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Records are due September 15th
to Linn County Extension, 377-9839

LINN COUNTY 4-H AWARDS CRITERIA

Awards are presented to 4-H'ers to recognize young people who have **gained knowledge and skills** in a specific project and who are showing evidence of **personal growth**. Awards are based on the 4-H records only. The **nomination form must be filled out and included with your record keeping system**, which is then submitted to the Extension Office, 3279 7th Avenue, Suite 140, Marion by **September 15th**. The county late policy will apply.

Members are limited to being nominated for **four project awards**. Senior level members may apply for non-project awards **in addition to** the four project awards. **A written recommendation by a leader or adult county committee member is required for these Senior 4-H Level Awards: Danforth, Achievement, and 4-H Spirit.**

Parents may inform the Records and Awards Committee or their 4-H Club Leader of any special circumstances that may exist regarding their child.

Questions regarding Records and Awards may be directed to the Extension Office, 377-9839 or the County Records and Awards Committee Chair: Becki Woodson 438-6258

OUTSTANDING FIRST YEAR 4-H'ER

Recognizes first year 4-H'ers who have submitted their records for evaluation and have met all the following requirements:

- Attended at least half of his/her club's meetings
- Gave a presentation/working exhibit.
- Completed project records for at least **two projects**, including **at least two goals** (what you want to learn

or

- do) in each project. No financial records needed.
- Took an active role in local and/or county activities.

(Recommendation by leader or adult county committee member is optional).

First Year Members are not eligible for Merit Awards.

PROJECT AWARDS

Project awards are presented only **once** at each of the three grade levels (junior-grades 4, 5, & 6; intermediate-grades 7 & 8; senior-grades 9-12).

These are the requirements for project awards, which require 2 years enrollment:

- A. **Award Nomination form** for current year.
- B. **Title page** – include name, address, birth date, and club name.
- C. Completion of the **Yearly 4-H Summary** (4H-96)
- D. 4-H Story (**Optional**) (can include 4-H highlights, frustrations, favorite projects, what you would like to do next year) Should be placed in a section following the summary.
- E. Non-project pictures and clippings (**Optional**) should be placed in a section following the summary.
- F. **Experienced 4-H Project Record** (4H-96B) **OR Advanced 4-H Project Record** (4H-96C) or, for livestock, horticulture and crops, the **required project worksheets for at least two years**.
Exception: one year for Self-Determined Project.
Pictures and/or clippings may be included in the project area

Your Records clearly show evidence of:

- at least **two new or expanded goals** in the project **each year**.
- complete **financial records** for project.
- must give one form of a planned communication, in the current 4-H year, for example: presentation, working exhibit or lead a workshop in **any project area** or 4-H related topic given at school.
- citizenship and/or leadership** activities appropriate for each grade level.
Junior - Not required.

Intermediate and Senior - Citizenship or Leadership required in project area in the **current** year.

1. ANIMAL/LIVESTOCK DIVISION

Award Area	Recognizes Knowledge and Skills Gained ...
Beef, Bucket Bottle, Cat, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Pets, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine	Relating to an animal project. Example: *feeding *grooming *handling or training *health care *financial and production records as required by the project *breed characteristics *marketing (where applicable) *required project worksheets
Livestock Achievement (4-H Senior Level Only)	Relating to basic principles of animal science by: *Owning, caring for a variety of animal/livestock projects *Records demonstrate knowledge of sound breeding, feeding and management practices.

2. EXPRESSIVE ARTS DIVISION

Award Area	Recognizes Knowledge and Skills Gained ...
Photography	In a variety of aspects of photography, such as picture taking, developing, and mounting.
Visual Arts	In creative uses of at least two different kinds of the following art medium: paper, fiber, textile, clay, leather, wood, metal, glass, plastic, chalk, carbon, pigment, etc. 4-H'ers should include information about the Art Elements and/or Principles of Design important to the mediums they explore.

3. AGRICULTURE and NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

Award Area	Recognizes Knowledge and Skills Gained ...
Agriculture (4-H Senior level only)	Relating to agriculture and agricultural practices. May include crop production, electric, entomology, forestry, horticulture, livestock, small engines, tractor, and veterinary science.
Crop Production	In field crop production. <u>Must</u> include a completed crop production worksheet.
Entomology (includes Bees)	Relating to insects and their relationship to agriculture products, public health, natural resources, and earned safe methods of insect control and management.
Environment	In the areas of conservation, water quality, waste management, energy, recycling or other issues related to the environment.
Forestry	In forest management and conservation as applied to the utilization of forest products and woodland beauty.
Horticulture	In planning, caring for and/or managing one or more of the following: vegetable gardens, flower gardens, fruit crops, house plants, commercial horticulture crops, landscaping or home grounds improvement. <u>Must</u> include a completed Horticulture Project Worksheet.
Plant Science	Relating to basic biological facts about plants and soils including plant growth factors, plant reproduction, plant characteristics and utilization of plants.
Veterinary Science	In using good management and hygienic practices to maintain health of animals.
Wildlife	In understanding, appreciating and conserving wildlife. Includes fishing.

4. SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DIVISION

Award Area	Recognizes Knowledge and Skills Gained ...
Aerospace	Relating to the basic concepts about space science and aeronautics. Projects include: kites, model rocketry, model airplanes and learning to fly.
Arc Welding	Using arc welding equipment. Including the standards for welds of maximum strength and the safe use of equipment.
Bicycle	Relating to the bicycle project.
Electric	Relating to electricity, electrical wiring and electrical safety.
Petroleum Power (Tractor, Small Engine and/or Automotive Project)	Relating to the role of petroleum powered equipment in agriculture and/or everyday life. Recognizes 4-H'er who understands principle parts, care, and safety as related to petroleum powered equipment.
Science & Technology	Relating to science and technology such as robotics, astronomy, etc.
Woodworking	Relating to the use and care of woodworking tools; shows an understanding of different woods and accomplished the construction of articles made from wood.
Computer	In understanding equipment, software, and safe internet use.

5. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Award Area	Recognizes Knowledge and Skills Gained ...
Camping	In basic camping (safety, equipment, outdoor cookery, etc.) through participation in a variety of camping experiences.
Citizenship	From participation in at least two or more citizenship activities such as: Responsibilities with family, club, community, world, learn about government, plan a community service activity and study family heritage, etc.
Communications	By organizing and presenting material in a variety of situations (presentations, working exhibits, speeches, debates, interviews, Share the Fun, theater, etc.)
Health	For maintaining personal health (for example, physical, intellectual, emotional and social health). 4-H'er must demonstrate knowledge about community health resources, environmental issues, and decision-making as related to personal, family or community health.
Leadership (Intermediate and Seniors only)	Those who have acquired and demonstrated leadership skills and abilities within and beyond the local club level. Requirement: *Enrolled in the Leadership Project and have completed specific activities for his/her project goals.
Music	In the active study of music by being involved with music in a variety of ways.
Safety	Relating to the practice and promotion of safety in their home and community in a variety of situations. 4-H'er must demonstrate an understanding of how safety can be applied to one or more 4-H programs or projects.
Self Determined	Through the planning and completion of a self-designed project during the current 4-H year. *Exempt from two-year project enrollment requirement but must be enrolled in current year.

6. FAMILY and CONSUMER SCIENCE DIVISION

Award Area	Recognizes Knowledge and Skills Gained ...
Child Development	In various aspects of child development.
Clothing	In wardrobe selection, purchase or construction, and care.
Consumer Education (Consumer Management Project)	In management of time, money and personal values to make wise consumer decisions for self and family.
Food and Nutrition	Relating to nutrition, food buymanship, and food preparation.
Home Improvement	Applying the principles of design and function to make the home more attractive, convenient and comfortable within the family resources.

MERIT AWARDS

Awards may be given in Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels. Members must have been a 4-H member for two years including the current year. Recipients of this award will be determined by the County Records and Awards Committee. No nomination is required.

Merit Awards will be given to recognize those members whose accomplishments reflect significant personal growth, active and enthusiastic club involvement and unselfish service to 4-H members and others but have not met project record keeping requirements. Merit award winners will have taken an active role in their club, but not necessarily the leadership role.

SENIOR 4-H LEVEL AWARDS

If you wish to be considered for a senior level award (Danforth, Achievement, Spirit), letter of recommendation by leader, adult county committee member or council advisor must be included. **It is the member's responsibility to secure the letter of recommendation.** If you wish to be considered for Livestock Achievement or Agriculture Awards, see page 2. Leadership/Citizenship is a project award; however, at the Senior Level, special recognition will be given during the senior portion of the awards program.

4-H AK-SAR-BEN (4-H'er must have livestock, but does not have to show at Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show)

Recognizes 4-H'ers who...

- have been enrolled in 4-H at least three years
- must be currently enrolled in beef, dairy cattle, sheep, swine or horse
- are making significant progress toward maturity and leadership through their service for the advancement of the 4-H program in our county
- give evidence of leadership on club and county level
- give evidence of participation in county activities

Danforth "I Dare You" Leadership

This youth must exhibit personal integrity, balanced living and a potential for leadership. Recipient may receive a partial scholarship from the American Youth Foundation to attend the National Leadership Conference. This conference gives youth an opportunity to develop self-esteem and leadership effectiveness.

William F. Danforth, founder of Ralston Purina, wrote the book "I Dare You" from his personal experience. He challenged young people to their highest potential, to aspire to attain influential lives of service and good citizenship. Mr. Danforth was one of the founders of the American Youth Foundation and he and his wife established the Danforth Foundation as a major educational and community service philanthropic institution. He was particularly interested in 4-H youth.

Achievement

Recognizes 4-H'ers showing personal growth through participation in a variety of projects and activities throughout all years in 4-H. Knowledge of 4-H projects and their contribution to improving family and community living should be demonstrated.

Requirements:

- Completed sophomore year.
- Completed at least three years in 4-H in a variety of projects.
- Carried and completed records for at least one year in the citizenship and leadership projects.
- Shown leadership beyond the club level (i.e. county youth council, county project committee, etc.)
- Given presentation, working exhibit, or led a workshop, in previous and current 4-H year.
- Shown community involvement.

4-H Spirit (current year graduate)

This award was established by the family of Avalda Jordan because of her long time dedication to the 4-H program and her many years of countless service as a 4-H leader in Linn County. This award is bestowed on a 4-H'er who is a current year high school graduate. This person must have been a 4-H'er for at least four years. The recipient must exemplify the "Spirit of 4-H" through perseverance, leadership, citizenship, dedication and growth in accomplishments attempted through the 4-H program. (A monetary award will be given.)