The Illinois 4-H Recognition program focuses on three areas of recognition. 

**ENGAGE, EXPERIENCE, EXCEL**

**ENGAGE**

ENGAGE highlights the importance of 4-H clubs to the 4-H program.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** No application is required to receive this recognition.

**RECOGNITION:** Local Extension offices will create their own plan for honoring all clubs who become engaged in the 4-H program. This may include:
- Newsletters
- Social Media Highlights
- News Stories
- Flag Sets
- Club Charters
- Special Items

**EXPERIENCE**

The Illinois 4-H program offers many EXPERIENCES. This area offers recognition for clubs which are involved in diverse 4-H experiences.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Leaders and members can “Share Their Story” online at 4-H.illinois.edu in the following areas:
- Community Service
- Leadership
- Project Learning

**RECOGNITION:** County Extension offices can determine local recognition, including social media shout-outs, or newsletter highlights.

**EXCEL**

4-H Clubs which EXCEL in their work can compete for state honors in specific award areas.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Complete the Illinois 4-H Club Award Application in one (or more) of these 3 areas:
- Community Service
- Leadership
- Project Mastery

**RECOGNITION:**
- Cash Awards

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