



Stay Involved in 4-H

Do you have trouble fitting 4-H club meetings into your schedule?

There's a new way to be an **Adair County 4-H'er...**

Join as an **INDEPENDENT MEMBER**

Earn scholarships for all types of education after high school...

Every 4-H graduating senior in Adair county who has completed a service project is eligible for the Kelly Laughery Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship can be used for trade school, community college or any four year college.

Iowa 4-H offers more than \$90,000 in scholarship money each year including special scholarships for students planning to attend community college.

Meet new friends by participating in county, regional and state 4-H activities...

Have fun participating in everything from county-wide bowling parties to Animal Science Round-Up.

Exhibit at 4-H shows including the Adair County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben...

Showing at the fair is a lot of fun whether you have one exhibit or 100 exhibits.

Bolster your resume for work or college... Show your commitment to sticking with a program. Your record of service, leadership, and communication is sure to impress admissions staff and employers.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS?

Master new skills - It is really no different than a club. You choose the projects you wish to complete and what you want to learn. Sign up for as many projects as you would like.

Complete a community service project during the year - It can be anything from helping to paint a building at the fairgrounds, coaching a little kids' sports team, to cleaning out your closet and giving your old clothes to the Neighborhood Center. You can do a service project as an individual or team up with friends, family, a 4-H club, church youth group, or the Adair County 4-H Youth Council.

Demonstrate your communication skills by sharing your knowledge with others - The options are endless - Do a radio interview at the county fair, write an article for the 4-H newsletter, help teach a section of the FSQA program, or give a speech in school about a topic related to your 4-H project.

Connect with an adult - Every independent member needs a mentor who they will communicate with about their skill, service and communication development. Your mentor can be an Extension staff member or it can be an approved adult 4-H volunteer.

Become an **Independent Adair County 4-H Member** Today

◇ **Complete an enrollment form**

Fill in the club name as Independent.

◇ **Complete the Iowa 4-H Medical Release/Information Form**

Be sure both you and a parent/guardian complete both sides and sign the form.

◇ **Identify your adult mentor**

Remember they must be a screened volunteer who completes annual training or an Adair County Extension staff member. Donna Wallace or Kathy Rohrig would be happy to be your mentor. Write down the name and contact information for your adult mentor and include it when you return your enrollment form.

◇ **Pay the Iowa 4-H Program Development Fee of \$30**

Make checks payable to Adair County Extension.

◇ **Return all of the above items to the Adair County Extension Office**

*For more information about Independent Membership
or the Adair County 4-H Program,
call the Adair County Extension Office at 641-743-8412 or 1-800-ISUE 399*

**Be Part of a Winning Team
Be an Adair County 4-H'er**

