



**GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**

**4-H COUNCIL AWARDS GUIDELINE**

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### **Mission Statement of the 4-H Awards and Recognition Committee**

Recognition is a tool that 4-H leaders can use to help each 4-H member have a satisfying experience in the 4-H Youth Development Program. The question is – How can recognition be used to encourage desirable growth and development in boys and girls?

First, individual differences must be considered. Some 4-H members find in competition, the incentives for creative thinking and the encouragement to develop talents. Competing with one's past achievements helps the individual develop perspective on his past achievements, when measuring himself against the achievements of others.

For some individuals, measuring their abilities against others may only deepen a sense of inferiority. Others may not be interested in competitive efforts but will see the value of working cooperatively with groups in achieving certain goals.

The 4-H youth development program strives to allow members a variety of learning experiences. Some activities allow members to work in groups, like in a club setting. While other activities, such as contests, allow the work of members to be judged against a standard or against peers.

4-H leaders and parents should evaluate activities on a regular basis to determine if competition and recognition are supporting an educational process. The learning process is always more important than the ribbon, and parents and leaders often need to reinforce the idea.

It is the intent of the 4-H Awards and Recognition Committee to recognize both individuals and groups through a comprehensive award program.

### **STATE 4-H FAIR QUALIFYING**

Unless otherwise specified, results from competitions and exhibits in the 4-H division at the Grays Harbor County Fair will be used in determining eligibility for participation in the WA State 4-H Fair. Use of any other qualifying show must be approved in advance by the Grays Harbor 4-H Council and the 4-H Youth Development Agent.

There are a few classes at the WA State 4-H Fair where there is not a pre-qualification requirement. These classes include 4-H in Action, Geo-Caching Activity, and Creative Kids Exhibits. Please refer to the current State 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide for specifics on these classes.

## **PUBLIC PRESENTATION AWARDS**

### **Commodities**

Annual commodity topics will be announced in the spring by the State 4-H Fair. Presentations must be given at the county fair in August. Additional Guidelines for these presentations are available in the State 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide.

### **Equine**

Three categories are available for Equine project members to compete in the National Equine Presentation Contest. Presentations must be given at the county fair in August. Categories are: Individual Demonstration, Team (two-person) Demonstration, and Individual Public Speech. Time limits and guidelines are available on the State 4-H website and in the State 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide. State winners will represent our state in the national contest in Louisville, Kentucky in November.

### **All Presentations**

Medals, sponsored by the Grays Harbor County Pomona Grange #28, will be presented to all blue ribbon winners in the county contest held in the spring and at the county fair in August. State 4-H Fair allocations will be filled with those competing in the spring contest. Any unfilled allocations will be filled those receiving blue ribbons at the county fair.

## **PROJECT AWARDS**

### **Versatile 4-H Horseman**

Awards, as determined and sponsored by the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council, will be presented to 4-H horse project members who have demonstrated excellence as a diversified 4-H horseman by competing in at least seven different classes and earning no less than six (6) blue ribbons and one (1) red ribbon. To be eligible, a member must enter all classes in Category 1 and three (3) additional classes, which may be chosen from Categories 2-8, with no more than one (1) class in any one category. All items must be completed with the same horse, except when a member enters Halter/Colt Training.

Category 1: Fitting and Showmanship, Herdsmanship, Horse Judging, Record Book and/or Public Presentation. All items to be completed at the county level.

Category 2: Stock Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Equitation, Hunter Seat Equitation, Bareback Equitation.

Category 3: Practical Horsemanship (Trail).

Category 4: Driving (any class), Hunter Hack, Hunter Over Fences, Western/English Riding.

Category 5: Western Pleasure, English Pleasure Hunter Type, English Pleasure Other than Hunter Type.

Category 6: Halter.

Category 7: Western Games (any event).

Category 8: Colt Training.

An application for the Versatile 4-H Horseman Award must be completed by the member. Applications will be available during the county fair and are due to the Horse Superintendent before the end of the county fair.

### **Outstanding 4-H Gaming Award**

The same rules apply at the Versatile 4-H Horseman, however, categories 3-6 will be as follows:

Category 3: Texas Barrels

Category 4: Pole Bending

Category 5: Two Barrel Flag Race

Category 6: Idaho Figure 8 Stake Race

Category 7: Pole Key Race

Category 8: International Flags

### **Fashion Revue Medals**

All blue ribbon winners in the County Fashion Revue will receive medals, compliments of Coats & Clark. The medals will be presented at the 4-H Achievement Program.

## **4-H YEAR PINS**

4-H year pins are sponsored by the Grays Harbor 4-H Council. The year pin is an award earned by the 4-H member for completing the 4-H year.

The member must complete the following seven items to receive a pin:

- Complete the project/projects in which the member is enrolled.
- Attend at least 50% of their club's general and project meetings after enrollment.
- Give a public presentation (at the club or county level).
- Exhibit at a fair or other designated activity.

Pins will be presented to the club at the 4-H Achievement Program, provided the club leader has requested the pins by the second Monday in October.

## **4-H RECORD BOOK AWARDS**

4-H Record Books are due by 5:00 p.m. on the second Monday in October to the County Extension Office, or delivered to the County 4-H Council Meeting that evening. Late books will be severely penalized. Judges will not judge the same division for more than one year.

### **Record Keeping Awards**

All record books will be judged for record keeping skills and will receive a blue, red, white, or no placing. Rosettes may be awarded to the top five books in each age division based on record keeping skills.

### **Project Medals**

Medals are awarded in each project in the 4-H program. Members must designate which three (3) project areas they are pursuing for medals. If not designated, the first three projects in the record book will be considered. Records must reflect the project size, scope, achievement, and knowledge gained. The project achievement score sheet is based 75% upon the project, and 25% on leadership/citizenship activities.

## **PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Cash awards are sponsored and presented by the Grays Harbor 4-H Council to 4-H members who have reached a high level of achievement in a specific 4-H project. Members may designate three projects in which they may compete for achievement awards. The following criteria will be used to select the recipients:

- Participation in a fitting and showing contest/foods activity/fashion revue at the county fair.
- Participation in a "type class" at the county fair or a still-life exhibit for non-animal projects.
- Participation in a judging contest in the same project.
- Participation in a county level public presentation, either in the spring contest or at the county fair. Subject matter to be applicable to the 4-H project.
- Completion of a record book, including the appropriate project.
- Participation in community service (as scored 1-5 in the permanent record in the 4-H record book).

The first five items will be scored with a blue ribbon receiving five points, red ribbons receiving three points, and white ribbons receiving one point. Points will be added together with the total points determining the recipients. Some project areas may not have some of the categories available. Recipients must receive a minimum of 60% of the available points for that project to be considered for a project achievement award. The community service score will be the tie-breaker, if necessary.

The number of cash awards will depend upon the yearly project enrollment totals. Categories and the number of awards available in 2012 were:

- Animal Science – all projects – three available in each age group.
- Arts – all projects – two available in each age group.
- Family Living – all projects – three available in each age group.
- Plant/Mechanic/Environmental Sciences – all projects – one in each age group.
- Social Science – all projects – one in each age group.

## **4-H MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

One boy and one girl in each age group will be selected as "4-H Member of the Year" for Grays Harbor County. The recipients will receive a certificate and cash award. Individuals may be selected one time per age group. Their names will also be engraved on plaques hanging in the County Extension Office. The one page nomination form is due by the second Monday in October.

## **CLUB AWARDS**

### **Chevron Community Pride Award**

Each county may select one club for recognition as the outstanding community pride project in the county. The county winner is eligible for state recognition, where a cash award will be presented to the first place winner. Applications are due September 1. Sponsored by Chevron USA and the WA State 4-H Foundation.

### **Club Publicity Award**

Intended to recognize clubs who promote 4-H in their community and within their club. Cash awards will be presented to the top three clubs in the county. Applications are due by the second Monday of October.

### **Club Membership Building Award**

Intended to recognize clubs who excel in recruiting new 4-H members. Clubs must be enrolled for one complete year before becoming eligible to apply for this award. Cash awards will be presented to the top three clubs in the county. Applications are due by the second Monday of October.

### **Club Community Service Award**

Intended to recognize clubs completing service projects and promoting service learning within their community. Cash awards will be presented to the top three clubs in the county. Applications are due by the second Monday of October.

### **Club Achievement/Club of the Year**

Recognizes the 4-H club with the most complete and balanced program. Submit the Club Program Planning Book and the Club Secretary Book to the County Extension Office by the second Monday of October.

### **Club Secretary Recognition**

All 4-H Club Secretaries who complete and turn in the 4-H Secretary Book to the County Extension Office by the second Monday of October will be recognized at the County 4-H Achievement Program.

### **Club Treasurer Recognition**

All 4-H Club Treasurers who complete and turn in the 4-H Secretary Book to the County Extension Office by the second Monday of October will be recognized at the County 4-H Achievement Program.



## **EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Grays Harbor County 4-H Scholarship**

The Grays Harbor 4-H Council offers an educational scholarship for an amount up to \$500 to be used for continuing education. Applications are available from the County Extension Office and are due in May.

### **WA State 4-H Scholarships**

There are a variety of scholarships available to graduating seniors at the state level. Applications are available on the state 4-H website and are due by March 1.

## **STATE TRIPS**

There are a variety of educational opportunities available for both 4-H members and leaders at both the regional and national level. Specific opportunities are listed on the State 4-H website and includes trips to either the National 4-H Conference in Washington DC, the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta GA, or the Western Regional 4-H Forum. You may also inquire at the County Extension Office about these opportunities.

## **LEADER AND SPONSOR AWARDS**

### **Leader Clover Pins and Certificates**

Pins and/or certificates are awarded for each five years of service as a leader in the 4-H program. Awards are based upon 4-H enrollment information. Pins are sponsored by the Washington State Grange Foundation.

### **County 4-H Leader of the Year**

One leader will be selected as Grays Harbor's "4-H Leader of the Year". The one page nomination form is available at the County Extension Office and is due by August 15<sup>th</sup>. The selection will be based on involvement in the county 4-H program (50%) and involvement with their local 4-H club and project areas (50%). The leader of the year will receive a cash award from the County 4-H Council and will be recognized at the WA State 4-H Forum.

### **Meritorious Service Award**

This award is to recognize an individual and/or couple for their distinguished service to the Grays Harbor County 4-H Program. Anyone can nominate an individual/couple by writing a letter to the 4-H Awards Committee and delivering it to the County Extension Office by the second Monday of October. Letters should be no more than one page in length. Selection will be made by the 4-H Awards Committee.

### **Friend of 4-H Award**

This award is to recognize groups, businesses, civic organizations, etc. for their distinguished service to the Grays Harbor County 4-H Program. Anyone can nominate an individual/couple by writing a letter to the 4-H Awards Committee and delivering it to the County Extension Office by the second Monday of October. Letters should be no more than one page in length. Selection will be made by the 4-H Awards Committee.

## **STATE AWARDS**

Please refer to the State 4-H website for information on the following awards: WA State 4-H Alumni Award, WA State Friend of 4-H Award, WA State Volunteer Excellence Award, the Heather Rider Award, and other awards which may be available.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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## Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development Program Leader of the Year Nomination Form

*One leader will be selected as Grays Harbor's "4-H Leader of the Year". The one page nomination form is available at the County Extension Office and is due by August 15<sup>th</sup>. The selection will be based on involvement in the county 4-H program (50%) and involvement with their local 4-H club and project areas (50%). The leader of the year will receive a cash award from the Grays Harbor County 4-H Council and will be recognized at the WA State 4-H Forum.*

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Name of Nominated 4-H Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Years as a Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

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Person Making Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please list only current 4-H year information)

Describe the leader's accomplishments at the project or club levels of the 4-H Youth Development Program:

Describe the leader's accomplishments at the county or state levels of the 4-H Youth Development Program:

(Please complete back page)

What is this leader's involvement with the county 4-H Council?

What has this leader done to inspire 4-H members?

What other youth programs is this leader involved in? To what extent are they involved in these programs?

**NOMINATION FORMS ARE DUE BY 5 PM AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> TO:**

WSU Extension Grays Harbor

Attn: 4-H Program

PO Box 3018

Elma, WA 98541

## Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development Program Member of the Year Nomination Form

*One boy and one girl in each age group will be selected as "4-H Member of the Year" for Grays Harbor County. The recipients will receive a certificate and cash award. Individuals may be selected one time per age group. Their names will also be engraved on plaques hanging in the County Extension Office. The one page nomination form is due on the second Monday in October.*

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Name of Nominated 4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_ Senior

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Person Making Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

.....  
(Please list only current 4-H year information)

Describe the member's accomplishments at the project or club levels of the 4-H Youth Development Program:

Describe the member's accomplishments at the county or state levels of the 4-H Youth Development Program:

(Please complete back page)

What type of leadership has the member contributed within the 4-H Program?

What type of citizenship and community service has the member contributed?

What other organizations is the member involved in? To what extent are they involved in these organizations?

**NOMINATION FORMS DUE BY 5 PM ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER TO:**

WSU Extension Grays Harbor

Attn: 4-H Program

PO Box 3018

Elma, WA 98541

**GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY 4-H CLUBS  
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Club Leader \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this contest is to encourage the efforts of 4-H Clubs in the area of Community Service. It is intended to recognize those clubs for reaching out to the community and establishing a leadership role. This contest gives 4-H members an opportunity to practice citizenship by showing concern for the community they live in.

Number of 4-H Club Members \_\_\_\_\_

Number of 4-H Club Members Involved in Community Service Projects \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Non-Members Who Helped in Projects \_\_\_\_\_

Total Hours Given by 4-H Members \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Members \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe the size and scope of the one MAJOR project for this year (may include how the project was selected, why selected, publicity efforts, etc.):

2. List any other community service projects your club worked on in the past year and give a brief description of each project:
3. List any organizations, agencies, or other groups that helped with the project and what they did to assist you with your projects:
4. List the types of information provided to the community on the projects (radio, television, newspaper articles, posters, meeting reports, etc.):

This form and any supplemental information (samples of 4-H publicity material used by the club, posters, news clippings, news releases, etc.) are due in the County Extension Office by October 1. The club scrapbook may be used as a substitute for the supplemental information.



**GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY 4-H CLUBS  
MEMBERSHIP BUILDING AWARD**

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Club President \_\_\_\_\_ Club Leader \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this contest is to encourage the efforts of the 4-H Clubs in reaching out to new members. It is intended to recognize those clubs which put forth an outstanding effort in promoting the 4-H Youth Development Program and building an active membership.

1. Growth in Membership over Previous Year:

- A. Number of members enrolled in club on  
9/30 of preceding year \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Number of new members 10/1 of preceding  
year to 9/30 of current year + \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Transfers from other clubs \_\_\_\_\_
- b. New to the 4-H program \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Number of members lost from last year - \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Number graduating from 4-H \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Number moving from your area \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Number losing interest in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Total membership on 9/30 of current year = \_\_\_\_\_

2. Average attendance at club meetings in the past year  
(minimum six meetings held): \_\_\_\_\_

3. List any new project series in which your club members enrolled this year that you didn't have in the previous year.
4. In what county 4-H promotional activities did your club participate in during the past year:
5. List the activities you did to promote 4-H in your community:
6. List the county and club activities that your new members participated in during the past year:

This form and any supplemental information (samples of 4-H publicity material used by the club, posters, news clippings, new releases, etc.) are due to the County Extension Office by October 1. The club scrapbook may be used as a substitute for the supplemental information.

**GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY 4-H CLUBS  
PUBLICITY AWARD**

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Club Reporter \_\_\_\_\_ Club Leader \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this contest is to encourage the efforts of the 4-H Club Reporter. It is intended to recognize those clubs and reporters that are assisting in publicizing the events and activities of their own 4-H club.

1. What outside media sources do you use in publicizing your 4-H club activities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How do you publicize your 4-H activities within your club?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How often do you publicize your 4-H club's activities?

This form and any supplemental information (samples of 4-H publicity material used by the club, posters, news clippings, news releases, etc.) are due in the County Extension Office by October 1. The club scrapbook may be used as a substitute for the supplemental information.

## Grays Harbor County 4-H Award Checklist

To apply for any of the awards listed below, please fill out the form and attach this checklist to the appropriate record book(s) when submitting for review.

Individual members can choose to apply for awards based on their recordbook overall or on project achievement. Please check one or both boxes to be considered for review.

☐ **Record Book** - These awards are based on a member's recordkeeping skills.

☐ **Project Achievement** - These awards are based upon a member's participation in: record books, public presentations, judging contests, community service, fit/show or similar activity, and fair exhibit (type/riding class).

Please list the projects that should be considered for review, such as: horse, crafts, foods, etc.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Clubs can choose to apply for awards, which will be evaluated based on the combination of the Club Secretary's Book and Program Planning Book.

☐ **Club Community Service** - This award is evaluated based on: service projects, coordination with other organizations, and publicity of projects.

☐ **Club Membership Building** - This award is evaluated based on: membership growth over the previous year, attendance at club meetings, projects of new members, participation in 4-H promotional activities, 4-H promotion in the community, and activity of new members.

☐ **Club Publicity** - This award is evaluated based on: publicity outside of the club, publicity within the club, and the frequency of publicity.