

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 2, 2025 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 a Required Signature?**
A.) Signatures on the Clover Award Application are required. This includes signatures from the 4-H club leader, 4-H adult in charge of the event, 4-H parent, and 4-H youth. **Applications with missing signatures will be considered incomplete and will not be eligible for an award.**
- Q.) Does Building My Portfolio need a Project Report Form?**
A.) No. The Building My Portfolio is all that is needed to count as a record book.
- Q.) What happens if I turn my Clover Award application and accompanying materials in after June 2, 2025?**
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 2, 2025.**
- 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 2, 2025.**



- 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, club speeches or demonstrations, club attendance, 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, 2024. 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 2, 2025 and August 15, 2025**, including 4-H Legislature and 4-H University. Clover Award scholarships must be used during the summer months that follow the application deadline. Participants will be reimbursed for the amount of the scholarship once the event takes place.

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.) What counts as a District activity?

A.) Potato Field Days, Area Horse Show, and District Events are three examples of District Level events. State level events and activities can take the place of District activities.

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, 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.

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.

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