

Definitions

2024-2025 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 **St. Johns County 4-H Office 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 coordinated by one or more 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 public speaking and demonstration contest guidelines.

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

Community Service - Serve a group's needs outside 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/Guardian Support - 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, chili contest, bake an item for the cake walk. Store-bought items do not count.
- 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.

Participant - Youth is actively engaged in the 4-H contest, event, or activity. Being a spectator does not count as being a participant.

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.

Required Signatures-Signatures on the Clover Award Application are required. This includes signatures from the 4-H Club Leader, 4-H adult in charge of event, 4-H parent, and 4-H youth. **Applications with missing signatures 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, meeting attendance, record book, club speech or demonstration, or senior scholarship application packet.