

RECORD BOOKS

RECORD BOOKS NEED TO BE TURNED IN TO YOUR CLUB LEADER PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 20TH FOR CLUB JUDGING, SO EACH CLUB WILL HAVE THEIR OWN EARLIER DEADLINE.

What do I learn by completing a 4-H record book?

Record books are a valuable part of the 4-H experience. They are intended to help youth develop lifelong skills such as setting goals, planning and organizing, communicating in writing, evaluating effort and progress, record keeping, and much more. When completed, youth have a valuable record of accomplishments in projects and events that can be referenced when applying for other awards, scholarships, college, or even a job! Some awards, like the 4-H Leaders' Association scholarship, require members to turn in their previous record books as well.

If I got a grand champion at the fair will I automatically receive a project award? These awards are based on the information included in your record book. Awards given at the fair are based on one item completed as part of your 4-H project. In reviewing your record book, leaders evaluate the goals you set and if you achieved them, what you learned and made, how you shared what you learned and any recognitions that you received. You need to tell the complete story in your record book to be considered for a project award. At the county level leaders from other clubs review your book and are not as familiar with your accomplishments as the leaders in your own club so make sure you let them know everything you have done!

When members turn in their record books, they have the chance to receive project awards for outstanding achievement in a project.

Besides the project awards, members have the opportunity to receive other awards. Below is a listing of County Awards that are possible to receive. Please talk with your General Leader for more details or call the UW-Extension Office if you would like more information. **ALL award forms and record books are due in the UW-Extension Office on or before SEPTEMBER 20, 2016.**

Check the requirements of county awards before submitting your application so that you turn in all required parts. If an award requires a leader recommendation remember to ask the leader far enough in advance so they can complete the recommendation.

Club Secretary Award—Submit yellow secretary book with record of club activities and minutes.

Club Reporter Award—Submit scrapbook of articles written by the reporter.

Club Treasurer Award—Submit blue treasurer book with club financial records as indicated.

Club Scrapbook Award—Submit club scrapbook highlighting club activities, projects and community service during the current year only.

Junior and Senior Achievement Awards—Presented to 4-H members demonstrating personal, project, and leadership growth as a result of 4-H work.

Teens in Action Award—Any Club Leader can nominate youth who are doing a good job in providing leadership for a local club activity or project and / or county leadership. If a leader or parent would like to nominate their own child, please ask another leader to complete the nomination form.

The Community Service Award is given to members who make exemplary contributions toward community service. It is for the individual who participates actively in most, if not all, of the club's community service projects.

American Youth Foundation Scholarship Award—Any Club Leader may nominate member for this award. One 4-H boy and one 4-H girl will be chosen who have demonstrated qualities of constructive leadership and excellence in character and personal development. Recipients also have the opportunity to apply for a partial scholarship from the American Youth Foundation to attend an International Leadership Conference. If a leader or parent would like to nominate their own child, please ask another leader to complete the nomination form. Youth being nominated must have completed 8th grade or above.

Key Award—Presented to youth who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H program; developed and applied their leadership skills; and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. Candidates must submit all of their available record books, an application and one leader recommendation in September. Candidates must have completed 8th grade before applying, 3 years of 4-H club membership, and 1 year of leadership in the club or county.

4-H Scholarship—Sponsored by the 4-H Leaders' Association. Members may apply for the scholarship the year they graduate from 4-H or the year after they graduate from 4-H, but only receive the scholarship once. The application and leader recommendation must be submitted along with all previous record books in September.

Adult Volunteer Awards—Each club has the opportunity to nominate 4-H leaders for a variety of volunteer awards.

Friend of 4-H—Each club has the opportunity to nominate people or businesses who contribute time, money or other resources to the county 4-H program and are not registered 4-H leaders.