



# 4-H Application Cover Form For Project Awards

☆ You will need one cover form for each application

**Required:** Please staple your application along with this cover form in the upper left corner and put in a paper pocket folder – one folder per story. Not necessary to use plastic protective sheets.

On the front of your folder include your name, club & grade and list your project award.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club/Independent 4-H'er \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H Program \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardians Names \_\_\_\_\_

## Please answer the following questions:

- Yes  No Is this the first year you have applied for project awards?  
 Yes  No If you have received 4-H project awards, is your metal award plaque filled?  
 Yes  No Are you interested in receiving information on area/state awards?

### \*4-H Project Award Information

\*\*\*Project Award & Color: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Color: Green, Blue, Purple for 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade or  
Bronze, Silver or Gold for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12 grades

### \*\*For Special Awards (4-H'ers in 9, 10, 11, or 12 grades)

Special Award: \_\_\_\_\_

(list special award)

### \* 4-H Project Awards for 4-H'ers in 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades can apply for:

- Green, Blue or Purple awards for 4-H'ers in 4-8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Bronze, Silver or Gold awards for 4-H'ers in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades

4-H'ers will receive a metal award plaque and project award disks to put on their award plaque

### \*\* Special Awards for 4-H'ers in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades (detailed information in the 4-H Award Handbook):

- Project Achievement Awards (must be in grades 10, 11 or 12)
- Danforth (must be in grade 11)
- Merit (must be in grades 11 or 12)
- Outstanding Graduated Senior (must be in grade 12)

4-H'ers may be interviewed for Special Awards. 4-H'ers who receive a Special Award will receive a 4-H Award Plaque with their name and award on the plaque

### \*\*\* Project Areas

Listed below are different project awards available, not all project areas are listed. For example: a 4-H'er may have experiences in making bread, that 4-H'er may want to receive a 4-H Bread Award. Or a 4-H'er may have their own sheep herd project and would like to receive an award in Sheep – Breeding or Market. Or under Science, Engineering & Technology – could be computers, earth & Climate, robotics, etc. For a listing of project area go to the Iowa 4-H Website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/> each of those project hot sheets will also list citizenship and leadership opportunities to help you with your award application.

Beef	Environment & Sustainability	Mechanics	Science, Engineering & Technology
Child Development	Food & Nutrition	Music	Sewing & Needle Arts
Citizenship	Forestry	Outdoor Adventure	Sheep
Clothing	Goats (Dairy/Market)	Pets	Shooting Sports
Communication	Health	Photography	Swine
Consumer Management	Home Improvement	Poultry	Veterinary Science
Crop Production	Horse/Pony	Rabbit	Visual Art
Dairy Cattle	Horticulture	Safety	Woodworking
Dog	Leadership		Other project area

See back of this cover form for answers to your questions on applying for 4-H Project Awards & Special Awards.



# Answers to your questions on applying for 4-H Project Awards & Special Awards

## Why Apply for 4-H Project Awards?

- Tells others what you have done in 4-H
- Helps with scholarship applications
- Adds to your job resume
- Receive Recognition

## How to apply for 4-H Project Awards?

- Complete Application: Up to 4 pages (either typed or written\*)
- Attach the 4-H Project Award Cover Form
- Leader fills out project award check list
- Each application must be stapled in upper left corner and submitted in a paper folder – with your name, club and grade on outside of folder

\*Don't like to write? Prepare a 10 minute audio or video.

## 4-H'ers in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12 Grades apply for Special County Awards

- Project Achievement Awards
- Danforth
- Merit
- Outstanding Graduated Senior

### Requirements:

- Have you been in a project area for 3 years or more?
- Set & accomplished 4 or more measurable goals in your project area?

Have you done 4 or more activities in each of the following (2 must pertain to your project):

- Leadership
- Communications
- Citizenship

You must have received a gold award  
in the project area

✓ Check out the Project Award Guidelines for more information.

Interviews will be held for these awards.

## How to Prepare your 4-H Award Application?

Your application can be up to 4 pages (do not count the application cover form)

Look at Project Award Guidelines – those guidelines will tell you what is required

Your application should include:

- Introducing yourself and tell something about yourself
- Write about your project area
- What were some new ideas you learned in your project area?
- How did you share what you learned with other people (this could include with your club, your school, your church or community)
- Include your measureable goals, plans and what you want to do in the future in your project area – check the guidelines on how many goals are required
- Write about any Leadership you did in your project; like planning a workshop\* can include activities done within your local club, county and/or community
- Write about any Citizenship you may have done in your project\*
- What was the communication involved in your project; did you give a talk, make a poster or present a workshop?\*
- How have you personally grown from learning about your project?
- How did you feel about your project or are there things you would change – evaluate yourself and what you would do differently
- Write about other citizenship, leadership, citizenship and other 4-H events or activities you did.
- Include pictures to help tell your story.
- For additional help, check out the Project Hot Sheets for your project area at:  
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4-h-project-hot-sheets>

The Hot Sheets will give you ideas on projects, citizenship, leadership & communications

\*Check the Project Award guidelines on how many activities are needed for the award you are applying for in the different color groups (green, blue, purple, bronze, silver or gold) or for Project achievement