



Escambia County 4-H: A Guide to Recognition and Awards

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The 4-H Awards Program can help young people learn to set goals, plan activities to reach those goals, learn the value of service and develop leadership skills. When the focus is what can be learned from competition, rather than competition itself, youth develop an understanding that competition is a part of life—whether in a youth organization, the classroom or the job market. Record Book, Achievement, and Recognition Awards are important in encouraging youth, and volunteers, that their work is valued, immeasurably appreciated, and the cornerstone of what makes 4-H the largest and most impactful youth development program in the country.

Project Reports, Record Books, and Standards of Excellence Awards

For Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-H Members

To receive a project pin: have completed and submitted one project report or record book.

For Cloverbud Members

To receive a project pin: have completed and submitted one project report or record book.

For All:

To receive a standards of excellence certificate: have completed and submitted one standards of excellence application.

****Project Reports/Record Books must be complete, have a story, and include pictures.****



Application and Nomination Based Awards

Youth who submit project records are nominated for awards recognizing achievement in and commitment to 4-H. Other awards will be presented that do not require application or nomination including club and volunteer awards. However, we encourage you to examine the efforts you have put into 4-H this year, at any level, and let us recognize all that you do by supporting you and your program more heavily with these awards. We are proud of all our 4-H volunteers and youth and cannot possibly measure or appropriately convey our appreciation for you, however, we will certainly try. Award amounts are subject to change.

Youth Awards

Each year, youth can submit their project records, or Senior Portfolios where applicable, for consideration for various prestigious awards in Escambia County 4-H. Youth may also be nominated for various awards. Below is a description of each award and the requirements necessary to be considered for the award. Unless the award requires a nomination, please encourage youth to apply for these recognitions by indicating their desire to be considered on their record book cover sheet.

All Age Categories are eligible for the following:

Standards of Excellence: If you wish to receive a performance standard, you must enter the required number of record books in the graded Record Book Contest (each performance standard has a required number of record books). Complete a Project Plan. Also, turn in the proper application form, following instructions for the desired level of achievement (Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Emerald). Include the requested documentation (i.e. Leadership Reports, Scholarship Portfolio, 4-H essay, Mentor Report, Wild Card documentation, etc.) in your record book. Awards will not be given to applications missing any necessary information, including member signature, in the member's hand.

4-H'er of the Year: Each month, clubs may submit one youth as 4-H'er of the month. This youth can be a junior, intermediate, or senior. At the end of the 4-H year, two 4-H'ers will be chosen from among those 4-H'ers of the month. The chosen youth will be those that have demonstrated commitment to the county 4-H program through club and project participation, volunteerism, leadership, and community service. These awards are sponsored by Farm Bureau and are accompanied by a \$100 gift.

Margie Gindl Public Speaking and Public Awareness Award: Youth submitting a record book and/or portfolio with a public speaking, citizenship, or leadership project are eligible for this award. The Margie Gindl Award honors youth that have been active in leadership and citizenship projects and who demonstrate growth in these areas. Past winners may not receive it twice. The Margie Gindl Award includes a 4-H Foundation Margie Gindl Memorial endowment award of \$25 to be used for a 4-H event or project support.

Cecil Gindl Animal Science Award: 4-H'ers entering a record book in the Animal Sciences category are eligible to compete for this award. Award recipients will demonstrate active participation and outstanding achievement in an animal science project for the 4-H year. Projects entered in competitive events or demonstrations are highly encouraged. The Cecil Gindl Award includes a 4-H Foundation Cecil Gindl Memorial endowment award of \$25 to be used for a 4-H event or project support.



Food and Nutrition Award: 4-H'ers entering a record book for food and nutrition related projects may submit for consideration for this award. The awarded youth should demonstrate active participation and outstanding achievement in a food and nutrition related project during the award year. Projects entered in competitive events or demonstrations are highly encouraged. This award is honored by a \$25 gift to be used for a 4-H event or project support. One recipient per year.

Senior Awards

Langley Bell Award: The Langley Bell should go to a member who constantly models the values of 4-H as did its namesake, Langley Bell, whom this award honors. This youth should embody all of 4-H's slogans, mottos, pledge, and ideology at all times. They believe in the organization, mentor peers, serve as a resource and helper to volunteers and staff, see the value in learning by doing, and live the pledge daily. The Langley Bell award is awarded to two youth who submit a Senior Portfolio, a 4-H Record Book for the present year, and exemplify outstanding community service contributions. 4-H members must apply to receive this award as well as participate in the interview process of candidates. Past winners may not receive it twice. Recipients will receive the time honored Langley Bell 4-H crest ring. (please note, these rings will not be available for the Awards and Recognition ceremony due to time needed to process orders) Sponsored by the Escambia County 4-H Foundation

Helping Hand Award: This award, designated for Senior 4-H'ers who have been nominated, recognizing the outstanding efforts of a youth who gone above and beyond in assisting another 4-H'er, 4-H team, club or group in a way that maximizes the capacity of the team, club, group, or a project. The awardee will have demonstrated the ability to apply skills they have learned in 4-H in ways that better the 4-H program. This award may be received only once. The recipient will be awarded a \$100 savings bond or financial voucher to be used for a 4-H event or project support.

Extension Director Leadership Award: Senior 4-H'ers age 14-18 may apply for this award. One recipient each year will be awarded \$25 to be used for a 4-H event or project support. The awarded 4-H'er must exemplify leadership and service in their club and their community that is documented in their record book and/or Senior Portfolio to be considered. This award may be received only once. Youth wishing to submit for this award should complete an application with their record book and/or portfolio.

Senior Overall Record Book: Senior 4-H'ers submitting a record book for judging will be considered for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall record book. Record books should exceed minimum standards of documentation and reporting and should demonstrate mastery of knowledge in a project area, independence through active participation and self-determination in a project, belonging and contribution to a 4-H community club, team, or group, and generosity in applying skills acquired through 4-H to community service projects. Winners will be granted 4-H Foundation monetary awards to be used for a 4-H event or project support. (1st - \$40, 2nd - \$30, 3rd - \$20).

Intermediate Awards

Intermediate Leadership Award: The Escambia County 4-H Foundation sponsors this award for an Intermediate (age 11-13) 4-H'er that has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills in the 4-H year. 4-H'ers applying are required to turn in a record book outlining their leadership skill development throughout the year. One award is given per year.



Intermediate Overall Record Book: Intermediate 4-H'ers submitting a record book for judging will be considered for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall record book. Record books should exceed minimum standards of documentation and reporting and should demonstrate mastery of knowledge in a project area, independence through active participation and self-determination in a project, belonging and contribution to a 4-H community club, team, or group, and generosity in applying skills acquired through 4-H to community service projects. Winners will be granted 4-H Foundation monetary awards to be used for a 4-H event or project support. (1st - \$40, 2nd - \$30, 3rd - \$20).

Junior Awards

Beasley Junior Achievement Award: Junior 4-H'ers (age 8-10) may apply for the outstanding Junior achievement award. Achievement as a Junior 4-H'er is marked by a youth who has set goals in their 4-H year that emphasize learning new things, improving work they have tried before, and leadership and community service. Candidates will attend an interview prior to selection of recipients. Two junior 4-H'ers will be selected each year and will receive a silver engraved bracelet. This award is given from donations by John Beasley Jewelry.

Junior Overall Record Book: Juniors submitting a record book for judging will be considered for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall record book. Record books should exceed minimum standards of documentation and reporting and should demonstrate mastery of knowledge in a project area, independence through active participation and self-determination in a project, belonging and contribution to a 4-H community club, team, or group, and generosity in applying skills acquired through 4-H to community service projects. Winners will be granted 4-H Foundation monetary awards to be used for a 4-H event or project support. (1st - \$40, 2nd - \$30, 3rd - \$20).

Club Awards

4-H Club Achievement Award: The more active and engaged club members are, the more impactful the work of 4-H can be. We will recognize those clubs whose members have outstanding achievements among them that represent the mastery of skills and exemplary leadership in the 4-H program and in their chosen project areas.

Club Standards of Excellence: Clubs can apply for Standards of Excellence in four award levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Emerald Clover. Levels are achieved by completion of the following: emphasis on group goals, active member involvement in club planning and annual program activities, maintaining an active and accurate calendar of events, minimum of 75% club member participation, fulfilled leadership roles, completed community service projects, 4-H promotional activities, activities beyond the club level, volunteer recruitment, active communication with club member families, parent participation, 75% achievement of project goals, recognition events, participation in competitive and non-competitive events, adhered to standards of safety, and maintaining a diverse member composition.

Club Scrapbook: Each club may turn in one Scrapbook for the Club Competition. Club scrapbooks are due on the same day as individual record books. Clubs will be awarded rosettes for top Scrapbook.



Volunteer Awards

Margie Gindl Volunteer Leader Award: In memorial of Margie Gindl's volunteer work, each year one volunteer is selected for their service to the Escambia County 4-H program. Volunteers may apply for this award, documenting their service to committees, 4-H activity participation, community service, completing training, 4-H representation in community groups, reporting, teaching, and district, state, or national events attended. The awardee will be honored with a \$25 gift to be used for 4-H volunteer leader training and youth events or 4-H club program or project support. This award may be received only once. This award is sponsored by the Gindl family.

Jean Guidy Volunteer Award: Jean Guidy's support of the Escambia County Animal Science program was unbridled. In honor of her contribution, each year a volunteer in the Animal Science project area is recognized for their passion and pursuit of animal science education for youth as well as leadership in their club, group, and in the overall 4-H community. This award may be received only once. The award is accompanied by a \$50 gift to be used for 4-H volunteer leader training and youth events or 4-H club program or project support. The award is sponsored by the Guidy family.

Jamonica Sunday Volunteer Leadership Award: Jamonica Sunday's support of the Escambia County 4-H program was enthusiastic. In honor of her contribution, each year a volunteer is recognized for their passion for going above and beyond the call of duty for Escambia County 4-H. The award is accompanied by a \$25 gift to be used for 4-H volunteer leader training and youth events or 4-H club program or project support. The award is sponsored by the County Extension Director.

Volunteer Standards of Excellence: Volunteer Standards of Excellence Awards are marked by four award levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Emerald Clover. Each level represents increased commitment to 4-H through participation in volunteer training, volunteer hours recorded, participation in Escambia County 4-H activities, participation in program support of Escambia County 4-H, recruitment of other volunteers, and volunteer evaluation. To be an Emerald Clover Volunteer is to achieve the highest honor of recognition as a 4-H volunteer and embodies selflessness and caring pursuit of youth development and leadership in one's community. Please apply or nominate a volunteer for this award by documenting the required standards of excellence.

**The 2023-2024 Escambia
County 4-H Banquet will be
held on:
Friday August 9, 2024.**

at the Langley Bell 4-H Center

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