

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED RECORD BOOK QUESTIONS**

**How are record books and the Awards Banquet related?** 4-H'ers must complete a record book to be able to apply for a project award. The project award application is attached. Please check mark what project area you would like to apply for and insert the application in your record book. Complete your record book and return it to your club leader or to the Extension Office by September 15. The Youth Committee will decide who will receive project awards. If you are selected to receive an award, you will be recognized at the Awards Banquet .

**When are record books due?** They are due to the Extension Office, or your 4-H club leader by September 15.

**Who turns in a record book?** All 4-H'ers are encouraged to turn in a record book to the Hardin County Extension Office. This includes all 4<sup>th</sup> graders and first year 4-H'ers. Everyone is eligible for a 4-H Club Leadership Award (form attached). Record books will be returned at the Awards Banquet.

**What awards can I apply for?**

1<sup>st</sup> Year Members Award – (any grade, 1<sup>st</sup> year) no application necessary  
Project Awards – (4-12<sup>th</sup> grade) application attached, two years in project area  
Club Leadership Award – (4-12<sup>th</sup> grade) application attached  
Mary Gilbert Nutrition Award – (4-12<sup>th</sup> grade) see essay details  
Chicago Award Trip – (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade) application attached  
Personal Development Awards (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade) highest recognition awards, mark application

**What is the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Member Award?** All first year members, regardless of grade in school, are recognized for their membership. We want to reward youth for making a commitment to the 4-H program and encourage them to continue being a 4-H'er in Hardin County.

**What are project awards?** Project awards are given to 4-H members based on their project area in their record book. Record books have to be turned in to receive an award. Example: Sue wants her food and nutrition project records judged. Sue has to have two years of records in order to apply for an award. She made jam two years ago and made muffins this year. She completed her project records with her project goal sheet, pictures, and report from the fair. If the 4-H youth committee decides to award her, she will receive her medallion at the 4-H Awards Banquet.

**How do I apply?** Attached to this newsletter you will find an “Application for Hardin County 4-H Awards.” Fill out this form and mark which projects you would like to have judged in your record book. Place it in your record book when turning it in to the Hardin County Extension Office by September 15.

**Can I apply for more than one project area?** Yes! You may apply for as many as you would like, as long as you have two years of records.

**If I receive an award my second year in 4-H as a 5<sup>th</sup> grader (for example), will I ever be able to apply for this award again?** Yes! Awards are divided into three categories: Juniors 4-6 grades, Intermediates 7-8 grades, and Seniors 9-12 grades. If you receive a clothing award as a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, you may apply again once you are an intermediate which begins in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. You can receive an award up to three times. Please remember more is expected from your records as an intermediate and senior.

**What is the Club Leadership Award listed on the Awards Application?** The Club Leadership Award recognizes those that have been an active member of 4-H. This includes attending club meetings, participating in club demonstrations and presentations, helping with community service projects, and completing a record book. All 4-H'ers (4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) are encouraged to apply. Complete the form attached and return it with your record book by September 15<sup>th</sup> to the Hardin County Extension Office or to your club leader.

**What is the Mary Gilbert Award listed on the Awards Application?** 4-H'ers can apply by submitting a one page summary of their experiences and projects relating to their nutritional efforts during the year. Exhibiting at the Hardin County Fair, nutritional learning experiences, and communications will all be considered. Summaries are due September 15 with your record book and recognition will be announced at the 4-H Awards Banquet. One award will be given to each 4-H age group: \$50 – Senior, \$30 – Intermediate, \$20 – Junior.

**What is the Chicago Award Trip?** The Chicago Award Trip is an opportunity for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H'ers to be rewarded for their involvement in 4-H in Hardin County. You will also meet new people, have new experiences and see some great sights. The trip is generously paid for by the Hardin County Bankers Association. Your only expenses are a few meals and spending money. The trip is November 26-29. Hardin County can select three 4-H'ers for this trip. Complete the attached application and include with award materials in record book by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**What are the Personal Development Awards?** The five personal development awards listed on the award application are for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade members only. A 4-H member may only receive these once.

**Achievement** –recognizes 4-H members who have shown outstanding personal growth through participation in a variety of 4-H projects and programs.

**Agriculture** –recognizes 4-H members who have acquired and demonstrated great strides in an agriculture program(s). The recipient must be an active member participating in a livestock or other agriculture related project area.

**Ak-Sar-Ben** – recognizes 4-H members who make significant progress toward leadership through service in the 4-H program. The recipient need not have participated in Ak-Sar-Ben, but must be active in county program.

**Citizenship** – recognizes 4-H members who have learned the meaning of citizenship and have demonstrated their understanding through good citizenship practices.

**Leadership** –recognizes 4-H members who have acquired and demonstrated leadership skills and abilities in individual 4-H projects and overall 4-H program.

**After the awards banquet, what do I do with my medallions?** When you receive your first award as a 4-H'ers, you will receive a wooden plaque to place your medallions on. If you fill your wooden plaque, another one can be purchased from the Extension Office.

