



4-H

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

Chelan/Douglas 4-H Youth Development

**4-H Independent Membership Guidelines and Agreement
Due upon enrollment or re-enrollment.**

While the 4-H club provides a wonderful small group learning environment for the positive development of young people, it is not the only way to become a 4-H member. Independent membership is another option. Independent 4-H members participate in planned learning outside of a club setting. Their work is self-directed with guidance and support of parents and mentors. Self-study, home study, mentoring or shadowing with an "expert", and whole families learning together are examples of 4-H independent membership.

To ensure that young people choosing independent membership have a 4-H experience of the highest quality they are asked to sign an agreement indicating their commitment to:

I am desiring Independent Membership in the _____ County 4-H Youth Development Program, and I agree to:

1. Work with _____, my adult mentor who will guide and support me in my project work. My mentor, if not parent, will need to complete the official 4-H Volunteer Screening Process, my mentor is recognized by 4-H as a volunteer in good standing, and has agreed to assume the responsibilities of 4-H mentorship. If a parent is the mentor, they must be a leader in good standing.
2. Complete one or more community service projects during the year.
3. Youth, age 11 and over, should complete one or more leadership activities at the county level. These include Super Saturday, Achievement Night, County Demo Days, County/State Fairs, etc...
4. Publicly demonstrate my learning by giving a presentation before a group.
5. Meet with my mentor six or more times throughout the year to discuss and show project work and progress in project manuals.
6. Submit to my mentor the Chelan/Douglas County 4-H Record Book and project records.
7. Abide by all county, state and national 4-H policies.
8. Ensure that my family does our part to contribute to the larger 4-H program by: actively participating in county and state fundraising efforts; keeping informed and up-to-date on opportunities, guidelines and requirements; reading and responding to correspondence; and volunteering to lead or assist with 4-H committees, events and activities
9. Optional awards program available from the Chelan/Douglas County 4-H office.

Printed Name of Member

Date

Signature of Member

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Mentor

Date

Focus/Theme: _____ Service Project(s): _____

Goals for year:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Independent 4-H Program Calendar

Month	"Meeting" Plans or Activity Description	Educational Focus
October		
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		