Welcome to the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association

4-H Young Alumni Guide
Dear New 4-H Alumnus,

Welcome to an incredible new chapter in your life as you embark on your journey as an Illinois 4-H alumnus! As you transition to a new chapter, there may be a lot of change going on in your life right now, you will always have a home with Illinois 4-H!

You have learned many skills along the way in your 4-H career that we know will follow you throughout your life. You have found passions through your 4-H project work, gained leadership skills and shared your hands "to larger service" in your community and beyond. Continue to lean on those life skills wherever life may take you to find a way to serve others.

While your 4-H career may be coming to a close, we want to stay connected to you. You may ask, "How can I stay involved with 4-H now that I have graduated?" We hope this guide will provide you with next steps to remain connected and for you to determine the amount of time you want to "give back" to the program today or in the future.

As a member of 4-H, you were a part of the largest youth organization in the world and people are watching. Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get. Be we make a life by what we give." We hope you will find a way to follow the 4-H motto "to make the best better" in everything you do!

Best Wishes to you!

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Welcome to the Illinois 4-H alumni community! Now that you are here, we want you to stay connected as an active 4-H alumnus. Your 4-H career may come to a close, but your lifelong connection to 4-H is just beginning!

**Join the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association**
Join the Illinois 4-H Alumni Community with a free membership by registering online: [https://go.illinois.edu/4halum](https://go.illinois.edu/4halum).
Our alumni receive quarterly email newsletters, which feature the latest 4-H updates, opportunities to volunteer, attend events and stay connected.

**Find Your Local 4-H Program**
We know that college and career may take you to a different community or state! Even if you are no longer in your home state you can still serve as a 4-H volunteer. 4-H alumni can serve in a variety of roles with a county or state 4-H program.

*In Illinois:* [https://extension.illinois.edu/global/where-we-serve](https://extension.illinois.edu/global/where-we-serve)
*Out of state program:* [https://4-h.org/find/](https://4-h.org/find/)

**Stay Connected**
Follow Illinois 4-H Alumni on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Linked In

- Facebook: [facebook.com/groups/il4halumni](https://facebook.com/groups/il4halumni)
- Instagram: [instagram.com/il4halumni](https://instagram.com/il4halumni)
- Twitter: [twitter.com/IL4halumni](https://twitter.com/IL4halumni)
- LinkedIn: [https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HAlumni](https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HAlumni)

Also follow the Illinois 4-H program or county program you were a 4-H member.

**Share Your 4-H Story**
Did 4-H have a significant impact on your life? Did you start a new business based on a 4-H project? We would love to hear how your life was impacted by 4-H. Share your 4-H story with us!
[https://go.illinois.edu/4halumnistory](https://go.illinois.edu/4halumnistory)