

St. Johns County 4-H Clover Award SENIORS (14-18 YEARS OLD)



Activities during June 1, 2023-June 2, 2024

Clover Award Application Due by 4:00 PM on June 3, 2024

SENIOR 14-18 Year Olds	Performance Standards	Awards
BRONZE Clover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish project plan and make report on project to leader (oral or written). Independent members must present completed Project Plan to 4-H staff. Attend at least 2/3 of club meetings or number established by club. Independent members must meet with mentor a minimum of four times during the program year. Give a speech or demonstration to your club. Serve on a 4-H committee or hold an office. Participate in two different 4-H activities. Assist in one community service project. Participate in one competition/exhibition. Complete one 4-H record book. Write a Thank You note to your 4-H Club Leader or 4-H Office. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Clover Certificate BRONZE Level</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name announced at the awards banquet</p>
SILVER Clover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish project plan and make report on project to leader (oral or written). Independent members must present completed Project Plan to 4-H staff. Attend at least 2/3 of club meetings or number established by club. Independent members must meet with mentor a minimum of four times during the program year. Give a speech or demonstration to your club. Serve on a 4-H committee or hold an office. Participate in three different 4-H activities. Assist in two different community service projects. Participate in three different 4-H competitions/exhibitions. Complete one 4-H record book. Teach one club level activity or workshop. Write a Thank You note to your 4-H Club Leader or 4-H Office. One Parent/Guardian Support activity - See Q and A sheet 	<p style="text-align: center;">Clover Certificate SILVER Level</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name announced at the awards banquet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$25 4-H summer activity reimbursement</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Medallion</p>

**Signatures are REQUIRED on Clover Award form.
Get Responsible Party and 4-H Staff signatures
BEFORE the deadline date (June 3, 2024).**



SENIOR 14-18 Year Olds	Performance Standards	Awards
<p>GOLD Clover</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish project plans for 4-H projects and make report on project to leader (oral or written). Independent members must present completed Project Plan to 4-H staff. • Attend at least 2/3 of club meetings or number established by club. Independent members must meet with mentor a minimum of four times during the program year. • Give a speech or demonstration to your club. • Serve on a 4-H committee or hold an office. • Participate in four different 4-H activities. • Lead a community service project. • Participate in four different 4-H competitions/exhibitions. • Complete two 4-H record books or awards/scholarship portfolio and a record book. • Give a 4-H talk to a community group. • Teach two club level activities or workshops. • Teach one County level activity or workshop, including assisting with summer day camp. • Write an essay on <i>“Why or Why Not is Record Keeping Important in 4-H?”</i> and turn it in to your 4-H Club Leader and the 4-H agent. • Attend two district or higher-level event. • Write a Thank You note to your 4-H Club Leader or 4-H Office. • One Parent/Guardian Support activity - See Q and A sheet 	<p>Clover Certificate GOLD Level</p> <p>Name announced at the Awards Banquet</p> <p>\$50 4-H summer activity reimbursement</p> <p>Medallion</p>



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EMERALD Clover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish project plans for 4-H projects and make report on project to leader (oral or written). Independent members must present completed Project Plan to 4-H staff. • Attend at least 2/3 of club meetings or number established by club. Independent members must meet with mentor a minimum of four times during the program year. • Give a speech or demonstration to your club. • Serve on a 4-H committee or hold an office. • Participate in six different 4-H activities. • Lead two community service projects (<i>must be approved by County agent and a Service Project Leadership Report must be turned into your leader and the 4-H agent</i>). • Give a 4-H talk to a community group. • Teach three different club level activities or workshops. • Teach two different County level (or beyond) classes or workshops, including assisting with summer day camp. • Participate in four different 4-H competitions/exhibitions. • Participate in three different District or higher-level events. • Complete two 4-H record books. • Complete the awards/scholarship portfolio. • Serve as a mentor/junior leader, complete a mentor report, and turn it in to your 4-H Club Leader and 4-H agent. • Write a Thank You note to your 4-H Club Leader or 4-H Office. • One Parent/Guardian Support activity - See Q and A sheet 	<p>Clover Certificate EMERALD Level</p> <p>Name announced at the Awards Banquet</p> <p>\$75 4-H summer activity reimbursement</p> <p>Medallion</p>
<p>**WILDCARD/EXTRA CREDIT** An interview with one 4-H alumnus (cannot be a relative) about their experiences in 4-H can be substituted for one of the above requirements, except record books, project reports, and the Senior Portfolio. A written report must be turned in to your leader and the 4-H agent.</p>		

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Award Level Applying Bronze Silver Gold Emerald
4-H OFFICE USE ONLY: Award Level Received Bronze Silver Gold Emerald

Name: _____ 4-H Age: _____

Club(s): _____

Activity	Completion Date	Responsible Party Signature or Sticker***
Project Report		
Attend 2/3 Club Meetings		
Club Speech or Demonstration		
Wildcard/Extra Credit (Attach copy)		
Serve on a Committee or Hold Office		
BRONZE (B)		
Service Projects Assisted In		
(B)		
SILVER (S)		
Lead Service Project (Attach Report)		
GOLD (G)		
EMERALD (E)		
Teach Club Activity		
(S)		
(G)		
(E)		

Name: _____



Activity	Completion Date	Responsible Party Signature or Sticker***
Activities Participated In		
(B)		
(B)		
(S)		
(G)		
(E)		
(E)		
Participated in Competitions/Exhibitions/Emceed County Activity		
(B)		
(S)		
(S)		
(G)		
(E)		
Talks to Community Groups		
(G)		
Teach County Class or Workshop		
(G)		
(E)		
Participate in District or Higher Event		
(G)		
(G)		
(E)		
Completed Record Books*		
(B)		
(G)		
Complete Awards/Scholarship Portfolio		
(E) Scholarship Application**		
"Why or Why Not is Record Keeping Important in 4-H"		
(G) Essay (Attach Copy)		

Name: _____



Activity	Completion Date	Responsible Party Signature or Sticker***
Serve as Mentor or Junior Leader - Enter Mentee's Name and Attach Report		
(E)		
Write a Thank You note to Your Club Leader or 4-H Office		
(B)		
Parent/Guardian Support Activity		
(B)		
(G)		

*Awards/Scholarship Application Portfolio can serve as one record book for a **Gold** Award level only. No substitutions for the **Bronze** or **Silver** Award-level record book requirement.

If a **Gold Level second record book is being substituted by a Portfolio, complete this section.

***Responsible Party Signature is the signature of the person responsible for the activity. The Sticker is what the child receives for attending a 4-H event where their leader isn't present. For example, for the Barn Dance, the Responsible Party is the 4-H Office.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Comments:

Definitions

2023-2024 St. Johns County 4-H Clover Awards



4-H Talk to a Community Group - Promotional and informative talk about 4-H and/or your project area to a group of 10 or more people who represent the community as an organized unit. The suggested time is at least 5 minutes including questions and answers.

Achievement - Something accomplished successfully through personal or group effort.

Activity - Non-competitive **4-H sponsored** event or activity. You must be a participant in the activity, not simply a spectator.

Attend - To be present as a participant of an activity for the duration of the 4-H event or activity.

Club Level - 4-H event or activity that is coordinated by one or two clubs for their members.

Club Speech or Demonstration - Give a speech or demonstration on any 4-H appropriate topic at a club meeting. Must follow 4-H contest guidelines.

Community Group - Group of 10 or more people who represent the community as an organized unit.

Community Service - Serve the needs of a group outside of your club and should involve at least 2 hours of time commitment. Not every activity you do outside of a regular club meeting qualifies as community service. For example, a club fundraiser is NOT community service but raising funds to donate to a group outside your club is if you are taking an active part in carrying out the fundraising.

Competition - 4-H sponsored events in which awards are granted using standards and rankings. Multiple entry submissions for contests such as photos and arts and crafts county as ONE competition on Clover Awards.

Contest - Competitive 4-H sponsored educational experience.

County Level - 4-H events or activities that are coordinated through the **St. Johns County 4-H Office**.

District Level - 4-H event or activity open to all counties within a 4-H District.

Exhibition - Opportunities where 4-H project work is exhibited, and no awards are granted for standards or rankings.

Late Submission - Clover Award applications turned in past the deadline will not receive Clover Award recognition but will be awarded a green ribbon.

Lead - Plan a contest, event, or activity including recruiting people to help, arranging times & deadlines, and obtaining resources to complete the activity. You should also direct the actions of the people involved in the activity while it is occurring.

Mentor - A senior 4-H member sanctioned by the 4-H agent, who provides guidance to a less experienced 4-H member.

Mentor Report - 5 paragraphs in length with a maximum of 500 words, which includes an introduction, body, and conclusion, describing who you mentored, activities you completed, and how the experience was a benefit to you and your mentee.

Parent Support - In addition to parents supporting their child in their 4-H project work, parents of youth receiving 4-H Clover Awards are **also** required to assist with 4-H events and activities coordinated through the St. Johns County 4-H Office. Parent support activities for the club do not count.



Participate - Actively engaged in the 4-H contest, event, or activity.

Project Book - Supplemental materials specific to a project are usually included in a completed record book.

Project Plan - Youth will present in writing their project goals/plans for the year to their adult club leader or 4-H agent.

Record Book - Record of a 4-H member's project experiences for the year. Record Books include the project report, required materials, project book, and photos with captions. Other materials are optional. See Record Book Instructions.

Report/Essay - 5 paragraphs in length with a maximum of 500 words which includes an introduction, body, and conclusion.

Responsible Party Signatures - Signatures on the Clover Award Application are required. This includes signatures from the adult in charge of an event, 4-H parent, and 4-H youth.

Responsible Party Sticker - The sticker is given to the child when they attend a county-sponsored event where the leader isn't present. The sticker is given to the youth when they check into the event. It is placed on the Clover Award Application instead of the signature.

Applications without the Responsible Party Signature or Sticker box filled for an activity, will be considered incomplete and will not be eligible for an award.

Senior Project Leadership Report - Report what was done, who benefited, and how they benefited, what you learned from the experience in paragraph form with a maximum of 500 words.

State Level - 4-H event or activity coordinated or sanctioned through the State 4-H program.

Wildcard - This activity can serve as a substitute for any single Clover Award requirement other than a project report, record book, or senior scholarship application portfolio.

Frequently Asked Questions 2023-2024 St. Johns County 4-H Clover Awards



- Q.) When are Clover Awards due to the 4-H Office?**
A.) The Clover Award application and accompanying materials must be turned in to the SJC 4-H office by **June 3, 2024 at 4:00pm** to qualify for a Clover Award.
- Q.) Where do I get the Clover Award application?**
A.) The Clover Award requirements and paper applications are available in the 4-H office. For electronic versions, download and fill in or print the application from the St. Johns County 4-H website. **DO NOT use the form on the state 4-H website as it is different and will not be accepted.**
- Q.) Does the Clover Award application or any part of it need to be handwritten?**
A.) The application, reports, record book, and essays can be neatly handwritten or typed. The applications on the SJC 4-H website can be downloaded and filled in on the computer or printed and handwritten.
- Q.) Can my Clover Award application and record books be turned in electronically?**
A.) No. Only hard copies of the Clover Award application and record book will be accepted.
- Q.) What is the Responsible Party Signature?**
A.) The Responsible Party Signature is the signature of the adult responsible for the activity. For example, for the Barn Dance, the Responsible Party is the 4-H Office because it is coordinated by the 4-H Office. Club leaders' signatures are only valid if the member is participating as a club member. They cannot sign for county, district, or state events and activities except Craft Night if the member works a station with their club.
- Q.) What do I do if the Responsible Party isn't available to sign the paperwork?**
A.) Clover Award applications should be given to the Responsible Party as soon as the event or activity is over to eliminate the need to find someone months after the event or activity. If you attend an event or activity and don't have your Clover Award Application with you, get a Responsible Party Sticker (see complete description below). For leader signatures, get them to sign long before the Clover Awards are due. The club meeting before **June 3, 2024** is the best time to get your club leader's signature.
- Q.) What is the Responsible Party Sticker?**
A.) The Responsible Party Sticker is a substitute for a signature when you don't have your Clover Award Application ready to be signed but need to track the event or activity. You are given the signed sticker when you check into the event or activity. When you are filling out your Clover Award Application later, place the sticker across the date and signature blocks for that event or activity.
- Q.) What do I do if I lost the Responsible Party Sticker I was given at an event or activity?**
A.) You will need to go to the party who was responsible for the event to either get another sticker or get a signature on your Clover Award Application.
- Q.) What happens if I turn my Clover Award application and accompanying materials in after June 3, 2024?**
A.) Your materials will be judged and given comments, but you will be ineligible for a Clover Award and receive a green ribbon for your record book.



- Q.) I have run out of room on my Clover Award application. Can I put the extra information on an additional piece of paper?**
 A.) Yes. Once you run out of room, you may use a separate piece of paper if it contains the types of information required on the form.
- Q.) If I am an At-Large member, do I need to have my Clover Awards signed?**
 A.) Yes. The Responsible Party in charge of your event, activity, or project must sign each line as defined on your Clover Award application.
- Q.) What is the Wildcard poster for Cloverbuds and Juniors?**
 A.) The Wildcard poster is a noncompetitive 14x22 inch poster about your 4-H project. Various art media such as markers, paint, colored pencils & crayons can be used. **Poster is due in the 4-H Office by June 3, 2024.**
- Q.) What is the Wildcard interview for Intermediates and Seniors?**
 A.) An interview with one 4-H alumnus (cannot be a relative) about their experiences in 4-H can be substituted for one of the requirements, except record books. A written report must be turned in to your leader and the 4-H agent. If you don't know any 4-H alumni, contact the 4-H Office for alumni you can interview. **The interview report is due in the 4-H Office when you turn in your Clover Award application by June 3, 2024.**
- Q.) Can I use a Wildcard as a substitute for my Clover Award requirements?**
 A.) Yes, it can be substituted for one Clover Award requirement - although it cannot substitute record books, project reports, or Senior portfolio requirements.
- Q.) Can I count my summer 4-H experiences toward my Clover Awards?**
 A.) Yes, summer camp experiences and other 4-H summer activities can be counted toward Clover Awards, however, each event can only be counted once. For example, one 2-day day camp counts as one event. However, two different 1-day camps count as two events. Please be sure to count all the activities you participated in during the date range identified at the top of the Clover Award Application form.
- Q.) If I attend a Horse Show or other all-day event, and participate in 4 classes at that event, do the classes count as 4 separate competitions or activities?**
 A.) No, they will count as one competition or activity because they are parts of the same event.
- Q.) If I participate in the same contest at two different fairs, can I count it as 2 competitive events?**
 A.) Yes, as each occurred at a different event. Also, if you participate in more than one judging event at the same fair, this would be counted as two different competitive events or activities because they are unrelated. For example, a Consumer Choices contest and the Plant Identification contest at the same fair are counted as two competitions or activities.
- Q.) I entered 3 photos in the photography contest, can I count this as 3 competitions?**
 A.) No, this would be counted as one competition. The same goes for arts and crafts; multiple entries in the same competition are counted as one competition.
- Q.) I taught a craft at summer camp, but I also participated in making crafts at camp, can I count this as teaching and an activity?**
 A.) No, it must be one or the other. Each event, activity, and contest can only be counted once for your Clover Award packet.



- Q.) If I give a 4-H talk to my church or classroom, can it count as a talk to a community group?**
 A.) Yes, if your talk is about 4-H and/or your 4-H project and to a group of 10 or more people who represent the community as an organized unit. Suggested time is at least 5 minutes including questions and answers.
- Q.) The Clover Award Standards say “reimbursement” instead of “scholarship”. What does a summer activity or camp reimbursement mean?**
 A.) Youth must pay for camps or activities at the time of registration, regardless of whether they plan to turn in a Clover Award. Reimbursements will be issued in the first week of August.
- Q.) Who can be an emcee?**
 A.) A senior 4-Her that signs up to emcee an event or contest by October 31, 2023. Any events or contests that don't have any emcees by that time will be assigned to interested members of Teen Leadership Council club.
- Q.) Can I use my Clover Award scholarship toward county and state summer events and activities?**
 A.) Yes, in addition to summer day or residential camps, youth may apply their Clover Award scholarship to other state and county 4-H events that take place between **June 3, 2024 and August 15, 2024**, including 4-H Legislature and 4-H University. Clover Award scholarships must be used during the summer months that follow the application deadline.
- Q.) I am not sure what counts for the Clover Award requirements?**
 A.) Please check with your 4-H Club Leader or contact the 4-H Office. Remember that all activities counted on the Clover Awards must be **4-H sponsored or affiliated with 4-H**.
- Q.) Do activities that are done during regular club meetings count as Activities in the Clover Awards?**
 A.) No. Activities done at club meetings are accounted for in the top section of the Clover Award Application. Learning how to make a craft or a skill during the club meeting does NOT count as an Activity Participated In. One exception is a community service project worked on a regular club meeting. It counts in the Participate in Service Projects or Lead Service Projects sections of the Clover Award Application.
- Q.) If I attend District Council meetings two different times, can I count this as two different activities?**
 A.) Yes, your attendance will count as different activities. If you participate in District Council community service, you can apply that to the service requirement in the Clover Award. If you participate in a District Council-sponsored activity or event held at a different time than the regular meeting such as a dance, that qualifies as a separate activity.
- Q.) What counts as a District activity?**
 A.) A District Council meeting and District Events are two examples of District Level events.
- Q.) I see that Parent/Guardian support is required to receive Clover Award reimbursements. What is expected?**
 A.) Parent/guardian involvement is required for all 4-H youth. In addition to parents supporting their child in their 4-H project work, parents of youth receiving 4-H Clover Awards are also required to assist with 4-H events and activities coordinated through the St. Johns County 4-H Office, not the club. Driving the 4-H'er to meetings and helping them with their record book does not satisfy the parent/guardian involvement requirement. Examples of COUNTY level support where parents are needed include:
- 4-H Marketing Booth at Community Events-Work information booth
 - 4-H Awards Banquet/Fashion Show-Set up/take down, food monitor, decorate
 - 4-H Barn Dance-Decorate, set up/take down, monitor food stations, entertainment
 - 4-H 5K Races - Cottonmouth & Spud Run -Work events and get sponsorships, not run.



- Greeter and sign-in for contests.
- Check with the 4-H Office for MORE opportunities.

4-H CLUB AND PROJECT LEADERS ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS PARENT REQUIREMENT.

Still have questions? Please give us a call, email, or drop by the St. Johns County 4-H Office.
We are happy to help.

St. Johns County 4-H Program, 3125 Agricultural Center Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32092
904-209-0430

Events and Activities Examples 2023-2024 St. Johns County 4-H Clover Awards



The following list includes some examples of the events and activities that 4-H'ers can participate in throughout the 4-H year and should not be considered a comprehensive list. These are just examples. The 4-H agent makes the final decision on events and activities. Check News & Notes for additional activities to be announced. Activities must be sponsored by 4-H or you are representing 4-H at the activity. Attendance as a spectator does not count as participation in any activity, event, or contest. Get signatures from the coordinator or adult in charge of the event or activity.

Competitions/Exhibitions

Share-the-Fun: Perform a dance, song, or dramatic piece in the county contest.

Fashion Revue: Show a garment or quilt at the contest or have the garment or quilt judged. Can only be counted once.

Public Speaking: deliver a speech at the county contest.

Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks: Give a demonstration or illustrated talk at the county contest.

Graphic Design Contest: Submit a piece to the county contest.

Arts & Crafts Exhibit/Contest: Can only be counted once, regardless of how many entries are submitted.

Animal Shows: Show an animal for judging.

Judging Teams: Judge items and be rated on accuracy.

Gingerbread House Contest: Create and submit a house to the contest.

Baking Contest: Bake the item and submit it to the contest.

Photo Contests: Submit photos taken. Only counts once, regardless of how many photos entered.

Club-sponsored contests must be open to 4-H members outside of the sponsoring club.

Emcee at a county contest or event. Must sign up by October 31, 2023.

Activities

4-H Barn Dance: Attend, decorate, or help set up/clean up. Can only be counted once.

4-H Kickoff: Attend or promote club. Can only be counted once.

Parades where you are in the parade representing 4-H

Workshops offered by the 4-H Office (i.e., Baking, Public Speaking, Demonstrations)

Community Festivals where you are attending on behalf of 4-H such as working a booth or club fundraising.

Club Officer Training: Attending or teaching an officer position. Can only be counted once.

Teen Leadership Council Officer Retreat: May count each time a retreat is attended.

Summer Day Camps. Each camp counts once, either as a camper or an assistant.

Spud Run: Only counts if member volunteers. No credit given for running the race.

Cottonmouth Run: Only counts if member volunteers. No credit given for running the race.

Cracker Day: Participating by club fundraising or volunteering for the event. Can only count once. Walking around in a 4-H shirt does not count.

Awards Banquet: Attend, sign in, decorate, clean up. Can only count once.

Decorating for county-sponsored events including 4-H Barn Dance, Share the Fun/Fashion Revue, and Awards Banquet. If you also participate in the activity you can still only count it once.

District or Higher Level Events

District Events: compete in public speaking, demonstrations/illustrated talks, or Share the Fun. Each event is counted individually.

District 4-H Council. Each meeting counts once.

Area Horse Show: Participate as a contestant.

State Horse Show: Participate as a contestant.

Florida 4-H University: Participate or compete. Can only count once.

Florida 4-H Legislature: Attend.

Florida 4-H iLead: Attend.

State Fair in Tampa: enter a contest. Each contest counts individually if they are unrelated.

State Judging Contests: Compete.

State Archery Contests: Compete.

National Events or Contests: Compete.

State 4-H Council/Executive Board: Each Council meeting or Executive Board weekend counts once.

Third Executive Board: Attend.

4-H Residential Camps: Participate as a camper or a counselor. Can only count once.

Clinics such as forestry and horse clinics

Community Groups

Civic organization such as Rotary, Pilot Club, Kiwanis, etc.

Church Groups

Garden Club

County Commission

Homeowners' Association

PTA/PTO

School class: if the topic is 4-H.