Below you will find more information regarding Junior 4-H Awards including criteria and instructions for applying. Decide which award(s) you would like to apply for and, if they require an Achievement Conference, sign up to attend an Achievement Conference Event*. Bring a Member Award Summary Form to this event listing all of the awards you plan to apply for. During your Conference an interviewer will review your record book with you and determine your eligibility for awards. Be prepared to discuss your 4-H year and your goals for next year.

1. **Year Member Award**
   **Information:**
   - Recognizes members who met the minimum expectations of a 4-H’er
   - Award recipients will receive a Year Member Award bar for their award plaque
   **Criteria:**
   - 4-H’er has been enrolled in 4-H for the current year
   - 4-H’er participated in at least one project area
   - 4-H’er has participated in at least one county level activity or event (examples: workshops such as FSQA, Event Day, County Fair, etc.)
   - 4-H’er has completed a record-keeping system for the current year
   - 4-H’er attended at least 50% of their club meetings for the year (if member joined late in the year, then 50% of meetings from the time he/she joined)
   **How to Apply:**
   - Review the criteria listed above to assure you are eligible to receive this award
   - Sign up for and complete an Achievement Conference* to determine your eligibility for this award. Be sure to bring your Record Book and Member Award Summary Form (with this award listed on it) to your Achievement Conference.

2. **Project Award**
   **Information:**
   - Recognizes members who have demonstrated project learning within one of the project areas listed below
   - Please note the difference between projects and exhibits
     - **Projects** encompass all the learning you have done within a specific project area (listed below)
     - **Exhibits** are an outgrowth of what you have learned within a project area. This is what you bring to the County Fair to have evaluated by a judge. Exhibits could include a photograph or a steer.
       - You do not need to complete a Project Record for each of your fair exhibits. For example, you may have taken three photographs to the County Fair but you only need to complete one Project Record for the Photography Project Area.
   - Youth may apply for as many project awards as they desire
   - Award recipients will receive a Project Award bar for their award plaque. Youth may apply for as many project awards as they desire.

   Beef*  Dairy Cattle*  Dairy Goats*  Dog*  Bottle Calf*  Horse & Pony*
   Meat Goats*  Poultry*  Rabbit*  Sheep*  Swine*
   Veterinary Science  Music  Photography  Visual Art  Horticulture  Crop Production
   Child Development  Clothing  Food & Nutrition  Consumer Management  Health
   Home Improvement  Sewing  Citizenship  Communication  Digital Storytelling  Leadership
   Self-Determined  Mechanics & Design  Woodworking  Science, Engineering & Tech
   Outdoor Adventures  Safety & Education in Shooting Sports  Environment & Sustainability

*These project areas require a Project Worksheet to be completed in addition to the Project Record.

**Criteria:**
- Must be a Junior 4-H member (completed 4th, 5th or 6th grade)
- Must complete a Basic Project Record and any required Project Worksheet for this project area
- Must complete award requirements as listed on the Junior Project Award Nomination Form. You can find this form online here: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/poweshiek/news/awards](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/poweshiek/news/awards)
How to Apply:
- Review the criteria listed above to assure you are eligible to receive this award.
- Sign up for and complete an Achievement Conference* to determine your eligibility for this award. Be sure to bring your Project Records and Member Award Summary Form (with this award listed on it) to your Achievement Conference.

3. **Project Research Award**

Information:
- This award recognizes 4-H’ers who have done project research outside of 4-H club and workshop activities.
- Award recipients will receive a Project Research Award bar for their award plaque.

Criteria:
- 4-H’er must research one or more 4-H project areas using at least 8 sources.
- Not all sources have to be for the same project area.
- Sources may include books, magazines, newspaper articles, interviews, blog posts, scientific journals, websites and other resources as needed.
- 4-H’er must list sources and information learned from on the Project Research Award Application Form.

How to Apply:
- Members must complete the Project Research Application Form found here: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/poweshiek/news/awards](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/poweshiek/news/awards).
- Sign up for and complete an Achievement Conference* to determine your eligibility for this award. Be sure to bring your Application Form and Member Award Summary Form (with this award listed on it) to your Achievement Conference.

4. **Outstanding Record-Keeping Award**

Information:
- This award recognizes youth who have built record keeping life skills and have created an organized, detailed and evaluative record book.
- Award recipients will receive an Outstanding Record-Keeping bar for their award plaque.

Criteria:
- Member must meet these record keeping requirements:
  - Title Page (includes member’s name, age, grade last completed, club, number of years in 4-H and their picture).
  - Yearly Summary of 4-H involvement over the past year.
  - Project Records (basic or experienced) and any required Project Worksheets for each project area involved in.
  - Other support materials may include:
    - Reflections about the member’s accomplishments, activities involved in, and overall 4-H year.
    - Pictures, newspaper clippings, fair write-ups, etc. regarding project work or 4-H activity.
- Any type of record-keeping system may be submitted (book, electronic format such as a video or PowerPoint, portfolio, audio/video tape, etc.)

How to Apply:
- Submit your Record Book to the Extension Office by Friday, October 2nd for evaluation. You may turn it in following your Achievement Conference for other awards if you’d like.

*Achievement Conference Events will be held in Brooklyn, Grinnell and Montezuma. Dates and times of these events will be determined at a later date. Once they have been set, please contact the Extension Office to sign up for the Event you would like to attend. You may either call 641.623.5188 or email xpoweshiek@iastate.edu. Each event will be approximately 2 hours in length. You will not need to be there throughout the entire event but rather, you should plan to be there for a 10-20 minute time frame that works well for you.*