



MY EXPERIENCE AWARD APPLICATION 2025-26

Legal Name _____

Name You Wish to Use for Publicity _____

Date of Birth _____

County of 4-H Membership _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Name of 4-H Club _____

Verification Statements

Date _____ Member Signature _____

I personally have prepared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my work.

Date _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

I personally reviewed this application and certify that it accurately reflects the member's work

Date _____ 4-H Club Leader Signature _____

I personally reviewed this application and certify that it accurately reflects the member's work

Date _____ Extension Staff Signature _____

I have reviewed this application and believe it accurately reflects the member's work and approve it for state competition.

I am submitting my application for the following award (please check one)

- Bronze Clover
- Silver Clover
- Gold Clover
- Diamond Clover
- Community Service
- Leadership
- Project Learning
- Emerald Clover
- Community Service
- Leadership
- Project Learning



EXPERIENCE LEVEL RECOGNITION

Any Illinois 4-H member may complete this application at the end of each 4-H year.

1. Go through every page and mark the experiences you achieved this year. There are 4 dimensions of experience:
 - **Participation**
 - **Community Service**
 - **Leadership**
 - **Project Learning**
2. For each item checked, write a note to the right explaining how you completed the experience. (*what the event was, dates, etc.*)
3. There are places for club, county, unit-wide, state and national experiences.
4. **You can only use an activity once in the application.**
5. Sign your application and get the signature of your parent/guardian and club leader.
6. Turn your application in to your local 4-H office on the date they require.
7. County offices will submit all applications achieving Diamond & Emerald status to the Illinois 4-H Office on October 15.

Requirements for each level

AWARD LEVEL	REQUIREMENTS	LIMITATIONS
BRONZE CLOVER AWARD	Complete 1 experience in each of the four dimensions.	
SILVER CLOVER AWARD	Complete 2 experiences in each of the four dimensions; at least 2 of those experiences must be at the County level or beyond.	
GOLD CLOVER AWARD	Complete 4 experiences in each of the four dimensions; at least 2 of those experiences must be BEYOND the County level.	
DIAMOND CLOVER AWARD	Complete 6 or more experiences in ONE dimension; at least 4 of those experiences must be BEYOND the County level.	Each activity/event can only be used once within a level or in a single dimension. You cannot use Participation activities to achieve Diamond Level.
EMERALD CLOVER AWARD	Complete 8 or more experiences in ONE dimension; at least 4 of those experiences must be BEYOND the County level PLUS at least 2 must be at the State or National level.	Each activity/event can only be used once within a level or in a single dimension. You cannot use Participation activities to achieve Emerald Level.

* "beyond county" activities include unit, multi-county, state, national or international experiences.



PARTICIPATION DIMENSION

Place an prior to each Experience that you have had this past 4-H program year (September 1 through August 31). Then provide information to verify your selection of this statement. (Must include dates, name of the event or activity, and details for the judges to see that it fits that experience requirement.)

CHECK	LEVEL	EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
<input type="checkbox"/>	CLUB	Attended at least five 4-H club meetings or program sessions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CLUB	Attended at least five 4-H club meetings or program sessions for two or more years	
<input type="checkbox"/>	COUNTY	Participated in one county 4-H activity or event	
<input type="checkbox"/>	COUNTY	Participated in two to four county 4-H activities or	
<input type="checkbox"/>	COUNTY	Participated in five or more county 4-H activities or events	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Participated in at least one 4-H activity or event outside my county	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Participated in two to four 4-H activities or events outside my county	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Participated in five or more 4-H activities or events outside my county	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Participated in one state or national 4-H activity or event	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Participated in two to four or state or national 4-H activities or events	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Participated in five or more state or national 4-H activities or events	
<input type="checkbox"/>	INTERNAT.	Hosted an international 4-H guest	
<input type="checkbox"/>	INTERNAT.	Traveled internationally as part of a 4-H group	



COMMUNITY SERVICE DIMENSION

Place an **x** prior to each Experience that you have had this past 4-H program year (September 1 through August 31). Then provide information to verify your selection of this statement. (Must include dates, name of the event or activity, and details for the judges to see that it fits that experience requirement.)

CHECK	LEVEL	EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
	CLUB	Participated in a group service activity organized by my 4-H club	
	CLUB	Participated in three or more group service activities organized by my 4-H club	
	COUNTY	Participated in a group service activity organized by my county 4-H program	
	COUNTY	Participated in three or more group service activities organized by my county 4-H program	
		Participated in a group 4-H service activity organized beyond my county 4-H program	
		Participated in three or more group 4-H service activities organized beyond my county 4-H program	
	INDIVIDUAL	Participated in individual service activity – using project specific skills or knowledge from 4-H	
	INDIVIDUAL	Participated in three or more individual service activities – using project specific skills or knowledge from 4-H	
	INDIVIDUAL	Participated as a 4-H representative in a service activity organized by another community organization or group	
	CLUB	Planned a group service activity in 4-H.	
	CLUB	Planned three or more group service activities for my 4-H club	
	COUNTY	Planned a group 4-H service activity for my county 4-H program	
	COUNTY	Planned three or more group 4-H service activities for my county 4-H program	
		Planned a group 4-H service activity beyond my county 4-H program	
		Planned three or more 4-H group service activities beyond my county 4-H program.	
	INDIVIDUAL	Planned an individual service activity – using project specific skills or knowledge from 4-H	
	INDIVIDUAL	Planned three or more individual service activities using project specific skills or knowledge from 4-H	



LEADERSHIP DIMENSION

Place an **x** prior to each Experience that you have had this past 4-H program year (September 1 through August 31). Then provide information to verify your selection of this statement. (Must include dates, name of the event or activity, and details for the judges to see that it fits that experience requirement.)

		EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
		<i>GENERAL LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Participated in a 4-H leadership program within my 4-H club	
	COUNTY	Attended a 4-H leadership training or event in my county/unit	
	STATE	Attended a 4-H leadership training or event at the state level	
	NATIONAL	Attended a 4-H leadership training or event at the national level	
		<i>ADVISING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Served as 4-H youth representative on a county/unit or Extension committee	
	STATE	Served as 4-H youth representative with a statewide group or committee	
	NATIONAL	Served as 4-H youth representative with a national group or committee	
	INDIVIDUAL	Served as youth representative on a committee with adults as part of my school or another organization	
		<i>ADVOCATING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	COUNTY	Participated in peer group that promoted a specific change in my community	
	COUNTY	Participated in group of adults (beyond my 4-H leader) and peers that promoted a specific change in my community	
	COUNTY	Collected data related to an issue in my community	
	COUNTY	Conducted assessment of community needs	
	COUNTY	Made a presentation on a community issue to a group, target audience or the media	
	COUNTY	Implement action to make a positive change on an issue in my community	
		Collaborated with groups outside my community on an issue with local <u>and</u> state/national/global importance	

		EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
		<i>PLANNING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Served on a committee in my 4-H club to plan an event or program	
	CLUB	Served as an officer for my 4-H club	
	COUNTY	Planned an event for other 4-Hers in my county/ community	
	Unit	Served on a committee to plan a unit wide 4-H event or program	
	STATE	Served on a state 4-H event planning committee	
	NATIONAL	Served on a national 4-H event planning committee	
	INDIVIDUAL	Helped plan a non-4-H event in my community	
	INDIVIDUAL	Held a leadership position in another group or organization (e.g. student council)	
		<i>PROMOTING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Recruited a new 4-H member for my club, name them in the detail box.	
	CLUB	Recruited a non-4-H member to attend a 4-H-sponsored event, name them and the event	
		Attended training to deepen my understanding of 4-H	
	INDIVIDUAL	Developed a presentation to tell others about 4-H	
		Delivered presentation created by someone else to promote 4-H	
		Visited Illinois legislators or other stakeholder group to tell my 4-H story	
		Facilitated an activity at a booth or event that promotes 4-H	
		<i>MENTORING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	CLUB	Served as a project mentor (i.e. Jr. Leader) in my 4-H club	
	CLUB	Served as a mentor for a younger member in my 4-H club, name them in the detail box	
		Attended specific training on how to be a mentor	

		EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
		Served as a mentor to a group of youth as part of a 4-H program or day camp	
		Served as an overnight camp counselor	
	INDIVIDUAL	Served as an assigned mentor to another youth as part of program outside of 4-H	
		<i>TEACHING LEADERSHIP</i>	
	INDIVIDUAL	Selected activities from a curriculum to teach to others	
	INDIVIDUAL	Designed activities to teach a content area to others	
		Planned a 4-H workshop to teach a skill to others	
		Led a 4-H workshop to teach a skill to others	
		Served as lead facilitator for a 4-H workshop to teach a skill to others	
		Taught a sequence of lessons to a 4-H audience	
		Taught a sequence of lessons to a group outside of 4-H identify the name of the group and the topic of the lessons	
		Assessed a group I taught to see what they learned what kind of an assessment was used and what was the lesson taught	



PROJECT LEARNING DIMENSION

Place an **x** prior to each Experience that you have had this past 4-H program year (September 1 through August 31). Then provide information to verify your selection of this statement. (Must include dates, name of the event or activity, and details for the judges to see that it fits that experience requirement.)

		EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
	INDIVIDUAL	Completed three activities in a 4-H project book as part of my project learning experience, please specify activities	
	CLUB	Participated in a 4-H group learning experiences with my 4-H club related to a project area	

		EXPERIENCE	DETAILS
	CLUB	Participated in at least five 4-H group learning experiences with my club related to a project area	
	INDIVIDUAL	Enrolled in a 4-H project area for more than one year	
	CLUB	Made a presentation/demonstration about a project that informed others in my 4-h club	
	CLUB	Went on a 4-H club fieldtrip or tour related to my project area	
	CLUB	Designed and taught a 4-H learning experience for others related to my project area in my club	
	CLUB	Participated in a 4-H club service activity using skills or knowledge related to my project area	
	CLUB	Planned a 4-H club service activity using skills or knowledge related to my project area	
	COUNTY	Participated in a county 4-H workshop or other learning opportunity related to my project	
	COUNTY	Made a presentation/demonstration about a 4-H project that informed others in my county	
	COUNTY	Went on a county 4-H fieldtrip or tour related to my project area	
	COUNTY	Participated in a 4-H competition or exhibit experience related to my project area in my county	
	COUNTY	Designed and taught a 4-H learning experience for others related to my project area in my county	
		Participated in a 4-H workshop or other learning opportunity beyond my county related to my 4-H project	
		Made a presentation/demonstration about a project that informed others beyond my county program	
		Went on a 4-H fieldtrip or tour related to my 4-H project area beyond my county related to my project	
		Participate in a 4-H competition or exhibit experience related to my 4-H project area beyond my county	
		Designed and taught a 4-H learning experience for others related to my 4-H project area beyond my county	
		Participated in a 4-H service activity using skills or knowledge related to my 4-H project area beyond my county	
		Planned a 4-H service activity using skills or knowledge related to my 4-H project areas beyond my county	
	INDIVIDUAL	Participated in an individual apprenticeship, job shadow experience or other career exploration activity related to my project area	

MY SCORE

DIMENSION	COLUMN A <i># of club / individual experiences</i>	COLUMN B <i># of county experiences</i>	COLUMN C <i># of unit-wide/ regional experiences</i>	COLUMN D <i># of state/ national experiences</i>	TOTAL PER ROW
Row 1 PARTICIPATION					
Row 2 COMMUNITY SERVICE					
Row 3 LEADERSHIP					
Row 3 PROJECT LEARNING					
TOTAL PER COLUMN					

Did you complete at least 1 experience in every row?

_____ NO _____ YES, You are on track for a BRONZE CLOVER AWARD

Did you complete at least 2 experiences in every row? **AND**

Did you have at least 2 of those experiences in columns B, C or D?

_____ NO _____ YES, You are on track for a SILVER CLOVER AWARD

Did you complete at least 4 experiences in every row? **AND**

Did you have at least 2 of those experiences in columns C or D in the same row?

_____ NO _____ YES, You are on track for a GOLD CLOVER AWARD

Did you complete at least 6 experiences in one row? **AND**

Did you have at least 4 of those experiences in columns C or D of that same row?

(You CANNOT count Row 1 Participation for this award)

_____ NO _____ YES, You are on track for a DIAMOND CLOVER AWARD

Did you complete at least 8 experiences in one row? **AND**

Did you have at least 4 of those experiences in columns C or D of that same row? **AND**

Did you have at least 2 of those experiences in column D of that same row?

(You CANNOT count Row 1 Participation for this award)

_____ NO _____ YES, You are on track for an EMERALD CLOVER AWARD

PLEASE NOTE: You must start at the top of this list and answer "yes" to every statement before moving to the next level.

Experience Award Checklist

Before submitting this application, please use the checklist below and include this page with your application:

	Dates are listed in all boxes.
	Details are listed- <i>what the event was, details to help reviewers understand the event.</i>
	Experiences are only listed once on the application- no duplicates
	All experiences- unless indicated otherwise- are to be 4-H related.
	Level of participation is selected for each entry (<i>dropdowns used when available</i>)
	Application is signed by 4-H member.
	Application is signed by parent/guardian.
	Application is signed by 4-H Club leader.
	Application has been reviewed locally and signed by Extension staff.
	Submit application by local deadlines. Contact your local Extension Office for deadline.
	Box on page 1 checked for area applying in. (Diamond & Emerald award winners from the previous year may not apply in the same dimension in two consecutive years).

Feedback on Application: