

# Columbia County 4-H Self-Achievement Award

1. 4-H members 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older are eligible to apply for these recognition awards.
2. Ask your General Leader or the Extension Office for application forms.
3. The deadline for application is when the record books are due at the county level.
4. A member is not required to have earned previous levels of recognition in order to earn any other level as long as they meet the requirements.
5. A member is not required to earn a recognition award every year, however, requirements for recognition must be met during the current 4-H year in which the member wants to be recognized.
6. Only one (1) Achievement Award may be received in any given year.
7. A member may receive the Clover Award one time.
8. Awards will be as follows:

*Clover Award Disc*

*Emerald Award Disc*

*Sapphire Award Disc*

*Ruby Award Disc*

*Diamond Award Disc & \$25 Award*

\* *Activity/Event Options may not be used two (2) years in a row.*

\* *Applications are due to your General Leader when your Club Record Books are due.*

# Clover Achievement

*\* All items must be completed during the current 4-H year.*

Members must have been enrolled in 4-H at least one (1) year and should complete the following minimum requirements.

1. Attend 50% or more of your 4-H club meetings.
2. Attend one (1) county-wide event (other than the fair).
3. Turn your 4-H record book in to your General Leader.

# Emerald Achievement

*\* All items must be completed during the current 4-H year.*

Members must have been enrolled in 4-H at least one (1) year and should complete the following minimum requirements.

1. Attend 50% or more of your 4-H club meetings.
2. Give a demonstration or talk at a 4-H club meeting (not project meeting).
3. Turn your 4-H record book in to your General Leader.
4. Participate in two (2) county-wide or regional events (other than the fair). Participation means actually taking part, exhibiting, presenting, or doing something positive in the event, not merely attending.
5. Choose and complete two (2) activity/events from the list of activity/event options. (May not be the same events/activities as 1-4 above). Must be different from those used in the prior year for any level.

# Sapphire Achievement

*\* All items must be completed during the current 4-H year.*

Members must have been enrolled in 4-H at least two (2) years and should complete the following minimum requirements.

1. Attend 50% or more of your 4-H club meetings.
2. Give a demonstration or talk at a 4-H club meeting (not project meeting).
3. Turn your 4-H record book in to your General Leader.
4. Serve as chair or active participant of a 4-H club committee. Name the committee and tell about your role.
5. Participate in a county demonstration, speech or judging contest. Participation means actually taking part, exhibiting, presenting, or doing something positive in the event, not merely attending.
6. Choose and complete five (5) activity/events from the list of activity/event options. (May not be the same events/activities as 1-5 above). Must be different from those used in the prior year for any level.

# Ruby Achievement

*\* All items must be completed during the current 4-H year.*

Members must have been enrolled in 4-H at least three (3) years and should complete the following minimum requirements:

1. Attend 50% or more of your 4-H club meetings.
2. Give a demonstration or talk at a 4-H club meeting (not project meeting).
3. Turn your 4-H record book in to your General Leader.
4. Assume leadership in one (1) or more club events such as chairman or active participant of a committee.
5. Participate in a county demonstration, speech, or judging contest. Participation means actually taking part, exhibiting, presenting, or doing something positive in the event, not merely attending.
6. Enroll and participate in the leadership project in the year during which you are applying for this recognition.
7. Help two (2) or more new or younger members during the year in which you are applying for this recognition.
8. Choose and complete eight (8) activity/events from the list of activity/event options. (May not be the same events/activities as 1-7 above). Must be different from those used in the prior year for any level.

# Diamond Achievement

*\* All items must be completed during the current 4-H year.*

Members must have been enrolled in 4-H at least four (4) years and should complete the following minimum requirements. The Diamond Achievement level is a special award for outstanding 4-H members. The maintenance of high standards for the Diamond Achievement makes it special. To be eligible for the diamond achievement level, members must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Attend 50% or more of your 4-H club meetings.
2. Give a demonstration or talk at a 4-H club meeting (not project meeting).
3. Turn your 4-H record book in to your General Leader.
4. Assume leadership in one (1) or more club events such as chairperson or active participant of a committee.
5. Participate in a county demonstration, speech or judging contest. Participation means actually taking part, exhibiting, presenting or doing something positive in the event, not merely attending.
6. Organize and implement a community service on behalf of 4-H at the community, county or state level. You will need to explain the service, what was done, how you helped, your leadership role, and what was accomplished. (Service must have been organized by the member and showing their leadership role; member may recruit others to complete the project).
7. Choose and complete twelve (12) activity/event options from the list of activity/event options. At least two (2) of these options must be new ones not completed before for a previous achievement award. (May not be the same as 1-6 above).

## **ACTIVITY/EVENT OPTIONS**

*\* Options may not be used two years in a row.*

*\* Any numbers skipped are items deleted from previous years.*

### **Club**

- 1A. Assist your General Leader with year-long preparation (making family books, etc). Tell how you helped and what you did.
- 2A. Share knowledge and/or experiences with another 4-H club.
- 3A. Serve as an officer in your 4-H club. Office you held.
- 4A. Serve as acting, assistant or additional project leader to promote a specific project or event in the club. Tell what you did, how you served.
- 5A. Be an assistant leader or leader for the Cloverbuds in your 4-H club. Write a detailed explanation of your part in planning for and helping with their Cloverbud work. Tell how you helped and what you did.
- 6A. Actively participate in a club community service project. Tell what you did.
- 7A. ~~Participated in "Buddy Club" activity with your club and your "Buddy Club".~~

### **County**

- 1B. Present a talk, demonstration or speech at your county 4-H speech demonstration contest. List title(s) and give date(s).
- 2B. Participate in a county 4-H event such as a judging contest, county-wide training/educational workshop/show/event. List type of event, type of participation and date participated.
- 3B. Serve as a 4-H Ambassador. Give year and type of participation.
- 4B. Outstanding service to 4-H through group activity such as promotion of 4-H work through civic or school groups, talks, window displays, exhibits, correlation with church, promotion of National 4-H Week, special work with service or humanitarian groups in the name of 4-H. Tell what was done and tell how the service was organized and accomplished.
- 5B. Exceptional loyalty to 4-H work as evidenced by long standing membership (8-10 years), remaining active in 4-H for the maximum time, encouraging 4-H work beyond the community. Tell what was done or attach a statement made by another person on your behalf.
- 6B. Participate as a Youth Leader Council member. Tell what you did.
- 7B. Participate as an exhibitor at a county/community fair.
- 8B. Serve on a county-wide committee listed on the fall sign up sheet or designated by the 4-H Leaders' Association during the year.
- 9B. Facilitate (plan, advertise, contact speaker, etc.) a county-wide project workshop. Member must be in attendance.
- 10B. Participate/exhibit fashion revue/show.
- 11B. Develop a self-determined project of your own choosing. Describe project, goals, and accomplishments.
- 12B. Attend county 4-H Camp.
- 13B. Staff the 4-H Promotion Booth/Ag Promotion Tent at the fair.
- 14B. Participate in the Columbia County 4-H Drama Festival.

*("County Activity/Event Options" continued on next page)*

- 15B. Member of a County Judging Team (Meats, Livestock, Dairy).
- 16B. Win an award at the Columbia County Land and Water Conservation speaking contest.
- 17B. Participate/exhibit foods revue.
- 18B. Participate in the Columbia County Music Festival.
- 19B. Develop an independent study in a project you are currently enrolled in. (study/work outside of available project literature.)
- 20B. Placed in top 5 of showmanship, at a fair, in any species.
- 21B. Complete an MES form (only use if no award was given).
- 22B. Attend Officer Training Workshop.
- 23B. Attend Family Day of Learning. Tell what sessions you attended.
- 24B. Participate in a county-wide, organized community service project. Tell what you did.
- 25B. Cloverbud Judge.

### **District/State/National**

*\* You may use two of these as activity/event options in any one (1) year.*

- 1C. Participate in a district or regional event such as a judging contest, Rec Lab, Youth Leadership Forum or Area Animal Science Days during the current 4-H year. List type of event, type of participation and date of participation.
- 2C. Participate in a national event. List event and dates of attendance.
  - a. National 4-H Congress
  - b. National 4-H Conference
  - c. World Beef Expo
  - d. World Dairy Expo
  - e. World Pork Days
  - f. Member of Wisconsin Showcase Singers
  - g. Attend a District or State 4-H Workshop
  - h. Participate in "Make it Yourself with Wool" Contest
  - i. Other
- 3C. Member of a collegiate 4-H club. Give name of club, college, and year.
- 4C. Participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders' Forum. Give location, dates and type of involvement.
- 5C. Serve on a district or state 4-H committee. Give name of committee, your role and the dates of service.
- 6C. Participate in a Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Grant program. Describe your role and the dates of participation.
- 7C. Selected as a participant to represent Wisconsin 4-H at a National Competition.
- 8C. Participate in a District or Statewide camp.
- 9C. Active participant at the State Fair (Showing, Action Center, Moo Booth, etc.)
- 10C. ~~Active member of Southern District Leadership Team (SDLT). Describe what you did.~~
- 11C. Participate at 4-H Youth Conference as an Ambassador or on a team. Name role and describe.
- 12C. Serve in a leadership role for a district or state 4-H camp. List dates, camp and role.

## **Trips/Awards**

- 1D. Be named a county record book winner in one (1) project area. List year named.
- 2D. Delegate to 4-H and Youth Conference. List date and type of participation.
- 3D. Chicago Daze. List date and type of participation.
- 4D. Delegate to the Citizenship-Washington Focus trip to Washington D.C. List dates of attendance.
- 5D.
- 6D. Receive a merit at State Fair. List item and category of exhibit.
- 7D. National Congress. List date and type of participation.
- 8D. Assist your family to serve as a host to an IFYE delegate. Name of IFYE and year you served as a host family.
- 9D. Assist your family to serve as a host for a LABO student or participate in the LABO exchange. Name of LABO student and year you served as a host family or name of your host family and year of participation.
- 10D. Receive a merit award at a county fair. List date, fair and project area rewarded.
- 11D. ~~Receive an Above & Beyond Recognition.~~
- 12D. Receive a top award at the County Demonstration Contest, Communication Arts Festival, 4-H Music Festival, 4-H Drama Festival or Foods Revue.
- 13D. Receive a Columbia County Overall Outstanding 4-H Performance Award.
- 14D. Receive a 4-H Key Award.

## **Leadership**

- 1E. Use your 4-H background to develop other leadership roles in the community such as leading a station at basketball camp, junior hunter education, certification as a lifeguard, etc.
- 2E. Assist in organizing a new 4-H club. Write a detailed explanation of your part in planning for and helping with the organization of the new club. Tell how you helped and what you did.
- 3E. Share the responsibility of planning and conducting county-wide activities, contests, judging events, clinics, speech and demonstration contests, or others. Tell what you did and give some details.
- 4E. Present (teach) a county-wide project workshop for youth enrolled in that project.
- 5E. Serve as County 4-H Camp counselor.
- 6E. Plan and carry out a workshop for 4-H Cloverbud Camp.
- 7E. Present a workshop at 4-H Family Day of Learning.
- 8E. Plan and organize a dairy promotion activity.

