AUDRAIN COUNTY AWARDS PROGRAM

The awards and incentives program in 4-H as a whole and in Audrain County has a variety of purposes and goals.

- Recognize achievement by individual members for overall 4-H work and personal development.
- Provide incentives for further participation and goal setting.
- Encourage development of sound personal and financial record keeping skills.
- Serve as tangible milestones in a personal goal setting and the goal achievement process.
- Recognize top members, where appropriate, in specific and competitive events.
- Create public awareness of the 4-H Youth Programs.

All of the award categories and programs in Audrain County award “package” are designed to satisfy several of these purposes. No one award can cover them all. It is the goal of the 4-H Council and award committee to develop and maintain a healthy mix of award and recognition categories that has room in which any 4-H member can, if they choose, excel and have their accomplishments acknowledged. Of course, no single award type or award category is best for everyone.

All county awards are available to 4-H members who are at least eight years old as of January 1st of the 4-H program year and have not passed their 19th birthday as of January 1st.

**Project Record Forms:**
The project record form ideally is started at the beginning of the 4-H year to help project members think through and capture their project goals. The form can then be used throughout the year to keep record of goal accomplishments and experiences. Members that would like to earn a project disc for completed projects must submit a completed form for each project.

DUE: First Friday of September – to the Extension Office.

**The County 4-H Achievement Summary:**
The County 4-H Achievement Summary will be the most heavily utilized means of selecting county awards. Though it may tend to take a few hours to complete, at least the first couple of times, the potential benefits are great.

The Achievement Summary is designed so that a member can summarize the major points and learning opportunities that have occurred the past few years of a member’s 4-H work.

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Questions:
- **Does everyone that turns in an Achievement Summary get an award?**
  Yes, participation recognition at least. 4-H members that take the initiative to complete a Summary deserve some form of recognition.
- **Do I have to submit an Achievement Summary to receive a member year disc?**
  No, all members that complete the year will receive a member year disc.

**Missouri 4-H State Excellence Awards**
Members may choose to submit a State Recognition Form for the opportunity to receive regional and state awards.
- **Level 1 (8-10 years old):** Up to 5 regional winners will receive a certificate and $50 scholarship towards a 4-H camping experience.
- **Level 2 (11-13 years old):** Up to 3 regional winners will receive a scholarship to attend State 4-H Teen Conference or State 4-H Congress.
- **Level 3 (14-18 years old):** Applicants have the opportunity to apply to be selected as a delegate at National 4-H Congress held in Atlanta, GA.

DUE: Second Friday of September
Forms and additional information: [http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/awards/competition.htm](http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/awards/competition.htm)
COUNTY AWARDS AVAILABLE THAT ARE BASED ON THE ACHIEVEMENT SUMMARY

1. **COUNTY RECOGNITION DISKS**
   County recognition disks will be presented to members submitting the Achievement Form in each project area if they are determined to be deserving by the judging committee. A member does NOT have to complete a different form for each of these award areas. The reviewing committee will evaluate each record on its content. In addition, comments pertaining to format, penmanship and other items will be solicited. Those members submitting a Project Record form and/or an Achievement Summary may receive a county award disk if they show strength and growth in the project area.

2. **FIRST YEAR MEMBER AWARD**: Six awards are presented to the top 4-H members who are enrolled in their first year of 4-H. Any age (8-18) are eligible. Apply with a County Achievement Summary.

3. **OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBER**: 9-10 years old, 11-13 years old, & 14-18 years old. Two awards will be presented for each age division. Apply with a Member Award Application.

4. **OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARDS** will be given in the following projects. To be eligible, members must have been enrolled in the project during the program year and submit a County Achievement Summary with the project included in Section C.
   a. **Foods**: A junior and senior project member will be recognized in a foods project.
   b. **Horticulture**
   c. **Dudley Clothing Award**
   d. **Davis Wood Science Award**
   e. **Garret Welschmeyer Shooting Sports Award**
   f. **Welding**: Must have completed a Welding project and submit a Member Award Application in Welding.
   g. **Hoffman Memorial Livestock Awards**: Two awards will be given in each species for the top ranking Junior and Senior Award Application. May be won only once at each level.
   h. **Cake Decorating**
   i. **Scrapbooking**
   j. **Photography**
   k. **Arts & Crafts**
   l. Additional awards may be handed out based on member summary forms and accomplishments

5. **I DARE YOU** goes to a high school aged 4-H member that demonstrates strong personal character and is dedicated to setting and striving for high personal goals. This award is based upon the County Achievement Summary

6. **MISSOURI KEY AWARD**: eligible members are 14-18 years old on January 1 of the current 4-H program year.
   a. Visit with your 4-H Youth Development Specialist early in the 4-H year, to make plans for the coming year.
   b. Select an adult mentor who will support your work and help document your efforts.
   c. When you and your mentor agree that you have completed at least one section (e.g. Leadership), fill out Section A of the Missouri 4-H Key Award Application. Submit the section and your documentation to the Extension Office by the First Friday of September.
   d. Upon completion of all four major criteria sections, the member will receive the Missouri 4-H Key Award and the mentor will receive a pin.