

## **4-H Member Recognition Guide**

South Dakota 4-H member recognition is used to encourage and support the efforts of youth as they increase their 4-H project knowledge and develop life skills. There are three kinds of recognition available to 4-H members: participation, achievement, and project awards. While not required, 4-H members are encouraged to achieve the standards required for participation and bronze, silver, and gold achievement awards.

### **Participation Awards**

Pins are given to any 4-H members completing their first, fifth and tenth year of 4-H. In between those milestone years, members will receive certificates. The completion requirements are the same for every year.

### **Achievement Awards**

Basic skill awards are designed to help members gain skill and learn more about the 4-H program. Members may begin to earn them during their second year in 4-H. As the member progresses, earning the awards requires a little more work.

### **Project Awards**

Projects are opportunities for members to learn about a subject of interest to them. After three years of 4-H, members are eligible to earn medals in the projects they have completed.



1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> year member pin (circle award applying for)

Award: P-1120 (1<sup>st</sup>)\*\* P-1140 (5<sup>th</sup>) \*\* P-1160 (10<sup>th</sup>)

**4-H Member Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Required in year applied for:**

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member attended four club meetings.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ 4-H member completed the 4-H Journal.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H leader or Extension educator \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member gave a public presentation at the club level or higher. (Independent 4-H member's presentation may be given to Extension educator, non-family member, school classroom, community service organization meeting, or a youth group meeting.)

Name of presentation \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H member completed one of the following in year applying, or independent 4-H member completed two:**

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member showed project accomplishment in one project area, as determined by 4-H leader.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member participated in judging program at the club or county level.

Name of area judged: \_\_\_\_\_

What was learned: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member participated in a county event/activity. Name of event/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership.

Describe your accomplishment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

# Bronze Achievement Award (2<sup>nd</sup> year members and beyond)

Award: M-301-BR-P



**4-H Member Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Required for in year of application:**

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member received 1st year member pin.

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member showed project accomplishment in one to five projects, as determined by 4-H leader or Extension educator.

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member attended four club meetings.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member completed the 4-H journal.

\_\_\_\_ At the club level or higher, 4-H member presented a demonstration, illustrated talk, public speaking, or project "why" using two or more visual aids. Name of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Club leader's signature (if all of the above are complete)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**AND 4-H member completed one of the following in year applying. Independent 4-H member completed two:**

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member participated in judging program at the club or county level. Name of area judged: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member participated in two county events/activities. Name of event/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership.  
Describe your accomplishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member completed a community service project with club or as an individual.  
Describe project: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member brought a non-4-H friend to a club meeting. Name of friends \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member held an office in 4-H club. Name of  
office: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

# Silver Achievement Award

Award: M-301-SI-P



## Required:

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member received Bronze Achievement Award.

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member showed project accomplishment in one to five projects, as determined by 4-H leader or Extension educator.

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member attended four club meetings.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member completed 4-H Journal.

\_\_\_\_ At club level or higher, 4-H member presented a demonstration, illustrated talk, public speaking, or project "why" using two or more visual aids.

Name of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member participated in judging program at the club or county level.

Name of area judged: \_\_\_\_\_

Club leader's signature (if all of the above are complete)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## AND 4-H member completed two of the following since receiving the Bronze , or independent 4-H member completed three:

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member participated in two county events/activities.

Name of event/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership.

Describe your accomplishment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member helped in planning and completing a community service project with club or as an individual.  
(Independent 4-H member needs to do two community service projects.)  
Describe project(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member brought two non-4-H friends to a club meeting.

Name of friends: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member held an office in 4-H club. Name of office: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member provided leadership for a club committee.

Name of committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member mentored another 4-H member or non-4-H member with a 4-H project and/or activity.

Describe your experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

# Gold Achievement Award

Award: M-301-GO-P



## Required:

\_\_\_ 4-H member received Silver Achievement Award.

\_\_\_ 4-H member showed project accomplishment in one to five projects, as determined by 4-H leader or Extension educator.

\_\_\_ 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership.

\_\_\_ 4-H member attended four club meetings.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 4-H member completed 4-H Journal.

\_\_\_ At club level or higher, 4-H member presented a demonstration, illustrated talk, public speaking, or project "why" using two or more visual aids.

Name of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 4-H member participated in judging program at the club or county level.

Name of area judged: \_\_\_\_\_

Club leader's signature (if all of the above are complete)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## AND 4-H member completed three of the following in years since receiving the silver medal. Independent 4-H member completed four:

\_\_\_ 4-H member participated in three county events/activities.

Name of event/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 4-H member helped in planning and completing two community service projects with club or as an individual. (Independent 4-H member needs to do three community service projects.) Describe project(s):

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\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member brought two non-4-H friends to a club meeting. Name of friends:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member held an office in 4-H club. Name of office: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member provided leadership for a club committee. (Independent 4-H member may do so in a non-4-H setting.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of committee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Accomplishment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has given a speech/presentation promoting 4-H to a school group, civic group, or any non-4-H group. Identify audience or group: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H leader or Extension educator \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Independent 4-H member may substitute another 4-H promotion presentation for a club activity. Identify audience or group: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of 4-H leader or Extension educator \_\_\_\_\_



# County 4-H Citizenship Award

Award: M-303



Being enrolled in the 4-H citizenship project is NOT a requirement for this award.

## Required:

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has completed four years in a 4-H program.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has served as an active member of a county or community board or committee, an event committee, or a taskforce for three to six months. Name of committee/community board: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member planned, organized, and implemented a citizenship activity for multiple 4-H clubs and/or the county. Describe accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member presented an educational public presentation on flag etiquette, the U.S. Constitution, a patriotic program, or an American history topic for a 4-H club, wrote an editorial on the same topic for the local newspaper (include editorial, whether published or not published), or presented a program to another youth group (club, sports team, or classroom). Name of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Group(s) presented to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member identified a charity or community need and worked with others to organize efforts to help meet the need. Describe accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member studied current events and expressed opinions to decision makers at the local, state, or national level. (Include a copy of any written communication.) Action taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Club leader's signature (if all of the above are complete)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# County 4-H Leadership Award

Award: P-119-GO



Being enrolled in the 4-H leadership project is NOT a requirement for this award.

## Required:

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has completed four years in a 4-H program.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has assisted the Extension educator with planning, preparing, and implementing a county or multi-county 4-H event.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member is an active member in the county 4-H Junior Leadership organization. If an organization does not exist in the county, plan, prepare, and make every effort to start such an organization by working with other 4-H members, leaders, advisors, and/or Extension educators.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has written or arranged for a newspaper/magazine feature article (with a photograph) about 4-H at the local club, county, or multi-county area and has submitted it to the local newspaper in the area for publishing. The feature story can be about an individual or group of 4-H members and participation in the 4-H program.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has attended and participated in a county, area, field education unit, or state 4-H educational event or activity and has shared the knowledge received by presenting a workshop to 4-H club(s) and/or county members.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has planned and conducted officer training for a 4-H club or the county. (As many as seven 4-H members may work together in accomplishing this task.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has helped or assisted from one to six 4-H members to plan and implement community or county 4-H promotion campaign(s). This can include posters/signs/displays being placed at main streets, elementary schools, county courthouses, and/or other prominent locations in the community or county. Radio, newspaper, television media are utilized as available. Promotion campaign(s) can involve National Volunteer Week, National 4-H Week, achievement days, county fair, state fair, etc. (Include copy of any posters/signs/displays.) Describe the campaign: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

County educator's signature (if all of the above are complete)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## South Dakota 4-H Key Award

Award: MTM 713-M

The 4-H Key Award is given to 4-H members who have passed their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Required:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has received the County 4-H Citizenship Award.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has received the County 4-H Leadership Award.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has attended and participated in three county, area, field education unit, or state 4-H educational events/activities and used the knowledge received to plan and conduct three different workshop presentations to 4-H club(s) and/or county members.

Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has provided leadership at three county, area, field education unit, or state 4-H educational events/activities.

Event/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Event/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Event/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has earned two project medals. Project areas: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has participated for two years in the county public presentation competition.

Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has held two elected club or county offices. If not elected, member has been a committee chair or has led a special project for the club, county, area, field education unit, or state. (Independent members may complete in non-4-H setting.) Name of offices held, or committees or special projects chaired: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member has written a letter to the editor of local newspaper explaining the effect the 4-H program has had on his/her life. Include copy of letter (published copy preferred).

County educator's signature (if all of the above are complete)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_