CONGRATS! You have almost completed your first year as a member of Washington County 4-H! Thanks for sticking with us and this year in so many changes and uncertainties. We wish we could have done more with you! There was and is still so much to learn and experience. Hopefully you had a great first year. We look forward to the years ahead. Anytime you have questions, please don’t hesitate to call or stop in!

4-H Participation Award

How involved were you this year? Did you have “Merit” or “Excellence” participation? We have an award for members who take advantage of the 4-H opportunities by attending club meetings, county social events and workshops, giving a presentation, and participating in fair. The simple application is included here. Awards are given at the October 25 4-H Awards Celebration. All award applications are on the Member Info Extension page.

Mark your calendar

The annual 4-H Awards Event will be October 25 beginning at 2 p.m. This is a time to recognize 4-H’ers for their hard work, have fun, and visit with friends. There will be awards presentations and family fun. Stay tuned for more details! It’s a great way to celebrate this first year!

Learn from Livestream

There were many unique components to #washfair20! One outstanding new addition was the livestream of livestock shows hosted by KCTC in Kalona. Those shows have all been saved for long term enjoyment AND learning. If you are interested in showing a livestock species, log in and watch those shows. Learn from some of those beginning and experienced showman. OR if you showed—go watch yourself! https://www.youtube.com/userr/Kalonasteico

Fair Thank You Notes

Much of 4-H involves adult partnerships or youth mentorships. We strongly encourage you to thank those individuals who helped you learn more, do more, or succeed more this year with your 4-H projects. Those other caring adults can’t be thanked enough. We have special 4-H thank you notes available at the Extension.

Dear Clover: I need to complete my record book, but what do I need, who do I turn it in to?

Record books can be intimidating, but are very positive in helping you set and reflect on your goals. It’s a good way for you to show off all you have done and learned throughout the year.

Each year you will need to complete:

- 4-H Yearly Summary
- 4-H Record Keeping Self-Evaluation
- 4-H Basic Project Record(s) for project areas or specific forms are available for breeding and market livestock, dog, gardening and photography.

You may include newspaper clippings that list your ribbons awarded, pictures in the paper or ones family and friends took of you preparing and exhibiting. All forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or online at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/page/4-h-record-keeping-information.

Check with your club leader for your record book due date!!!

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CBI Bank & Trust presents:
Washington County
4-H Participation Award Application

All 4-H’ers (grades 4-12) may apply for this award. Merit or Excellence can be earned annually.

Application deadline: October 1 by 4:30 p.m. to the Washington County Extension office.

Name ___________________________ Club ___________________________
Address ___________________________ City ___________________________ Zip _______________

Grade ___________________________ 4-H Division (please circle one) □ JR □ INT □ SR

Criteria for the following awards must be accomplished during this past school year/4-H year. Sept-Sept

Junior Merit - I meet all of the criteria for a Junior Merit Certificate in the following ways:
□ I have attended a minimum of 4 educational 4-H meetings this 4-H year.
□ I gave a talk, demonstration (working exhibit) or presentation at a club meeting. Topic: ___________________________
□ I completed one or more projects at the fair & earned Outstanding Record Book. Project: ___________________________

Junior Excellence - I meet the above criteria for Junior Merit, and 2 of the criteria below:
□ I helped with a community service project. Explain: ___________________________
□ I served on a 4-H club committee. Explain: ___________________________
□ I participated in a county led 4-H workshop. Workshop: ___________________________
□ I participated in a second county-led 4-H workshop. Workshop: ___________________________
□ I exhibited a virtual Communication or Clothing Project. Topic: ___________________________

Intermediate Merit - I meet all of the criteria for an Intermediate Merit Award in the following ways:
□ I have attended a minimum of 4 educational 4-H meetings this 4-H year.
□ I gave a talk, demonstration (working exhibit) or presentation at a club meeting. Topic: ___________________________
□ I completed two or more projects at the fair & earned Outstanding Record Book. Projects: ___________________________

Intermediate Excellence - I meet the above criteria for Intermediate Merit, and 3 of the criteria below:
□ I have completed at least two years in 4-H.
□ I helped with a community service project. Explain: ___________________________
□ I served on a 4-H club committee or held an officer position. Explain: ___________________________
□ I participated in a county led 4-H workshop. Explain: ___________________________
□ I exhibited a virtual Communication or Clothing Project. Topic: ___________________________
□ I participated in the following 4-H county, area or state activity(ies) not included above: Explain: ___________________________

Senior Merit - I meet the criteria for Senior Merit in the following ways:
□ I have attended a minimum of 4 educational 4-H meetings this 4-H year.
□ I gave a talk, demonstration (working exhibit) or presentation at a club meeting. Topic: ___________________________
□ I completed 3 or more projects at fair & earned Outstanding Record Book. Projects: ___________________________
□ I have volunteered at minimum at one 4-H activity(ies). Explain: ___________________________

Senior Excellence - I meet the above criteria for Senior Merit, and 4 of the criteria below:
□ I have completed four years in 4-H.
□ I applied for a State Project Award, State Council or National Congress due February 1.
□ I served on a 4-H club committee or held an officer position. Explain: ___________________________
□ I served on the County Council, ELITE, or State Council: ___________________________
□ I participated in the following community service/individual citizenship project: ___________________________
□ I participated/volunteered in a county led 4-H event not mentioned above. Event: ___________________________
□ I exhibited a virtual Communication or Clothing Project. Topic: ___________________________
□ I participated in the following 4-H county, area or state activity(ies) not included above: Explain: ___________________________

EVERYONE ANSWER: The 2020 spring/summer allowed for a lot of time out of school, how did you invest that time and how did it impact your 4-H experience, learning and exhibits:

4-H’er Signature ___________________________ Leader Signature ___________________________