



DUNN COUNTY 4-H AWARDS SYSTEM

4-H Awards Packet

This packet will provide you with all the information you need on the Dunn County 4-H Awards System. You will find information on what awards are available, who is eligible, how to apply, how to nominate, and how often the award may be received.



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4-H AWARD SYSTEM – This packet is the award description and set up alone.

The 4-H Awards System may appear somewhat intricate at first glance. However, this packet aims to clear up any confusion about the awards process. In Dunn County, the 4-H award system can be broken down into three parts, (Part 1) Record Book Awards, (Part 2) Awards Requiring Applications, and (Part 3) Recognition Awards. The awards process can be further narrowed down by separating awards into three types, Club Level Youth Awards, County Level Youth Awards, and Adult Leader Awards.

The outline below provides a basic visual of the awards process, including specific awards in each part and corresponding section, each listed with award type. On the next few pages you will find details about each award listed in the same order as this outline.

4-H Award System Outline

1. Record Book Awards

a. Club Level Youth Awards

- Junior 4-Her - Membership Pin
- Senior 4-Her - Membership Pin
- Club Project Awards - Disc & One Plaque
- Club Youth Leadership Awards - Disc & Certificate
- Junior Achievement Awards - Certificate

b. County Level Youth Awards

- County Project Awards - Medal
- Honor and Cloverbud Awards - Certificate
- Top Club Award - Certificate

c. Adult Leader Awards

- Volunteer Years of Service - Pin & Certificate

2. Awards Requiring Application

a. County Level Youth Awards

- Scholarship - Certificate
- Citizenship Awards - Pin & Certificate
- Leadership Awards - Pin & Certificate
- Achievement Awards - Pin & Certificate
- Key Award – State Sponsored Recognition
- James Crowley Dairy Leadership Award – State Sponsored Recognition

3. Recognition Awards

a. Club Level Youth Awards

- Graduation - Alumni Pin & Certificate

b. Adult Leader Awards

- Volunteer of the Year - Plaque
- Partners in 4-H Award - Plaque
- 4-H Alumni Award - Plaque

4-H Award System Outline in Detail

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Record Book Awards – Part One

Club Level Record Book Awards include Junior and Senior 4-Her Membership Pins, Club Project Awards, Club Youth Leadership Awards, and Junior Achievement Awards.

Junior 4-Her – Membership Pin (Bronze)

This pin is meant to represent the start of a member's 4-H career. It is received when member joins 4-H AND is between 3rd through 6th grade. Distribution depends on club policy. Junior pins may be given out at the beginning of a 4-H member's first year in 4-H or upon completion of their first year in 4-H, i.e. at your club banquet or a similar event. A recipient may only receive this award once.

Senior 4-Her – Membership Pin (Gold)

This pin is meant to represent the seniority of a member's 4-H career. It is received at the beginning of the club year when the 4-H member enters 7th grade. A recipient may only receive this award once.

Club Project Awards – Disc & One Plaque

Club Project Award Disc are meant to recognize members for their outstanding project. It is received at the beginning of the year when the member is in 3rd grade or older. A recipient may only receive this award once, each year.

➤ **4-H Member's First Disc**

When a member receives their first Project Award Disc they receive a plaque and project disc.

Note: Indicate on the form if your members need a plaque. Remember, each member only receives one plaque during their 4-H career.

➤ **Additional Information**

- The members may receive only one project disc each year for their outstanding project and the member gets to choose what project they want their disc in.
- There is no limit on the number of discs awarded in one project per club.
- The project member may receive discs more than once if that project continues to be their outstanding project.
- It is recommended that a 4-Her does not receive a disc in the same project two years in a row.
- If a member excels in more than one project in the same year, they may be awarded one **Honor Certificate** for the additional projects after the first project disc is awarded. Adult leaders choose what projects to award the honor certificate in.

Example: If 4-H member excelled in their dog, horse, and dairy project the member can only receive 1 disc for one of the listed projects. Then the adult leader may choose what additional project the member will receive their honor certificate in.

Club Youth Leadership Awards - Disc & Certificate

This award is meant to honor 4-H members that have demonstrated outstanding leadership development (see criteria below). This award may be received regardless of project enrollment. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Guidelines for Youth Leadership Awards**

- The member is willing to place club/group goals before their own and works with the club/group to achieve those goals.
- The member recognizes the importance of building healthy relationships between the junior leaders, members, and parents/volunteers.
- The member shares personal knowledge and skills with other junior leaders and members that help the club/group achieve their goals.
- The member demonstrates proper attitude toward the club goals including interest, involvement, time and effort spent on club and helping others.

➤ **Additional Information**

- This is a separate award from the Leadership Project Disc.
- The member may receive a project disc **and** a leadership disc in the same year.
- When outstanding leadership is demonstrated after receiving the disc a prior year, the local club will award an **Honor Certificate** (See “Honor Certificate” below for more detail) for recognition.

Junior Achievement Award – Certificate

This award is meant to honor junior 4-H members who have completed outstanding project and club work illustrated through their record book. It is received by a select few 4-H members in grades 3rd – 6th who have completed particularly excellent work.

Additional Information

- Member's record books must to be turned into the Extension Office and will be reviewed by the record book checking team.

County Level Record Book Awards include Junior Achievement Awards, the County Project Awards, the Honor and Cloverbud Awards, and the Top Club Award.

County Project Awards – Medal

This award is meant to honor 4-H member who have done an exceptional job and gone beyond the minimum requirements of the project and demonstrated Record Book. It is received by a select few 4-H members who have accomplished particularly excellent work. A recipient may only receive one medal a year.

➤ **Guidelines for County Project Awards**

- The member sustainably increased skill and knowledge on project.

- The member's attitude toward the project are confidently reflected in interest, effort, time spent, ambition, and originality of project.
 - The member's growth and development of the project. May be measured by size, amount of work, number of responsibilities added, etc.
 - The member does not have to show at the fair to have excelled in project.
- **Additional Information**
- Members may be nominated for any project in which they have applied.
 - The number of awards given in a project will be guided by county enrollment in that project (1 for every 15 members).

 **Honor Certificate** – Certificate

This is certificate is meant to honor members who have excelled in more than one project and/or a member that is receiving the Club Youth Leadership award. A recipient may only receive this award once, each year.

 **Cloverbud Certificate** – Certificate

This is certificate is meant to recognize all Cloverbud members, grades K-2, in your 4-H Club. A recipient may only receive this award once, each year.

 **Top Club Award** – Certificate

This award will be determined from the content of the Club Officer book by record book checking team. Please help your club officers complete this. The Top Club Award does not have award limit.

Adult Leader Awards in the Fall include the Volunteer Years of Service.

 **Volunteer Years of Service** – Pin & Certificate

The Volunteer Year of Service Pins are meant to honor and recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H Volunteers. Adult Leadership is recognized with a pin and certificate on significant years. See table for corresponding pin information.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Award</u>
1 st	Bronze Pin
5 th	Silver Pin
10 th	Gold Pin
15 th	Pearl Clover Pin
20 th	Diamond Clover Pin
25 th	Emerald Clover Pin
30 th	Ruby Clover Pin
35 th	Sapphire Clover Pin
40 th	Diamond Clover Pin
45 th	Emerald Clover Pin
50 th	Ruby Clover Pin

Awards Requiring Application – Part Two

County Level Youth Awards presented at the Fair include the Scholarship Award, the Citizenship Award, the Leadership Award, the Achievement Award, the Key Award, and the James Crowley Dairy Leadership Award. All of these awards are application based. To find these applications, please see the Extension Dunn County website on the 4-H Youth Program page. These awards are presented at the Dunn County Fair during the distinguished members ceremony.

Scholarship Award – Certificate & Scholarship Funding

The Scholarship Awards are meant for active 4-H members who will be graduating from High School during the current school year. Recipients receive a \$400 scholarship from the Dunn County Leaders Council. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Additional Information**

- Application deadline is February 1st
- A maximum of six 4-H members may receive this award annually.
- Applicants must have maintained membership in the Dunn County 4-H program for five or more years and must have at least a 2.0 or C average in their High School scholastic record.

Achievement Award – Pin & Certificate

This award is meant to honor high achieving 4-H members. It is received by members that demonstrate the knowledge and skills that 4-H has taught them. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Guidelines for Leadership Award**

- The member is able to effectively communicate their achievements through their application. This may be illustrated by the member highlighting specific achievements and explaining how it has impacted their life.

➤ **Additional Information**

- Application deadline is February 1st
- A maximum of six 4-H members may receive this award annually.

Citizenship Award – Pin & Certificate

This award is meant to honor 4-H members that demonstrate outstanding Citizenship. It is received by members that demonstrate a dedication to their 4-H programs and community. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Guidelines for Citizenship Award**

- The member is able to effectively communicate their loyalty to their place of residence through their application. This may be illustrated by the member explaining what privileges they take advantage of as a citizen, describing how they show devotion to their community, and giving examples of how they valuing diversity in their community on all levels.

➤ **Additional Information**

- Application deadline is February 1st
- A maximum of six 4-H members may receive this award annually.

Leadership Award – Pin & Certificate

This award is meant to honor 4-H members that demonstrate outstanding Leadership. It is received by members who have taken personal responsibility to ensure the success and growth of 4-H programs on the club, county, and state level. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Guidelines for Leadership Award**

- The member is able to effectively communicate how their leadership has positively impacted their 4-H Club and community through their application. This may be illustrated by the member explaining their leadership style, describing how their goals as leader has helped to ensure success for their fellow members, giving specific examples on their achievements as a leader, and reflecting on their areas of growth as a leader.

➤ **Additional Information**

- Application deadline is February 1st
- A maximum of six 4-H members may receive this award annually.

Key Award – State Sponsored Recognition

The 4-H Key Award is the most prestigious award a 4-H member can receive. It is received by members who have demonstrated growth in their 4-H involvement, leadership skills, and active participation in the functions of their 4-H club & community. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Guidelines for Leadership Award**

- The member is able to effectively communicate how 4-H has positively impacted their development as a person through their application. In addition, the member will be asked to describe a service learning project they would like to see started in their community and specifically describe how they would help to get it started.

➤ **Additional Information**

- Application deadline is February 1st
- A maximum of four 4-H members may receive this award annually.
- Recipients do not have to be graduating from 4-H this year.
- Recipients are required by the Dunn County Leaders Council to have received the achievement, the citizenship, and the leadership award prior to applying.
- Recipients must have completed 8th grade before the Dunn County Fair and have been a 4-H member for at least 3 years prior.

James Crowley Dairy Leadership Award – State Sponsored Recognition

This award is meant to honor 4-H member leaders excelling in Dairy. It is received by an older dairy member, in their Junior or Senior year of high school, that has achieved, provided leadership, and completed a notable Record Book. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Additional Information**

- Application deadline is February 1st
- A maximum of one 4-H member may receive this award annually.
- Once awarded, the member will be selected to advance to state level competition.

Recognition Awards – Part Three

Club Level Youth Awards presented at the Fair include the graduation ceremony. This award is presented at the Dunn County Fair during the distinguished members ceremony.

Graduation – Alumni Pin & Certificate

This pin is meant to represent the transition from 4-H Member to 4-H Alumni. It is received when a member graduates high school or ages out of the program. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Additional Information**

- Information on your club's 4-H graduates will be requested in the Spring.

Adult Leader Awards presented at the Fair include the Volunteer of the Year award, the Partners in 4-H Award, and the 4-H Alumni Award. Please consider nominating your fellow adult leaders or community partners for all of their hard work and dedication to the 4-H program. These awards are presented at the Dunn County Fair during the distinguished members ceremony.

Volunteer of the Year Award – Plaque

The award is sponsored by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and is selected locally by the Dunn County 4-H Leaders Council. Volunteer of the year nominees have gone above and beyond to serve 4-H on the club, county, state, and/or national level. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Additional Information**

- The nomination is due to the Extension office in late May.
- Nominations will not be held over from year-to-year

Partners in 4-H – Plaque

The award is meant to recognize outstanding contributions from individuals, organizations, or business to the 4-H program. "Partners in 4-H" nominees have impacted the Dunn County 4-H in some special way and is ultimately selected by the Leaders Council. A recipient may only receive this award every ten years.

➤ **Additional Information**

- The nomination is due to the Extension office in late May.
- Nominations will not be held over from year-to-year

4-H Alumni Award – Plaque

The award is meant to recognize 4-H Alumni. Recipients may be alumni from anywhere in the county and must be a current active leader working in many ways to help youth in their present adult life. A recipient may only receive this award once.

➤ **Additional Information**

- When making a nomination for the "4-H Alumni Award" please consider the person's interest in 4-H in their adult life and reflect on their accomplishments when they were a member.
- The nomination is due to the Extension office in late May.
- A maximum of four alumni may receive this award each year.
- Nominations will not be held over from year-to-year

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the 4-H Awards System, please contact the Extension Office.