



4-H Fall Awards

Thurston County

PURPOSE

The 4-H County Level awards program is established to recognize 4-H members at the end of the 4-H year for outstanding achievement, growth, leadership, and/or project skills. Descriptions of the Thurston County 4-H Awards and the requirements for each are listed in this handout. The County Awards program, otherwise known as the annual **Achievement Afternoon**, is sponsored by the Thurston County 4-H Council.

In addition to the awards listed on the back, the 4-H Council often distributes other awards to 4-H members that do not require an application process.

Members are not the only individuals recognized at the County Awards Program. Leaders are recognized for years of service, new clubs are initiated, Outgoing Council Officers are honored, and the 4-H Leader of the Year is announced.

WHY IS RECOGNITION IMPORTANT?

Recognition and awards strongly influence young people. Recognition of 4-H members through County Awards helps to make 4-H a satisfying experience and helps our children develop. 4-H members enjoy being given credit for project work done well. Recognizing their project accomplishments also helps to reinforce their sense of belonging to the 4-H club.

DEADLINE

October 4, 2013 - is the deadline to apply for all County Awards and to turn in completed Record Books for "End of the 4-H Year" judging.

REQUIREMENTS

Awards nomination and application forms must be filled out completely and signed where appropriate. Please read the attached descriptions and requirements carefully. All required paperwork and documentation must be submitted with appropriate applications by the deadline date in order to be eligible for an award. Feel free to call the 4-H Office if you have any questions at (360) 867-2157.

Awards nomination and application forms can be picked up at the 4-H Office or printed off the 4-H website at:

<http://county.wsu.edu/thurston/>

Overview of Thurston County 4-H Awards

Award Description	Award	Open To	Application Process	Judging Criteria
Project Achievement Medals - awarded to the top Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors in each project area	Project theme medal, certificate, and recognition at awards afternoon	Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members enrolled in 4-H project for which applying	Need to complete Record Book and Thurston County Project Achievement Medals Application & Score Sheet	Based on Record Book Score of at least 60% and 4-H activity score
Project Achievement Certificates - awarded to everyone who successfully completes a Record Book	Certificate and recognition at awards afternoon	Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members enrolled in 4-H project for which applying	Need to complete Record Book and Thurston County Project Achievement Medals Application & Score Sheet	Awarded to everyone with 60% or higher Record Book Score that has not received a project medal
Record Book Medal awarded to all who complete and turn in a Record Book	Medal, Certificate, and recognition at awards afternoon	Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members	Need to complete Record Book and Thurston County Project Achievement Medals Application & Score Sheet	Medals and Certificates are awarded to all members who turn in a Record Book for judging
4-H Club Awards awarded to clubs that have shown active involvement in 4-H promotion, community service, public presentations, record books, exhibits, 4-H contests or activities, officer and/or committee positions	Clubs with 7 or more members: 1st Place - \$80 2nd Place - \$60 3rd Place - \$40 Clubs with 6 or fewer members: 1st Place - \$35 2nd Place - \$25 3rd Place - \$15	All 4-H Clubs	Club leader nominates club by completing 4-H Club Award form	Club judged on participation in club activities, 4-H promotion, and community service
Teen Leader of the Year awarded to up to two individuals that have demonstrated outstanding teen leader qualities	\$50.00 check, leadership pin, and recognition at awards afternoon	4-H Teens (8th grade and above)	Nominated by adult volunteer or extension office staff person that submits the Teen Leader of the Year Nomination Form . Teen is interviewed and submits a one-page resume at time of interview	Judged on leadership skills, ability to work with others, attitude, and achievement based on in-person interview
Most Improved 4-H Member - awarded to a 4-H member that has shown outstanding growth in knowledge and 4-H activities	Certificate, special 4-H award, and recognition at awards afternoon	Junior, Intermediate, or Senior members	Nominated by an adult volunteer that submits the Most Improved 4-H Member Nomination Form	Judged on project knowledge, 4-H activities, and achievement

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<p>Extra Mile 4-Her awarded to a member that has shown outstanding 4-H club involvement, leadership, community service, and 4-H activities beyond club work</p>	<p>Certificate, special 4-H award, and recognition at awards afternoon</p>	<p>Junior, Intermediate, or Senior members</p>	<p>Nominated by member, parent, or other adult that submits the <u>Extra Mile 4-Her Nomination Form</u>. Members may be interviewed over the phone or in person to break ties</p>	<p>Judged on 4-H club involvement, leadership, community service, and 4-H activities beyond club work</p>
<p>All Around Exhibitor Award - awarded to 4-H members who demonstrate extraordinary effort in multiple projects and activities exhibited at the Thurston County Fair</p>	<p>Medallion and certificate for top winners, all qualifying members will receive recognition at awards afternoon</p>	<p>Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members</p>	<p>Complete <u>All Around Exhibitor of the Year</u> application form and turn it into the 4-H information booth at the county fair before end of fair</p>	<p>Participation in multiple project areas and activities at the Fair. Confirmation of fair participation will be made with the Fair office</p>
<p>Secretary's Book Award awarded to club secretaries that have done an outstanding job. At the judge's discretion, more than one award can be distributed in each category</p>	<p>1st Place award 2nd Place award 3rd Place award Recognition at awards afternoon</p>	<p>Junior, Intermediate, or Senior members</p>	<p>Submit completed 4-H <u>Secretary's Book</u> - C0240</p>	<p>Judged on neatness, completeness, and clarity</p>
<p>Treasurer's Book Award awarded to club treasurer's that have done an outstanding job. At the judge's discretion, more than one award can be distributed in each category</p>	<p>1st Place award 2nd Place award 3rd Place award Recognition at awards afternoon</p>	<p>Junior, Intermediate, or Senior members</p>	<p>Submit completed monthly Treasurer's Report from C0231 <u>Treasurer's Book</u></p>	<p>Judged on neatness, completeness, accuracy, and clarity</p>
<p>4-H Leader of the Year awarded to an enrolled adult volunteer that has made significant contributions of time and effort to the Thurston County 4-H program.</p>	<p>Plaque and recognition at Achievement Afternoon and recognition at the 4-H Forum, statewide leaders' conference in October during awards banquet. Council provides \$50.00 to cover banquet cost. Also Framed photograph of the Leader of the Year is displayed in the Benoschek building at the fairgrounds.</p>	<p>Any enrolled adult volunteer (i.e. club leader, assistant leader, resource leader, council officer, superintendent)</p>	<p>Nominated by member, parent, or other volunteer by submitting a <u>Leader of the Year</u> nomination form by the July Council meeting each year</p>	<p>Voting by ballot during the Thurston County Fair by peers and teen leaders</p>

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Year Pins - pins are awarded to all members who have been actively involved in their 4-H club and completed the 4-H year	One year-pin per member awarded *Members 8 years and above are recognized at achievement afternoon.	Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members	Clubs need to request and purchase pins from 4-H office. Pins are \$2.00 a piece. Club purchases pins for members 1-7 years, 8 years and above purchased by the 4-H Council	Pins are awarded to all members who have been actively involved in their 4-H club and completed the 4-H year
4-H Family of the Year – awarded to a family that exemplifies the 4-H life style in support of their children, their club, and their community.	Plaque and recognition at Achievement Afternoon	The family of any enrolled 4-H member.	Nominated by adult volunteer or extension office staff person.	Judged on 4-H club involvement, leadership, community service, and 4-H activities beyond club work.
Zoe Cook Scholarship – awarded in honor of Zoe Cook, a 4-H leader who believed in the power of youth to continue personal growth beyond their 4-H projects and make a difference in their community	\$500 is awarded at Achievement Afternoon. Graduating 4-H members that apply for the Zoe Cook Scholarship are also encouraged to pursue applying for the State 4-H scholarships.	Current Thurston County 4-H members who are a graduating high school seniors. Applicants must have accumulated at least 2 years of 4-H affiliation.	Application includes a cover letter, resume, essay and two letters of recommendation. Due July 1 st . Proof of enrollment must be submitted before award is paid.	Applicants are evaluated for outstanding 4-H and Extended Citizenship/Leadership Experience. Winner is notified by mail and recognized at Achievement Afternoon.
Connie Lydon Award – awarded in honor of Connie Lydon, a dedicated 4-H leader who encouraged youth to develop their life skills through still life projects.	A gift is awarded at Achievement Afternoon by the superintendents of the Benoschek building.	Any exhibitors in the Benoschek building	Selected by Benoschek superintendents	Exhibitors are evaluated based on involvement in a variety of still-life projects, points awarded, and outstanding exhibitmanship.

*Sometimes donations are made to the 4-H Council so additional year pins may be purchased and awarded to seven-year members and under. Please check with the 4-H Office about possible donated year pins.

Other Honors and Awards recognized at Achievement Afternoon

(These honors and awards do not require an application or nomination process)

- **New 4-H Club Initiation Ceremony** – first year clubs are recognized and initiated into the 4-H Program
- **4-H Leader Clover Awards** – leaders recognized for their years of service in 5-year increments
- **4-H Council Officer Recognition** – a thank you to our 4-H Council advisory board officers
- **Other Special County Fair Awards not mentioned above**