



Mahaska County 4-H Junior Award Instructions

This covers all of the forms that Jr. 4-H'ers will need for awards applications. It also lists the awards that Jr. 4-H members are eligible to receive.

Members should plan to attend the Mahaska County 4-H Year-End Awards Celebration on **Saturday, November 19.**

Special Project Awards

This award recognizes Jr. Members (4th-6th graders) who have done a variety of activities to help them gain knowledge in specific project areas. Youth may apply for 4 project awards that they are eligible for.

Criteria:

- Must be a Jr. 4-H member (completed 4th, 5th, or 6th grade)
- Must complete records for this project area
- Must complete minimum requirements listed on application form (at back of this packet)

How to apply:

- Fill out and review the Special Award Application Form.
- Turn in the application to the Mahaska County Extension Office by September 15.
- Complete an Achievement Conference to determine eligibility.

Special Awards

This award recognizes 4-H members in each level for their work and records in Beef, Swine, Sheep, Horse, Rabbit, Poultry, Dog, Dairy, Meat Goat, Horticulture, Photography and Longtime Record Keeping. Applicants must fulfill the minimum requirements as stated on the Mahaska County Special Awards Application form.

Outstanding Junior Member Award

This award recognizes outstanding record keeping and involvement for Jr. Members. This is a competitive award. Award recipients will receive a button for their award plaque, savings bond & recognition certificate.

Criteria:

- Participated in interview with volunteer to review record keeping system
- Currently enrolled in 4-H and in at least one project
- Communication experience (ie: Project Talk/Presentation)
- Attend at least one county 4-H event
- Actively participated in club activities other than monthly meetings
- Held position on a club committee

How to apply:

- Fill out and review the Major Junior Member Application Form.
- Turn in the application along with your 4-H Record Book to the Mahaska County Extension Office by September 15.
- Complete an Achievement Conference to determine eligibility.

Major Junior Member Awards

This award recognizes members who meet the minimum expectations of a 4-H'er for Family & Consumer Sciences, Ag & Natural Resources and/or Science, Mechanics & Engineering. Award recipients will receive a button for their award plaque, savings bond & recognition certificate.

Criteria:

- Participated in interview with volunteer to review record keeping system
- Currently enrolled in 4-H and in at least one project
- Communication experience (ie: Project Talk/Presentation)
- Attend at least one county 4-H event
- Actively participated in club activities other than monthly meetings
- Held position on a club committee

How to apply:

- Fill out and review the Major Junior Member Application Form.
- Turn in the application along with your 4-H Record Book to the Mahaska County Extension Office by September 15.
- Complete an Achievement Conference to determine eligibility.

Mahaska County Make A Difference Award

This award recognizes youth who demonstrate good character in an effort to enhance 4-H at either a club or county level.

Criteria:

- Members must demonstrate excellence in the character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. They use these skills to enhance the 4-H program in their club or county.

How to apply:

- Members do not need to apply for this award. Nominations will be made by leaders, superintendents, and other adults. Nomination forms must be turned in to the Mahaska County Extension Office by September 15 and must be signed by the person nominating the 4-H member.