

## **Culpeper County 4-H Awards Criteria**

A 4-H member is defined as a person who has:

- ❖ Completed necessary forms (Enrollment, Code of Conduct & Health History)
- ❖ Attended 6 club meetings/activities that are educationally based and that are related to the club's subject matter.
- ❖ Participated in at least one community service activity.
- ❖ Completed a Project book by Sept 29, 2019

Clubs may have additional requirements to be a 4-Her. Permission from the Extension Agent is required before these requirements may be put into effect.

### **BASIC AWARDS**

**Novice Members Certificate of Project Completion:** First Year 4-H Club members who have met the criteria to be a 4-H member and have completed their 4-H project by turning in their project/record book to the Extension Office at the end of September will receive a Certificate of Project Completion.

**Project Medal Award:** (Club leader turns this information into the Extension Agent)  
For a 4-H member to earn the Project Medal Award they must:

1. Meet the criteria to be a 4-H member
2. Been in the club for 2 years
3. Have given a presentation at the club level
4. Have participated in a community service activity with the club

**Continued Project Excellence Award:** (Club leaders turn this information into the Extension Agent)

For a member to earn the Continued Project Excellence Award they must:

1. Meet the criteria to be a 4-H member
2. Have given a presentation at the club level
3. Have been a member of the club for 3 years
4. Have participated in at least one county or district level contest or activity

### **ADVANCED AWARDS**

**Achievement and Leadership Awards:** (Youth turns application into the Extension Agent)

For a member to earn the Achievement and/or Leadership Award they must:

1. Meet the criteria to be a 4-H member
2. Have given a presentation at the club level
3. Have been enrolled in 4-H for 3 years
4. Fill out the Achievement or Leadership award application in which they must exhibit overall individual achievement or leadership in one or more project areas. The club leader must sign the application and it is to be turned into the Extension Office.
5. Have participated in a DISTRICT or STATE event (i.e. 4-H Congress, District Horse Show, State Fair, District Presentation Contest, District Share the Fun, District or State Judging Contests, District or State Shooting Sports Contest)
6. Have completed 4-H project books in two or more project areas (i.e. beef and sheep, horse and sewing, vet science and citizenship) and received red or blue ribbons.

7. Youth earn this award on a county level, therefore, it takes into consideration participation in all clubs.
8. Youth can earn only one of these pins a year. This is not a club award; it is a county award.
  - ❖ *Youth may earn an Achievement or Leadership award AND the Continued Project Excellence Award in the same year if meeting the qualifications for both. Youth may earn one of these awards and the Outstanding Senior member Award in the same year if meeting the qualifications for both.*

**Outstanding Senior Member Award:** (Youth turn Application into the Extension Agent)

For a member to earn the Outstanding Senior Member Award they must:

1. Meet the criteria to be a 4-H member and be a Senior 4-H member
2. Have been enrolled in 4-H for at least three years
3. Have given a presentation at the club level
4. Have previously earned the Achievement and/or Leadership Award
5. Fill out the **Outstanding Senior Member Application** which the club leader must sign and turn into the Extension Office
6. Be an active Teen Leader in club and on the county level. Must do **at least two** of the following: hold a club office, be a chair of a club committee, be a chair of a county event committee, be member of the County Youth Council, be a Counselor or CIT at 4-H Camp, be a member of the County Fair Board, or be a committee member of a Department within the Farm Fair.
7. **Participate in a STATE or NATIONAL event** (i.e. Congress, State Fair, State Judging Contest, State Shooting Sports Contest, Washington Focus, be an international 4-H Exchange program participate or host).
8. Have completed 4-H project books in **three or more project areas** and received red or blue ribbons (i.e. beef, photography, and cooking; 4-H shooting sports, swine and rabbits; horse, sewing and citizenship)

**Award of Excellence:** (Youth turn in Application into the Extension Agent)

For a member to achieve the Award of Excellence they must:

1. Meet the criteria that year for the Outstanding Senior Member Award
2. Fill out the Award of Excellence Application
3. Be a 4-H All-Star

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

**Spirit of 4-H Award:**

This award is designed to recognize one 4-H member and one 4-H volunteer for assisting other 4-H members and volunteers in demonstrating good sportsmanship, being active in 4-H activities, and being a good citizen. Each club is asked to submit a youth and adult selection for this award. The club may select youth and adults within or outside of their 4-H club. Selection should be done by secret ballot and the results placed in the Extension's Agent's mailbox.

**Special Club Awards:**

If desired, each club may award three special club awards to three members of their club. This does not mean that three people receive three awards; instead, only three awards may be given in total. Leaders should submit special club awards to the Extension Agent.