

FALL RIVER COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION GUIDE & CHECKLISTS

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South Dakota 4-H member recognition is used to encourage and support the efforts of youth as they increase their 4-H project knowledge and develop life skills. There are three kinds of Recognition available to 4-H members: **participation, achievement, and project awards**. While not required, 4-H members are encouraged to achieve the standards required for participation and bronze, silver, and gold achievement awards. In order to receive awards, members must achieve the minimum requirements for completing the current 4-H year. Specific awards have additional standards beyond the minimum completion requirements.

Participation Awards

Pins are given to any 4-H members completing every 4-H program year. The completion requirements are the same for every year.

Achievement Awards

Basic skill awards are designed to help members gain skill and learn more about the 4-H program. Members may begin to earn them during their second year in 4-H. As the member progresses, earning the awards requires a little more work.

Project Awards

Projects are opportunities for members to learn about a subject of interest to them. After three years of 4-H, members are eligible to earn medals in the projects they have completed.

All 4-H members need to complete the award checklist(s) and turn them into the club's leader to be considered for the award(s) (the 4-H Office for Independent members). These checklists will need to be completed at the end of every 4-H year. Good Luck!





COMPLETED YEAR PIN REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

4-H PROGRAM YEAR: _____ CLUB NAME: _____

YEAR #: _____

REQUIRED (PLEASE CHECK COMPLETED BOXES):

Attendance to 4 Club Meetings

Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____

Completion of 4-H Journal (# of goals completed and page 6 required)

Public Presentation at the club or county level

Presentation Name: _____

COMPLETE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

Project Accomplishment in at least 1 project area

(Examples: exhibited at Achievement Days, worked on a project—learned something new, etc.)

Project Name: _____

Participation in Judging on club or county level

Name of Area Judged: _____

Participation in County Event or Activity

(Examples: exhibited at Achievement Days, judged, 4-H camp, TLC, Western Junior, etc.)

Name of Event/Activity: _____

Participation in Junior Leadership

Name of Activity: _____

Initials of 4-H Club Leader if ALL Above are Complete: _____ Date: _____



BRONZE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD REQUIREMENT

CHECKLIST (For 2nd Year & up)

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

4-H PROGRAM YEAR: _____ CLUB NAME: _____

****A MEMBER CAN ONLY RECEIVE THIS AWARD ONCE.****

REQUIRED (PLEASE CHECK COMPLETED BOXES):

Received 1st Year Member Pin

Attendance to 4 Club Meetings

Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____

Completion of 4-H Journal

Public Presentation at the club or county level

Presentation Name: _____

Project Accomplishment in 1 to 5 project areas

Project Name: _____

COMPLETE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

Participation in Judging on club or county level

Name of Area Judged: _____

Participation in 2 County Events or Activities

Name of 1st Event/Activity: _____

Name of 2nd Event/Activity: _____

Participation in Junior Leadership

Name of Activity: _____

Participation in Community Service on club or county level

Brought a Non 4-H Friend to a club meeting

Friend's name: _____

Held Office in 4-H club

Name of Office: _____

*****Initials of 4-H Club Leader if ALL Above are Complete: _____ Date: _____**



SILVER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD REQUIREMENT

CHECKLIST (For 3rd Year & up)

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

4-H PROGRAM YEAR: _____ **CLUB NAME:** _____

****A MEMBER CAN ONLY RECEIVE THIS AWARD ONCE.****

REQUIRED (PLEASE CHECK COMPLETED BOXES):

- Completion of 2nd 4-H year and has received the **Bronze Award**
- Attendance to 4 Club Meetings
Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____
- Completion of 4-H Journal
- Public Presentation at the club or county level
Presentation Name: _____
- Project Accomplishment in 1 to 5 project areas
Project Name: _____
- Participation in Judging on club or county level
Name of Area Judged: _____

COMPLETE 2 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Planned and Completed a Community Service Project on club or county level
- Brought 2 Non 4-H Friend to a club meeting
Names of Friends: _____
- Held Office in 4-H club
Name of Office: _____
- Participation in 3 County Events or Activities
Name of 1st Event/Activity: _____
Name of 2nd Event/Activity: _____
Name of 3rd Event/Activity: _____

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Participation in Junior Leadership

Name of Activity: _____

Provided Leadership for a Club Committee

Name of Committee: _____

Acted as a 4-H Mentor for a Younger 4-H Member

Name of Younger Member: _____

****Initials of 4-H Club Leader if ALL Above are Complete: _____ Date: _____****



GOLD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST (For 4th Year & up)

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

4-H PROGRAM YEAR: _____ **CLUB NAME** _____

****A MEMBER CAN ONLY RECEIVE THIS AWARD ONCE.****

REQUIRED (PLEASE CHECK COMPLETED BOXES):

Completion of 3rd 4-H year and has received the Silver Award

Attendance to 4 Club Meetings

Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____

Completion of 4-H Journal

Public Presentation at the club or county level

Presentation Name: _____

Project Accomplishment in 1 to 5 project areas

Project Name: _____

Participation in Judging on club or county level

Name of Area Judged: _____

Participation in Junior Leadership

Name of Activity: _____

COMPLETE 2 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Planned and Completed a Community Service Project on club or county level

Brought 2 Non 4-H Friend to a club meeting

Names of Friends: _____

Held Office in 4-H club

Name of Office: _____

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Participation in 3 County Events or Activities

Name of 1st Event/Activity: _____

Name of 2nd Event/Activity: _____

Name of 3rd Event/Activity: _____

Provided Leadership for a Club Committee

Name of Committee: _____ Date: _____

Give Talk or Presentation promoting 4-H to a non 4-H group

Name of Non 4-H Group: _____ Date: _____

****Initials of 4-H Club Leader if ALL Above are Complete: _____ Date: _____****



PROJECT PIN REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

(For 3rd Year & up)

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

4-H PROGRAM YEAR: _____ CLUB NAME: _____

PROJECT PIN APPLIED FOR: _____

****FOR EACH PROJECT A MEMBER IS ENROLLED IN AND HAS COMPLETED FOR 3 YEARS, HE/SHE IS ELIGIBLE FOR A PROJECT AWARD.****

****SPECIFIC PROJECT PINS MAY BE EARNED ONLY 1 TIME IN A 4-H CAREER.****

REQUIRED (PLEASE CHECK COMPLETED BOXES):

Completion of 3rd 4-H year and has received or will receive the Silver Award

Completion of the Project for 3 years

Preparation and Presentation of a Project Workshop/Presentation to 4-H members, parents/adults, 4-H leaders, and/or 4-H/Youth Program Advisor

Guided and/or Assisted a Younger 4-H Member in your club or county with possible fair exhibits, presentations, etc.

Shared what was learned through the project with 2 local 4-H donors and/or sponsors

Senior Member: Attendance to local government meeting and Report results to 4-H club members and leaders

(Examples: county government meeting, committee hearing/forum, city council, county commissioners meeting, school board meeting, civic meeting, etc)

Beginner & Junior Members: Read and share about a current event in the news

****Initials of 4-H Club Leader if ALL Above are Complete: _____ Date: _____****



COUNTY 4-H CITIZENSHIP PIN REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

(For 4th Year & up)

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

4-H PROGRAM YEAR: _____ CLUB NAME: _____

****Being enrolled in the 4-H Citizenship project is NOT a requirement for this award.****

REQUIRED (PLEASE CHECK COMPLETED BOXES):

Completion of 4 years or more in the 4-H program

Served as an Active Member of the county or community, school or 4-H board or committee, an event committee or taskforce

Name of Committee or Board: _____

Planned, Organized, and Implemented a Citizenship or Community activity for multiple 4-H clubs, and/or the county or community

Name of Activity: _____

Name of Clubs: _____

Educational Public Presentation on flag etiquette, the U.S. Constitution, a patriotic program, or an American history topic for a 4-H club, OR Wrote an Editorial on the same topic for the local newspaper (include editorial published or not published), OR Presentation to another youth group (club, sports team, or classroom)

Name of Presentation: _____

Name of Group(s) presented to: _____

Identified a Charity or Community Need and Worked with others to organize efforts to help meet the need

Name of Charity or Community Need: _____

Studied Current Events and Expressed Opinions to decision makers at the local, state, or national level

Action Taken: _____

****Initials of 4-H Club Leader if ALL Above are Complete: _____ Date: _____****



COUNTY 4-H LEADERSHIP PIN REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

(For 4th Year & up)

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

4-H PROGRAM YEAR: _____ CLUB NAME: _____

****Being enrolled in the 4-H Leadership project is NOT a requirement for this award.****

REQUIRED (PLEASE CHECK COMPLETED BOXES):

Completion of 4 years or more in the 4-H program

Assisted the 4-H/Youth Advisor with planning, preparation, and implementing a county or multi-county event

Name of Event: _____

Be an Active Member of the county 4-H Junior Leadership organization

Has Written or Arranged for a Newspaper or Magazine Feature Article (with photograph) about 4-H at the local club, county, or multi-county level, and has submitted it to the local newspaper in the area for publishing

(A copy of the article must be attached to the application.)

Name of Article: _____

Attended and Participated in a county, area, or state 4-H educational event, and Shared the knowledge received by presenting a workshop to the 4-H club and/or county members

Planned and Conducted Officer Training for a 4-H club or the county

Helped up to 6 4-H Members to plan and implement a media campaign for their community and/or county during National 4-H Week

****Initials of 4-H Club Leader if ALL Above are Complete: _____ Date: _____****

SPECIAL COUNTY PINS REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

4-H PROGRAM YEAR: _____ CLUB NAME: _____

****4-H members who were 14 and older during the 2020-2021 4-H year may apply for and receive any or all of the medals below in one or more 4-H year.

OR

****4-H members who were 12 years of age and older during the 2020-2021 4-H year may start applying for and receiving any of the medals below-BUT ONLY 1 medal per 4-H year can be applied for and awarded.



AGRICULTURE SPECIAL COUNTY PIN

REQUIRED (PLEASE CHECK COMPLETED BOXES):

Enrolled in 4-H and shown project accomplishment

Received at least one project medal in each of the 3 areas

Engineering

Livestock and Small Animal areas

Natural Resources and Plant Sciences

Example of Agriculture Award: Sue Clover has been enrolled, shown project accomplishment, and has received project medals in Small Engines, Poultry and Forestry. She is eligible for the Agriculture Award medal.



FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE SPECIAL COUNTY PIN

REQUIRED (PLEASE CHECK COMPLETED BOXES):

Enrolled in 4-H and shown project accomplishment

Received at least one project medal in each of the 3 areas

Clothing

Foods & Nutrition areas

Family & Consumer Science areas

Example of Family and Consumer Science Award: John Clover has been enrolled, shown project accomplishment, and has received project medals in clothing, Breads, and Home Management. He is eligible for the Family and Consumer Science medal.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL COUNTY PIN

REQUIRED (PLEASE CHECK COMPLETED BOXES):

Enrolled in 4-H and shown project accomplishment

Received at least one project medal in each of the 3 areas that are not included in the Agriculture and Family & Consumer Sciences Areas

Example of Personal Development Award: Jane Clover has been enrolled, shown project accomplishment, and has received project medals in Visual Arts, Health and Photography. She is eligible for a Personal Development Award medal.



COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT PIN

REQUIRED (PLEASE CHECK COMPLETED BOXES):

Enrolled in 4-H and shown project accomplishment

Be 16 years of age or older by January 1st for the year selected

Will develop a resume about their 4-H career

Write a cover letter highlighting one but no more than three 4-H experiences that have made an exceptional impact on the 4-H members' life.

Has earned a County Citizenship and/or a Leadership medal.

Letter of recommendation by a 4-H leader or an adult who has been a positive role model in the 4-H members' life.

****Initials of 4-H Club Leader if ALL Above are Complete: _____ Date: _____****

REMAINING FALL RIVER COUNTY RECOGNITION AWARDS:

4-H JOURNAL AWARDS – An award will be given in Beginner, Junior and Senior categories. Please note that you are only eligible to earn this award once in each category (Beginner, Junior, Senior). This Award is donated by Nelson’s Oil & Gas of Hot Springs.

4-H AMBASSADOR - requires a 4-H journal and letter of recommendation (4-H leader), applicants must be at least 14 years of age and to be enrolled in the upcoming 4-H Year.

HEARTLAND AWARD - is to recognize outstanding overall exhibitor at the Fall River County 4-H Achievement Days. *Youth must exhibit within a live animal lot.* Please separate application form. **This award is donated by Tom & Laura Inman.**

SCHOLARSHIPS – Graduating high school seniors. Scholarship applications to be sent out early spring.

TOP SPRING FRUIT SALES – Four members are awarded “top sales” from the 4-H Spring Fruit Sale.

YOUNG 4-Her AWARD – Nominated by the 4-H Leaders. This award requires the 4-Her to be in their 2nd year, exhibited at Achievement Days or County Horse Show, participated in at least one county judging school, completed 4-H journal, and participated in one of these within the 2 years:

- County Demonstration Day
- Special Foods Contest
- County Fashion Revue
- Livestock showmanship

YOUTH IN ACTION RECOGNITION AWARDS – An award will be given in Beginner, Junior, and Senior categories in all 4 YIA contests (Special Foods, Fashion Revue, Public Presentations) who receive Top Purple with a score of 97+.

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING CONTEST - 4-Hers were given the opportunity to participate in the judging contest which was held during our 4-H Achievement Days. The goal of the 4-H Consumer Decision Making Program is to teach youth how to make wise consumer choices. A beginner, junior, and senior will be chosen.

SHOOTING SPORTS AWARDS --This award is based on 4-Her’s who qualified for and/or attended the State Shoot in Archery, BB gun, air pistol, 22 pistol, air rifle.22 rifle, and shotgun.

KRISTI MCELHANEY PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD - This award is given to the 4-Hers (Beginner, Junior, and Senior) who received the Top Purple award in photography at Achievement Days.

SOUTH DAKOTA KEY AWARD - See separate application through SD 4-H, deadline within 4-H year (Oct to Oct).