



**Illinois 4-H Recognition for Excellence Program At-A-Glance**  
 Revised May 2009

Model Component	Club		Member	
	Requirement	Award	Requirement	Award
Participation	Officially enrolled as a 4-H club or group	<b>As new club:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club Charter (W90227) or Cloverbud Charter (W90227B)</li> <li>• Flag Set (W90228)</li> <li>• Club Charter Seal (W90227a)</li> </ul>	1. Completed enrollment	New Members: Membership Folder
			2. Participation throughout the year	Certificate of Participation (W90110)
	Presentation of Scrapbook and/or Banner at the County Fair	Certificate of Participation awarded for each	3. Completion of 1, 5, 10 <sup>th</sup> year	1, 5, 10 Year Pin
			4. Completion of last year of eligibility	Alumni Pin
Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit Club Program/Goals by December 1 of current year</li> <li>• Report status of club goals in August of current year</li> </ul>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> year:</b> Progress Award Patch (W90229) and Year Patch (W90239b) <b>Each year following:</b> Year Patch (W90239b) <b>Each Year:</b> Certificate of Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check to see that member met project goals s/he determined at the beginning of the year</li> <li>• Planning tools available by age               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Age 8-11 – Planning for my Project Work (R90311)</li> <li>○ Ages 12-14 – Illinois Project Plan (R90312)</li> <li>○ Ages 15-18 – Illinois Advanced Project Plan (R90313)</li> <li>○ All members – My 4-H Activities (R90314)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> year:</b> Certificate of Progress (W90139) and an Award Seal (W90139a) <b>Each Year Following:</b> Award Seal (W90139a)
Standards	1. <b>Window Display</b> for National 4-H Week	Ribbon awarded (Blue, red, white)	1. <b>Project Standards</b> Exhibit project and participate in conference judging (project evaluated on its own merit, not in competition with peers)	Ribbons awarded Blue=project met standards Red=project needs some improvement White=project needs much improvement
	2. <b>Standards of Excellence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set club program and goals (as above) in accordance with Standards</li> <li>• Submit completed IL 4-H Standards of Excellence for 4-H Groups (90230) to Extension office in September – Must meet 11 of 14 standards</li> </ul>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year:</b> Award of Excellence Patch (W90239a) and Year patch (W90230b) <b>Each year following:</b> Year patch (W90230b) <b>Each Year:</b> Certificate of Merit	2. <b>Performance Standards</b> Met standards defined for their age group. See 4-H Member Performance Standards of Excellence for details.	Varies with age
			2A. Project Achievement 8-11 y/o	Project Achievement Certificate and Pin
			2B. Service Achievement 12-14 y/o	Service Achievement Certificate and Pin

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				2C. Leadership Achievement 15-18 y/o
Competition	<b>Club/Group Award</b> State recognition - Submit Club/Group Award Application (90231) to County office by August 1 of current year and it will be forwarded to State 4-H office Curriculum areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Community Involvement &amp; Global Awareness</li> <li>• Environment &amp; Natural Resources</li> <li>• Food, Nutrition &amp; Health</li> <li>• Home &amp; Family</li> <li>• Mechanics &amp; Technology</li> <li>• Personal Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 State 4-H Winner Patches awarded in curriculum areas</li> <li>• Winning club/groups may send delegation to 4-H day activities, i.e. U of I Fighting Illini football game</li> </ul>	<b>1. Project Exhibits</b> Participate in county exhibit events	Class Champion Reserve Champion Champion Premium monies may also be awarded
			<b>2. County Project Awards</b> Complete IL 4-H Award Application	<b>1<sup>st</sup> year:</b> Medal of Honor is awarded for specific curriculum area <b>Each year following:</b> County Blue Award Certificates
			<b>3. Illinois 4-H Awards</b> Complete IL 4-H Award Application, interview 15 -18 y/o	Trip to National 4-H Congress
			<b>4. I Dare You Award</b> Submit Nomination Form 15-18 y/o	Certificate and Book, Scholarship to Camp
			<b>5. 4-H Premier LCP Awards</b> (Leadership, Citizenship, Professionalism) Application and letters of recommendation 17 y/o by December 1	Top 5 – awarded presented at 4-H Leadership Convention Top 10 – expense paid trip to Young Leaders Conference
			<b>6. Electricity Achievement</b> Application form	Plaque
			<b>7. ISVMA Veterinary Science Award</b> Application	Award presented at Auxiliary's annual meeting usually in February
			<b>8. Outstanding Historian, Secretary, and Treasurer</b> Submit respective documentation	Award varies each year
			<b>9. IL Dairy Production Award</b>	Certificate and Trip to National Dairy Conference
			<b>10. 4-H Key Award</b> Application 16-18 y/o	Recognized at the Illini Summer Academy Celebration Banquet in June

**Recognition for 4-H Leadership**

Junior Leaders (4-H members): 1<sup>st</sup> Year: Junior Leadership Pin; Each year following: Junior Leader Certificate (90201)  
 Adult Leaders: Special Certificates and Pins are available for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 years of service

**Recognition for Alumni**

County Awards: Gold-plated Medal of Honor  
 State Awards: State 4-H Alumni Award