



Mahaska County 4-H Senior Award Instructions

This covers all of the forms that Sr. 4-H'ers will need for awards applications. It also lists the awards that Sr. 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 Sr. Members (10th-12th 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 Sr. 4-H member (completed 10th, 11th, or 12th 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 Senior Member Award

This award recognizes outstanding record keeping and involvement for Sr. 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 three projects
- At least one communication experience at club/local level
- At least one communication experience at county level
- At least one communication experience to a non-4-H audience
- At least one Leadership experience at county level
- At least one Leadership experience with non-4-H audience
- At least one Citizenship experience at county level
- At least one Citizenship experience with non-4-H audience
- Attend at least one county 4-H event
- Actively participated in club activities other than monthly meetings

How to apply:

- Fill out and review the Major Senior Award 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 Senior 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 three projects
- At least one communication experience at club/local level
- At least one communication experience at county level
- At least one communication experience to a non-4-H audience
- At least one Leadership experience at county level
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- At least one Citizenship experience at county level
- At least one Citizenship experience with non-4-H audience
- Attend at least one county 4-H event
- Actively participated in club activities other than monthly meetings

How to apply:

- Fill out and review the Major Senior Award 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.

Senior-level Major Awards

These awards recognize Senior-level members who meet and exceed the expectations of a Senior-level 4-H member. These awards include: Merit, Leadership, Achievement and Citizenship. Senior-level 4-H members who have completed 11th or 12th grade are eligible for the very special William H. Danforth "I Dare You" Award. Criteria is listed on the Senior-level Award Application Forms.

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.