volunteer screening
• Club leader training

Sign an agreement to
• Share/meet with your mentor six times a year or more
• Complete at least one community service learning project during the year
• Give a presentation demonstrating your knowledge
• Reflect on your learning by
  • recording goals
  • giving your mentor a year-end report that demonstrates record-keeping skills
• Contribute to the larger 4-H program by participating in fundraising efforts

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