

A special ad-hoc committee consisting of 4-H educators, members, parents, and volunteers worked together to review your Achievement Portfolios and project sheets. Below is the criteria that is used when reviewing your portfolios. Once again this year we were amazed at all of your hard work and dedication to the 4-H year. Keep up the great work!

***Junior Awards (youth age 9-13)***

*Members earn the highest level award they qualify for; they will receive only one level of this award.*

**Junior Bronze**

Will receive a certificate when they complete/participate in:

- 4-H Portfolio
- 1 Project area
- 5 hours of Community Service
- 1 county, district or state event

**Junior Silver**

Will receive a certificate when they complete/participate in:

- 4-H Portfolio
- 2 Project areas
- 8 hours of Community Service
- 2 county, district or state event

**Junior Gold**

Will receive a certificate and Achievement medal when they complete/participate in:

- 4-H Portfolio
- 3 Project areas
- 10 hours of Community Service
- 3 county, district or state events
- 1 Public Presentation, Club or County (in addition to 3 county, district or state events)

***Senior Awards (youth age 14-18)***

*Members earn the highest level award they qualify for; they will receive only one level of awards.*

**Senior Bronze**

Will receive a certificate when they complete/participate in:

- 4-H Portfolio
- 1 Project area
- 5 hours of Community Service
- 1 county, district or state event
- 1 Leadership Activity

**Senior Silver**

Will receive a certificate when they complete/participate in:

- 4-H Portfolio
- 2 project areas
- 10 hours of Community Service
- 2 county, district or state event
- 1 Public Presentation, Club or County (in addition to 2 county, district or state event)
- 2 Leadership Activities

**Senior Gold**

Will receive a certificate and an Achievement medal when they complete/participate in:

- 4-H Portfolio
- 3 Project areas
- 15 hours of Community Service
- 3 county, district or state event
- 1 Public Presentation, Club or County (in addition to 3 county, district or state event)
- 3 Leadership Activities (with at least 1 being the primary leader of a club project)
- Promote their 4-H Club within their community (at community events, fairs, festivals, etc.).

**\*Key words to use when describing leadership: I taught, I planned, I lead, I developed. Work with your leader or parent or 4-H staff to plan, organize and implant an activity or program.**

## Project Medals

The purpose of Project Medals is to recognize Mastery and outstanding work. The Awards Committee will determine the awards given per category. All, some or none of the county medals may be given. Members age 8 to 18 (Juniors and Seniors) can apply for these awards.

### Criteria for County Medal Awards

- Member must have participated in the subject area for a minimum of 2 years. Participation is defined as successfully completing at least one project in the subject area a year. At least one project must be completed in the year you are applying for the medal. (When applying for this medal, please include at least 2 years of project sheets)
- 4-H Portfolio and medal application
- An evaluated public presentation (*most likely took place at the county public presentation event*)
- Service projects (in or out of 4-H) Need at least 15hrs
- **Leadership shown in subject area (if you are part of a PDC you must attend 3 meetings and a supplemental leadership activity).**
- Exhibiting projects in the subject area
- Participation in programs to increase the member's proficiency or knowledge in the subject

### Criteria for receiving a Community Service Medal Award

- Member must have participated in the subject area for a minimum of 2 years. Participation is defined as successfully completing at least one project in the subject area a year. At least one project must be completed in the year you are applying for the medal. (When applying for this medal, please include at least 2 years of project sheets)
- 4-H Portfolio and medal application
- An evaluated public presentation (*most likely took place at the county public presentation event*)
- Service projects (in or out of 4-H) Need at least 15hrs
- **Leadership shown in Community Service. Consider planning an event for your club. Work with your leader or parent.**

### Teen Leadership Award

In order to qualify for this award, a teen member must demonstrate accomplishment in three areas: Teaching, Communication & 4-H Service, and Personal Growth and Leadership.

**Note:** All 4-H members age 13 or older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible to apply for this award. You will receive 1pt per activity.

To Qualify for a Certificate 8 pts min	To Qualify for a Medal 19pts min
<b>Teaching</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-teach 1-2 4-H project with a leader</li> <li>• Solo teaching 1-2 4-H project under the leader supervision</li> </ul>	<b>Teaching</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-teach 3 or more 4-H projects with a leader</li> <li>• Solo teaching 3 or more 4-H projects under the leader supervision</li> </ul>
<b>Communication and 4-H Service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write 1-2 articles that gets printed in the newsletter, a newspaper or radio spot (other than club report) <i>please include a copy of article in your binder</i></li> <li>• Co-lead 1 club, county, district or regional community service, recreational or educational event</li> <li>• 1 other community service – i.e. help educator with special programs (county fair, state fair, promotions, etc)</li> </ul>	<b>Communication and 4-H Service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write 3 or more articles that gets printed in the newsletter, a newspaper or radio spot (other than club report) <i>please include a copy of article in your binder</i></li> <li>• Co-lead 2 or more club, county, district or regional community service, recreational or educational event</li> <li>• 2 or more other community service – i.e. help educator with special programs (county fair, state fair, promotions, etc)</li> </ul>
<b>Personal Growth (must be involved in at least 2 of these bullets)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend 1 4-H personal growth training (i.e. Communication, leadership, Cornell Career Exploration, Teen Council, STARR)</li> <li>• Assist Educator in 1 new project development (i.e. PDC, Advisory Committee)</li> <li>• Participates in 1 program outside of 4-H that helps</li> </ul>	<b>Personal Growth (must be involved in at least 2 of these bullets)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend 2 or more 4-H personal growth training (i.e. Communication, leadership, Cornell Career Exploration, Teen Council, STARR)</li> <li>• Assist Educator in 2 or more new project development (i.e. PDC, Advisory Committee)</li> <li>• Participates in 2 in or more programs outside of 4-H</li> </ul>

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