



4-H Story Cover Form For Project Awards

★You will need one cover form for each 4-H Story

New: Please staple your story/application along with this cover form in the upper left corner and put in a paper pocket folder – one folder per story

Name _____ Current Grade _____ Age _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

4-H Club/Independent 4-H'er _____ Years in 4-H Program _____

Phone _____ Parent/Guardians Names _____

Please answer the following questions:

Is this the first year you have written a 4-H Story for project awards? Yes

If you have received 4-H project awards, is your metal award plaque filled Yes

Are you interested in receiving information on area/state awards? Yes

<p>4-H Project Award Information Project Award: _____ (list project award & color)</p>	<p>For 4-H'ers in grades 9,10,11 or 12 Special Award: _____ (list special award)</p>
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4-H Project Awards for 4-H'ers in 4th – 12th grades

4-H'ers who write their 4-H Story for 4-H Project Awards may apply for:

Green, Blue or Purple awards for 4-H'ers in 4-8th grades

Bronze, Silver or Gold awards for 4-H'ers in 9th – 12th grades

4-H'ers will receive a metal award plaque and project award disks to put on their award plaque

Special Awards for 4-H'ers in 9th – 12th grades (detailed information in the 4-H Award Handbook)

4-H'ers in 9th – 12 grades who have mastered in a project area should apply for:

Project Achievement Awards (must be in grades 10, 11 or 12)

Ak-Sar-Ben (must be in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12)

Danforth (must be in grade 11)

Merit (must be in grades 11 or 12)

Outstanding Graduated Senior (must be in grade 12)

4-H'ers may be interviewed for Special Awards. 4-H'ers who receive a Special Award will receive a 4-H Award Plaque with their name and award on the plaque

Project Areas

Listed below are different project awards available, not all project areas are listed. For example: a 4-H'er may have experiences in making bread, that 4-H'er may want to receive a 4-H Bread Award. Or a 4-H'er may have their own sheep herd project and would like to receive an award in Sheep – Breeding or Market.

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| Aerospace | Communications | Environment | Photography | Veterinary |
| Astronomy | Computer | Food & Nutrition | Plant Science | Science |
| Automotive | Consumer | Forestry | Poultry | Visual Art |
| Beef - Breeding | Management | Goats (Dairy/Market) | Rabbit | Welding |
| Beef - Market | Consumer | Health | Safety | Wildlife |
| Bicycle | Management | Home Improvement | Science & Technology | Woodworking |
| Camping | Crop Production | Horse/Pony | Sheep | Other project area |
| Child Development | Dairy Cattle | Horticulture | Small Engines | |
| Citizenship | Dog | Leadership | Sport Fishing | |
| Clothing | Electric/Electronics | Music | Swine | |
| Clothing Decisions | Entomology | Pets | Tractor | |

See other side of this information on how to write your 4-H Story.



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Telling your 4-H Story Woodbury County 4-H Project Awards

Applying for 4-H Project awards is a wonderful opportunity to tell others what you have done in 4-H. It gives 4-H'ers a chance to tell about their accomplishments, frustrations and how much they have learned. It will help 4-H'ers in the future when you are filling out scholarships forms, creating resumes or applying for jobs.

What is needed to apply for a county project awards:

1. Story – 1 to 5 pages of written or typed information or an audio or video tape (10 minutes in length)
2. Project Award Checklist – filled out by the 4-H Leader/Mentor
3. Attach the 4-H Project Award Cover Form to each story

Decide on a project area(s) and/or special award (s) you would like to write about. A project is something you may have worked on throughout the year or for a few weeks; and is different than the “exhibit” you took to the fair. There is no limit to the number of project award applications you may apply for in the Woodbury County 4-H Awards Program.

How do I prepare my 4-H Story?

Your story must be 1-5 pages of written or typed information on your 4-H Project Award

Your story should include:



Introducing yourself

Writing about your project area

What were some new ideas you learned in your project area?

How did you share what you learned with others

Include your goals, plans and what you want to do in the future in your project area

How did you feel about your project or are there things you would change

List any Leadership you did in your project; like planning a workshop

Include any Citizenship you may have done in your project

List any other Leadership and Citizenship you have done outside of your project area

Was there communication involved in your project; did you give a talk, make a poster or do a workshop?

How have you personally grown from learning about your project?

List other 4-H events or activities you did.

Include pictures to help tell your story.

Instead of writing an application, 4-H'ers may do an audio or video tape that is up to 10 minutes in length.

New for 2007: The *4-H Story Cover Form* along with your 1-5 page story must be stapled in the upper left corner and put in a paper pocket folder (one folder per story). You do not need plastic cover sleeves.

4-H'ers in grades 9th –12th may apply for Special County Award Recognition

4-H members in 9th-12 grades can apply for special awards. These awards and requirements are listed in the *Woodbury County 4-H Project & Special Recognition Handbook* (or see the front of this cover page for award listing and eligible grades). Your application must include the information under, “How do I prepare my 4-H Story?” (see above)



For project achievement awards: 4-H'ers will need to be in the project for 3 years or more, show evidence of leadership and communications, document citizenship & leadership activities and share the knowledge you have learned. 4-H'ers must have also received the “gold” project award before they can receive project achievement awards.

Your 4-H Project Award Story can be handwritten or typed. Your 4-H Project Story must be 1 to 5 pages. 4-H'ers who applies for special awards may be interviewed in Danforth, Merit, Outstanding Graduated Senior and/or Project Achievement on the county level.

Applications due to your 4-H Leader by: _____ (filled in by 4-H leader)

Your Story is due: The 4-H Leader or your mentor will need time to look over each 4-H'er's 4-H Project story(s). Each club sets their own due date when the applications are turned in to the leader.

**4-H Leaders will turn in stories & project award checklist to the
Woodbury County Extension Office by March 1.**

❧ *All 4-H Awards will be presented at the 4-H Recognition Event that will be held in June* ❧