

BOONE COUNTY 4-H AWARDS CRITERIA



BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD AWARDS

Objective: To recognize 4-H'ers who actively participate, gain knowledge and skills, and share learning with others in a specific 4-H project area. The three levels are designed to reward 4-H'ers as they grow and reach the designated criteria.

- **Bronze** – Eligible 4-H members should be active in a project for 2 years with evidence of growth, 1 citizenship, and 1 communication *related to project*.
- **Silver** – Eligible 4-H members should be active in a project for 4 years with evidence of growth and total of 2 different citizenship and 2 different communications *related to project*.
- **Gold** – Eligible 4-H members should be active in a project for 6 years with evidence of growth, total of 3 different citizenship and 3 different communications *related to project*, at least one leadership related to project, and project involvement beyond local 4-H club level.

How to apply for project awards:

1. To be considered for bronze, silver, gold 4-H project awards, turn in your record book including the Yearly Participation Summary for ALL YEARS to your 4-H club leaders **by September 1** (or as requested by leader.)
2. Indicate on the last page of the Yearly Participation Summary which project award(s) you want to apply for. Award is a colored disc representing the project to display on an aluminum plaque with nameplate. **Limit of 3** project discs per year. 4-H'er must earn bronze before silver and silver before gold. Members may earn two discs for the same project in one year.

★ SPIRIT AWARDS

- Any Boone County 4-H adult volunteer (leader, superintendent, committee member) or staff member may nominate a current 4-H member for the 4-H Spirit Award. Selection will be based on the nominee **making 4-H more fun, educational, or cooperative** by his/her participation, attitude, or extra work at a club or county 4-H event. Preference is given to 4-H members not recognized in other ways. 4-H'ers do not have to complete a record book to qualify. The award will be a 4-H medallion.
- A member may receive the spirit award **once as a junior, once as an intermediate, and once as a senior**. Up to three juniors, three intermediates, and three seniors will be recognized each year.

★ ADULT AWARDS

4-H Alumni: To honor a former 4-H member whose achievements exemplify effective citizenship, leadership, community and public service, and success in a chosen career. (*plaque*)

Friend of 4-H: To recognize an individual who has unselfishly given time, effort, and ideas to further the education and experiences of 4-H youth. (*plaque*)

Meritorious Service: To recognize an organization, business or group of individuals who has provided outstanding support to 4-H'ers through service and/or financial contributions. (*plaque*)

Fran Thompson Outstanding Leader: To recognize 4-H adult volunteer leaders who have given 4-H youth and the 4-H program in Boone County outstanding time, service, and dedication. The award is given by Fran Thompson's Family in memory of 26 years as Boone County Extension Office Assistant. (*plaque and \$250 cash*)

★ JULIE AND CARRIE ENSLEY CLUB CITIZENSHIP AWARD

To recognize a 4-H club that has **worked together throughout the year to help others or benefit the community**. A traveling plaque is presented to the club with individual gifts for members and leaders.

★ RECRUITMENT AWARD

To recognize member(s) who have **recruited the most 4-H members** September 15 through September 1st. Recruited members cannot be in the immediate family. Nomination forms must be signed by a club leader.

★ I CARE JUNIOR AWARD

To recognize a junior (4th through 6th grade) 4-H member who is **helpful behind the scenes** at club and/or county events. Selection will be based on Citizenship, Attitude, Responsibility and Effort. Preference given to 4-H members not recognized in other ways. 4-H members cannot be nominated for both the Spirit Award and the I Care Award. Up to 3 awards will be given.

Request nomination form(s) from Boone County Extension
or find them on [our website](#)



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OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBER AWARDS

Objective: To recognize 4-H'ers who have just completed 6th, 9th, and 12th grades for **excellence** in 4-H participation, project work, record keeping, and sharing their knowledge with others through communication, citizenship, and leadership.

How to Apply: By **September 1** (or date requested by club leaders) turn in 4-H records for all years enrolled in 4-H to club leaders with nomination form attached. Leaders will review records and turn in to the Extension Office by **September 15**. Award is a disc and cash award.

Criteria for Outstanding Sixer 4-H Member (8):

- * Completed at least **two** years of 4-H and just **completed 6th grade** when applying.
- * Have **regular attendance at club meetings** and club activities each year.
- * Keep records and show growth in an average of **two or more projects** each year (including worksheets.)
- * Participate in **one citizenship or one communications** activity each year (club or project)
- * **Fulfill responsibilities** as a club member as requested such as hosting, committees, club officer.

Criteria for Outstanding Freshman 4-H Member (8):

- * Completed at least **four** years of 4-H and **just completed 9th grade** when applying.
- * **Meet criteria** outlined above for Outstanding Sixer.
- * Show significant **growth** in 4-H projects, participation, exhibits, citizenship, and communication activities.
- * Take on **leadership** role in local club, county, or community.
- * 4-H **role model** for younger members by following club, county, fair, and civil guidelines.

Criteria for Outstanding Graduate 4-H Member (6):

- * Completed at least **six** years of 4-H and just **graduated from high school** when applying.
- * **Meet criteria** for Outstanding Sixer and Freshman member.
- * Show **superior growth** in 4-H projects, participation, exhibits, citizenship, and communication activities.
- * Show **leadership** in local club, county, or community.
- * 4-H **role model** for younger members by following club, county, fair, and civil guidelines.

SPECIAL 4-H AWARDS

Objective: To recognize high school 4-H members for active 4-H participation, growth, & sharing with others.

Minimum Criteria:

Evidence of personal growth and accomplishments during 4-H participation.

Evidence of communication, citizenship, and/or leadership in 4-H projects, local club, county or state 4-H events or community participation.

A 4-H member can receive each special award only one time and only one per year.

How to Apply for Special Awards: By September 1 (or as requested by club leader) turn in 4-H records for all years enrolled in 4-H to club leaders with nomination form attached. Leaders will review records and turn in to the Extension Office by September 15. Award is a disc and cash award.

- ⇒ **Intermediate Merit Award** (up to four awards): Completed at least seventh grade and three years in 4-H at time of application. To recognize 4-H members who have excelled in a project area (1) of personal interest in 4-H and have been active in their local 4-H club and projects(s). "You do what you do well."
- ⇒ **Senior Merit Award** (up to four awards): Completed at least freshman year in high school and four years in 4-H at time of application. To recognize 4-H members who have excelled in a project area (1) of personal interest in 4-H and have been active in their local 4-H club and projects(s). "You do what you do well."
- ⇒ **Intermediate Achievement Award** (up to three awards): Completed at least seventh grade and three years in 4-H at time of application. To recognize 4-H members who have become productive and self directing individuals in a variety of areas and have been active in their local 4-H club or county, 4-H projects, citizenship, leadership or communication. "You do well in many 4-H activities."
- ⇒ **Senior Achievement Award** (up to three awards): Completed at least freshmen year in high school and four years in 4-H at time of application. To recognize 4-H members who have become productive and self directing individuals in a variety of areas and have been active in their local 4-H club or county, 4-H projects, citizenship, leadership or communication. "You do well in many 4-H activities."
- ⇒ **Leader of Tomorrow Award** (up to three awards): Completed at least sophomore year in high school and four years in 4-H at time of application. To recognize 4-H members who have shown a willingness to assume responsibility and take on leadership roles such as junior club leaders, County 4-H Council, fair committees, 4-H Task Forces, dog obedience classes, aerospace or horse interest group, project workshops Fashion Day, or Extravaganza. This award is given in memory of Charles and Coletta Nalean, Ogden.
- ⇒ **George Leonard Memorial Award** (two \$100 awards): Completed at least sophomore year in high school and four years in 4-H at time of application. To recognize a 4-H member who is hard working, who may work in the background to support his/her club or project, and who is a positive example for other 4-H members. Preference is given to graduated seniors (one boy and one girl) who are not recognized with the outstanding graduate award.