

Clay County 4-H Awards

Click on the award name in the table below to be redirected to the online nomination applications. Please make note of who is eligible and who can nominate for each award. Nominations for 2023 must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, September 1, 2023.

Award	Description	Who is eligible?	Who can nominate?	Number Awarded
<u>Achievement Award</u>	<i>This award recognizes a 4-H member who has shown outstanding personal growth, citizenship, and leadership throughout their 4-H career. This 4-Her has explored and participated in a variety of project areas and has worked to share their learning with others. They should exemplify what it means to "Make the Best Better".</i>	Any 4-H member who has completed 10 th grade or higher and has been in 4-H for at least three years.	4-H Members, Club Leaders, Extension Staff	1 total (award can only be received once by the same individual)
<u>Citizenship Award</u>	<i>This award recognizes 4-H members who have been actively engaged in their community throughout the year. They assist community members, volunteer at community events, develop projects or activities to serve others, and are committed to the well-being of their community. The nominee demonstrates personal growth and character through community activities and 4-H club involvement.</i>	Any 4-H member actively involved in their club and community	4-H Members, Club leaders, Extension staff, Community Members	3 total one junior, one intermediate, and one senior member
<u>Leadership Award</u>	<i>This award recognizes 4-H members who lead by example, influence and support other club members in a positive manner, and take an active role in their 4-H club. The nominee demonstrates a desire for personal growth and a willingness to lead.</i>	Any 4-H member actively involved in their club and community	4-H Members, Club leaders, Extension staff	3 total one junior, one intermediate, and one senior member
<u>Merit Award</u>	<i>This award recognizes 4-H members who have shown outstanding personal growth from one 4-H year to the next. The nominee demonstrates a clear drive for improvement and dedication to learning.</i>	Any 4-H member who has been enrolled and active in a club for at least two years.	4-H Members, Club leaders, Extension staff	3 total one junior, one intermediate, and one senior member
<u>Outstanding Junior Award</u>	<i>This award recognizes Junior 4-H members who have a great "4-H Attitude" and have shown exceptional excitement and participation in club activities. These members have made substantial contributions to their club and their community.</i>	Any Junior 4-H member.	Club Leaders	2 per Club
<u>Green & White Award</u>	<i>This award is given to those 4-H members who display the most 4-H Spirit throughout the 4-H year. These members should be actively involved in their clubs and representing 4-H throughout their community in a positive and upbeat way.</i>	Any 4-H Member	Club Leaders	1 per Club
<u>Engagement Award</u>	<i>This award is given to the 4-H member from each club that has attended the most meetings, actively participated in club work, and has displayed a positive attitude throughout the year.</i>	Any 4-H Member	Club Leaders	1 per Club

<u>Ambassador Award</u>	<i>This award recognizes those 4-H members who are exceptional ambassadors and representatives of Clay County 4-H. These members are active participants in their club and community, who have intentionally promoted 4-H and recruited new members.</i>	Any 4-H Member	4-H Member, Club Leaders, Extension Staff	3 total
<u>Community Service Award</u>	<i>This award recognizes a Clay County 4-H club that has spent considerable time and energy working to improve their communities through service projects. This club displays creative problem solving, compassion for others, and a desire to better their community through their efforts.</i>	Any 4-H Club	Clubs Self-nominate	1 Club
<u>Leader of the Year Award</u>	<i>This award recognizes a club leader who has shown continued commitment and dedication to the 4-H program in Clay County. This leader has given countless hours to their club and has consistently provided opportunities for personal growth for their club members.</i>	Any 4-H Club Leader	Individual 4-H Member or whole club	1 total
<u>Honorary 4-Her Award</u>	<i>This award recognizes an adult volunteer or community member that did not participate in 4-H as a youth but has contributed significantly to the 4-H program in Clay County. They have embraced what it means to "Make the Best Better", and they have positively impacted the youth of Clay County through their efforts.</i>	Any adult volunteer or community member that was not a 4-H member	4-H Members, Club Leaders, Extension Staff	1 total
<u>Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award</u>	<i>This award recognizes an adult volunteer or community member who was a former 4-H member. This award is given based on their commitment and contributions to Clay County 4-H, as well as outstanding career accomplishments, and their leadership in civic, community, and professional activities.</i>	Any adult volunteer or community member that was a former 4-H member	4-H Members, Club Leaders, Extension Staff	1 total
<u>Friend of 4-H Award</u>	<i>This award recognizes an individual, community group, or business that has consistently supported Clay County 4-H, provided unique opportunities for growth of the 4-H program, and has worked to make a lasting impact in the lives of youth.</i>	Any individual, community group, or business	4-H Members, Club Leaders, Extension Staff	1 total
<u>4-H Family of the Year Award</u>	<i>This award recognizes a past or present Clay County 4-H family that has gone above and beyond to represent 4-H in a positive light. As a family, they are active participants in club and community activities, they volunteer their time, energy, and skills to grow 4-H, and they encourage others to do the same.</i>	Any Clay County 4-H Family	4-H Members, Club Leaders, Extension Staff	1 total

Note about Nominations: Please refer to the chart for nomination requirements. If a 4-H member self-nominates for any award, they should also request a letter of recommendation from their club leader. Those letters can be emailed to keenej@iastate.edu

Breakdown of 4-H membership Levels: Junior- Completed 4th through 6th grade | Intermediate- Completed 7th through 8th grade | Senior- Completed 9th through 12th grade