

Linn County 4-H Record Book Award Descriptions

Awards are presented to 4-H members to recognize young people who have gained knowledge and skills in a specific project and who are showing evidence of personal growth. Awards are based on the 4-H record book only. The [nomination form](#) must be filled out and included with your record-keeping system (record book), which is then submitted to the Extension Office by October 15th.

Members may only apply for project areas they have completed a [project record](#) for in the current year.

Parents may inform the Records and Awards Committee or their 4-H Club Leader of any special circumstances that may exist regarding their child.

Outstanding First Year 4-H Member Award

Recognizes first-year 4-H members who have submitted their records for evaluation and have met all the following requirements:

- Attended at least half of their club's meetings.
- Gave a presentation at a club meeting or participated in any Communication Event (Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, Share the Fun).
- Completed [project records](#) for at least two projects, including at least two goals (what you want to learn or do) in each project. Financial records are encouraged but not required for first-year members in their project area.
- Took an active role in local and/or county activities.
- Recommendation by the leader or adult county committee member is optional.

Senior Awards 9th-12th Grades

4-H Spirit Award

This award was established by the Jordan Family. It is awarded to a 4-H member who shows evidence of leadership, citizenship, community service, dedication, and/or growth in accomplishments in the 4-H program. This youth will also show skills in helping others to learn and grow. **There is a monetary award given to the recipient of this award.**

Award Criteria

- Letter of recommendation from a 4-H volunteer, staff member, or community member who can speak to your 4-H Spirit.
- Recent high school graduate.
- Submitted a record book for their 12th-grade year.
- Been in 4-H for at least four years.
- Completed a record book for at least four years of their 4-H career, including their 12th grade (current) year.

4-H Achievement Award

This award recognizes youth who participate in multiple project areas and show leadership beyond their club level. Multiple youths can receive this award in a year. Youths can receive the award multiple times.

Award Criteria

- Letter of recommendation from a 4-H volunteer, staff member, or community member who can speak to leadership, community involvement, and achievements. (Non-Family member)
- Completed 10th Grade.
- Completed record book worksheets for at least 3 years in 4-H in a variety of projects.
- Carried and completed one year of citizenship or leadership project records.
- Shown leadership beyond the club.
- Given presentations, working exhibits, club presentations, or led a workshop in the past year.
- Shown community involvement.

Premier Project Records Award

This award recognizes one youth in each division (Animals & Livestock, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Creative Arts, Family and Consumer Science, Personal Development, and STEM) who has outstanding records for a given division. Six awards are awarded each year (one per division).

Award Criteria

- Youth must be in 9th-12th grade.
- Youth need to have three consecutive years of project record forms, including the current year.
- No letter of recommendation is required.
- Youth may only receive each division award once in their 4-H career.
- Youth may receive multiple division awards in a year but will only receive each division award once in their 4-H career.

Project Area Awards

Criteria

- Project Area Awards are awarded based on evidence of knowledge and skills gained.
- You do not have to have exhibited at the county fair to receive a project area award but must have completed a [record book worksheet](#) for that area in the current year.
- Only Gold Achievement Record books are eligible for a Project Award.
- Record Books must also contain at least two years of records in a project area to be eligible for that Project Award.
 - Exception: one year for Self-Determined project area.
- Project Award pins are awarded only once at each grade level (junior grades 4, 5, & 6; intermediate grades 7 & 8; senior grades 9-12). Project Award Certificates are awarded every year for qualifying Project Awards.

Record Book Evaluation and Project Award Evaluation Rubric can be found here: <http://bit.ly/4-HRecordkeeping>

Animals and Livestock Division Awards

Follow each link to learn more about the project area and find ideas for future learning, communication, civic engagement, and leadership within the project area.

NOTE: Linn County has special record book forms.

Please use [Linn County Record Book Worksheets](#).

- [Beef](#)
- [Bucket Bottle](#)
- [Dairy Cattle](#)
- [Dairy Goat](#)
- [Dog](#)
- [Horse and Pony](#)
- [Meat/AOB Goat](#)
- [Cat/Pet](#)
- [Poultry](#)
- [Rabbit/Cavy](#)
- [Sheep](#)
- [Swine](#)
- [Veterinary Science](#)

Agriculture and Natural Resource Division Awards

Follow each link to learn more about the project area and find ideas for future learning, communication, civic engagement, and leadership within the project area.

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Please use [Linn County Record Book Worksheets](#).

- [Agronomy](#)
- [Environment & Sustainability](#)
- [Horticulture](#)
- [Outdoor Adventures](#)
- [Shooting Sports](#)
- [Entomology](#)
- [Wildlife](#)

Creative Arts Division Awards

Follow each link to learn more about the project area and find ideas for future learning, communication, civic engagement, and leadership within the project area.

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Please use [Linn County Record Book Worksheets](#).

- [Digital Storytelling](#)
- [Music](#)
- [Photography](#)
- [Visual Arts](#)

Family and Consumer Science Division Awards

Follow each link to learn more about the project area and find ideas for future learning, communication, civic engagement, and leadership within the project area.

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Please use [Linn County Record Book Worksheets](#).

- [Child Development](#)
- [Clothing](#)
- [Consumer Management](#)
- [Food and Nutrition](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Home Improvement](#)
- [Sewing and Needle Arts](#)

Personal Development Division Awards

Follow each link to learn more about the project area and find ideas for future learning, communication, civic engagement, and leadership within the project area.

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- [Civic Engagement](#)
- [Communication](#) (including Posters, Presentations, Working Exhibits, Share the Fun, etc.)
- [Leadership](#)
- [Self-Determined](#)*-Only requires one year of records.

STEM Division Awards

Follow each link to learn more about the project area and find ideas for future learning, communication, civic engagement, and leadership within the project area.

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Please use [Linn County Record Book Worksheets](#).

- [Aerospace](#)
- [Computer Science](#)
- [Mechanics](#)
- [Robotics](#)
- [Tractor](#)
- [Woodworking](#)