

Columbia County 4-H Club and Committee Achievement Program

Required as part of the Club/Committee Charter Process

Completed forms are due with Club Form September 1st each year.

Recognition will be given at county-wide Awards Program.

Background

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- The club program plans are age-appropriate

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- Guidelines for Maintaining a 4-H Club Charter/Club in Good Standing
- The Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development
- Life Skills Developed Through 4-H

Using the Club/Committee Achievement Program

Use the Club and Committee Achievement Program as a tool when you complete your Charter SMART goals and club/committee calendar for the year.

Place a check mark by the items you plan to accomplish and include them in your club/committee calendar.

Clubs and committees may create your own goals in sections 2 – 5.

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Recognition

Green Clover Seal (16 minimum requirements in section 1) and certificate – Total 16 points – **Required** of each chartered club/committee annually

A club/committee may also earn a higher level charter seal by completing additional goals in Sections 2 – 5. One point will be awarded for each item completed.

A club/committee will remain in Good Standing and maintain their Charter by completing the sixteen (16) requirements in Section 1 by the end of the year. One point will be awarded for each item completed.

Blue Charter Seal, certificate and \$25.00 Award - Total of 35 points
(16 minimum requirements in Section 1 plus 19 from sections 2 – 5)

Gold Charter Seal, certificate and \$50.00 Award – Total of 50 points
(16 minimum requirements in Section 1 plus 34 from sections 2 – 5)

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- Youth Adult Partnerships



Belonging: youth need to acquire social, sharing, and communication skills. They need to feel like they are safe, welcomed, and invited. They need to build positive relationships with adults and other youth.

Mastery: youth need to learn life skills and to be engaged in experiential and challenging learning.

Independence: youth need to learn things about self-discipline, decision-making and how to make choices, and to explore possibilities for their future.

Generosity: youth need to learn empathy, concern for others, and the values of community service and volunteering. 4-H is known for young people who contribute, no matter what age.



4-H Life Skill Development

Life skills are a basic foundation that prepare youth for success in life. The goal is that every youth possess the necessary life skills to succeed and lead a productive life.

HEAD: Knowledge, Reasoning and Creativity Competencies

Thinking: Using one's mind to form ideas and make decisions; to imaging, to examine carefully in the mind, to consider.

Managing: using resources to accomplish a purpose.

HEART: Personal/Social Competencies

Relating: establishing a mutual or reciprocal connection between two people that is wholesome and meaningful to both.

Caring: showing understanding, kindness, concern and affection for others.

HANDS: Vocational/Citizenship Competencies

Giving: Providing, supplying or causing to happen (social responsibility)

Working: Accomplishing something or earning pay to support oneself through physical or mental effort.

HEALTH: Health/Physical Competencies

Living: Acting or behaving; the manner or style of daily life.

Being: living one's live; pursuing one's basic nature; involved in personal development.

Thinking

- Learning to learn
- Decision-making
- Problem solving
- Critical Thinking
- Service Learning
- Managing**
- Goal Setting
- Planning/organizing
- Wise Use of resources
- Keeping Records

Relating

- Communications
- Cooperation
- Social Skills
- Conflict Resolution
- Accepting differences
- Caring**
- Concern for others
- Empathy
- Sharing
- Nurturing relationships

Giving

- Community Service-volunteering
- Leadership
- Responsible
- Contribution to group
- Working**
- Marketable/useful skills
- Teamwork
- Self-motivation

Living

- Healthy life-style choices
- Stress Management
- Disease Prevention
- Personal Safety
- Being**
- Self Esteem
- Self-Responsibility
- Character
- Managing feelings
- Self-Discipline

Club Name: _____

4-H Year: _____

Planned	Section 1: Minimum Requirements	Completed
	1. Club/committee made progress on Charter Goals during the year.	
	2. Have at least five (5) members consisting of three (3) families.	
	3. Approved adult leadership who has completed the UW-Extension Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) Youth Protection Process.	
	4. One or more leader(s) attended the Annual Volunteer Leader Team Training.	
	5. Meets on a continuing basis.	
	6. Open to any youth eligible for 4-H membership regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, pregnancy and marital or parental status.	
	7. Mastery: Educational plan involving business, community service, education and recreation, socialization, which meets the purposes of the 4-H program.	
	8. Generosity: Youth have opportunities to contribute through community service.	
	9. Independence: Youth involvement in leadership and decision-making.	
	10. Belonging: Youth and adults create a welcoming environment for all members and families.	
	11. Club/committee families fulfill their shift in the Eat Stand. (Chartered committees - optional)	
	12. Club/committee representative attended a minimum of four (4) Leader's Council Meetings.	
	13. Club/committee develops a club calendar of events.	
	14. Club/committee elects officers.	
	15. Club/committee completed the financial audit and turns in Charter paperwork.	
	16. Includes the 4-H pledge at meetings and gatherings.	
Planned	Section 2: Club/Committee Membership	Completed
	17. Club holds a minimum of ten (10) business and/or non-business meetings. Head Mastery	
	18. Club members attend at least 70% of club/committee/committee meetings. Heart Hands Mastery	
	19. Club/committee enrollment is the same or increased from last year. Heart Head Belonging	
	20. Club/committee offers an Open House/Recruitment Event. Heart Belonging	
	21. Club provides New Family/Member Enrollment or Orientation Meeting. Heart Belonging	
	22. Club/committee officers attend County Officer Training Meeting or are trained by the Club/committee/committee. Head Heart Mastery	

Planned		Completed
	23. Club/committee holds organizational and planning meeting with officers. Head Heart Hands Mastery	
	24. Club/committee officers are primarily responsible for conducting the meetings. Head Heart Hands Mastery	
	25. Club/committee greets and introduces all guests at 4-H meetings. Heart Belonging	
	26. Club/committee makes personal contact with first year members during the first three (3) months of the program year. Heart Belonging	
	27. Club/committee delivers at least two (2) newsletters or other communications for members during the 4-H year. Heart Belonging	
	28. 50% of total members (Cloverbud included) complete a record book. Head Mastery	
	29. Club/committee officers complete officer record books. Head Mastery	
	30. Other: Please describe:	
Planned	Section 3: Club/Committee Program	Completed
	31. Club activities planned and dated on calendar well in advance and copies provided to each family. Head Heart Belonging	
	32. Club/committee members serve on each committee. Head Heart Hands Health Belonging Mastery Independence Generosity	
	33. Club/committee members (at least 80%) participate in a communication activity: demonstration, EXPO, speech, illustrated talk, Communication Arts, at a meeting. Heart Mastery Independence	
	34. Club members participate in a drama or musical presentation at a meeting. Head Heart Hands Belonging Mastery Independence	
	35. Club/committee plans and conducts a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health program or activity Head Health Mastery 	
	36. Club/committee plans and conducts a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety program or activity Head Health Mastery 	
	37. Club/committee plans and conducts a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation program or activity Head Mastery 	
	38. Club holds a Family Night or Activity (<i>for 4-H members—for community?</i>) Head Heart Hands Belonging Mastery Generosity	
	39. Club/committee takes part in a dairy promotion activity. Head Heart Hands Health Mastery Generosity	
	40. Club/committee promotes 4-H in local area (window display, parade, etc. in local area) Head Heart Hands Belonging Mastery Independence	
	41. Club/committee plans and conducts tour, fair, or trip for members or families. Head Heart Hands Health Mastery Generosity	

Planned		Completed
	42. Meetings have a recreation, business, and educational program component. Head Heart Hands Belonging Mastery Independence	
	43. Club/committee publishes at least seven (7) articles relating to 4-H activities (Newspaper, Rolling in Clover) Heart Hands Belonging	
	44. Club/committee posts on social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Website, etc.) Heart Hands Belonging	
	45. Club/committee plans and carries out a fundraising activity. Head Hands Mastery Belonging Independence	
	46. Club/committee conducts community service project that helps the community. Head Heart Hands Health Belonging Mastery Independence Generosity	
	47. Club/committee hosts a joint social activity between one or more clubs or committees. Heart Hands Belonging	
	48. Club/committee provides an outside resource speaker at one or more meetings. Head Mastery	
	49. Club/committee/committee partners with another organization. What did you do?	
	50. Club/committee develops a healthy living goal and accomplishes it during the year. Health Mastery	
	51. Club/committee provides Cloverbud Activities. Head Heart Belonging Mastery	
	52. Other: Please Describe:	
Section 4: Club/Committee Leadership		
	53. Club/committee members are involved in making decisions. Head Heart Belonging Mastery	
	54. Club/committee/committee members take on leadership at the county or state level. Please Describe: Head Heart Belonging Mastery	
	55. Club/committee/committee youth leaders help plan and conduct an activity or event. Please Describe: Head Hands Belonging Mastery Independence	
	56. Club/committee/committee youth project leaders (at least 80%) help with or conduct at least (2) project meetings. Head Hands Belonging Mastery Independence	
	57. Club/committee/committee project leaders (at least 80%) conduct at least two (2) project meetings. Head Hands Belonging Mastery	
	58. Other: Please Describe:	

Planned	Section 5: Community 4 H Organization Goals	Completed
	59. Members promote National 4-H Week (4-H Radio Promotion or Other Promotion). Head Heart Mastery	
	60. Members attend / assist with a County-wide Committee (Horse, Dog, Cottontails, Clothing, Judging Team or other) Head Heart Hands Belonging Mastery Independence	
	61. Member/s selected as a Columbia County 4-H Ambassador. Head Hands Belonging Mastery Independence	
	62. Member/s participate in Member Evaluation (ME) Process. Head Mastery Independence	
	63. Member/s participate in Leader's Association meeting. Head Heart Belonging Mastery	
	64. At least 50% of members exhibit, participate, or represent 4-H at a county or district fair or 4-H or community event. Head Heart Belonging Mastery	
	65. Members plan and conduct activity, event or workshop outside their own 4-H Club/committee/committee. Head Heart Hands Belonging Mastery Independence	
	66. Other: Please Describe:	
	67. Identify specific life skills that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club/committee adults worked to develop? Examples: • Members learned/developed? Examples: • Members applied? Examples: 	

Green Clover Seal

Blue Seal (#1-16 + 19 items)

Gold Seal (#1-16 + 34 items)

I have reviewed this report of the _____ 4-H Club and believe it to be correct.

Dated: _____ Secretary

Dated: _____ President

Dated: _____ Organizational Unit Volunteer

Dated: _____ County 4-H YDP Staff