

4-H Award Information

Lancaster County 4-H award forms are due by Jan. 3, unless otherwise noted. Forms are available at <http://go.unl.edu/4has> and the Extension office. Recipients will be announced at Lancaster County Achievement Celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, unless otherwise noted. If you have questions, contact 4-H at lancaster@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.

AWARDS FOR 4-H MEMBERS

4-H Project Completion Certificates

(Ongoing – no deadline)
When a 4-H member completes a 4-H project, their 4-H club leader, or the parents/guardians of independent members, can present them with a certificate to recognize their achievements. These certificates can be picked up at the Extension office or completed online and printed.



Lancaster County 4-H Community Service Awards

All Lancaster County 4-H members are eligible to apply for this award which is based on the number of hours of community service through 4-H. Do not include community service projects done through school, church or other organizations. There will be winners in two age divisions: 14 & over, and 13 & under. Form can be filled out by club leader, parent/guardian or 4-H member.

Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program recognizes the accomplishments of 4-H'ers ages 8–18. Youth can progress from Level 1 up to Level 6. At the beginning of the 4-H year, youth choose goals from a provided list and at the end of the 4-H year, fill out a report which documents their accomplishments.



Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application

The Nebraska 4-H Annual Achievement Application (<https://4h.unl.edu/annual-achievement-application>) form may be used by 4-H'ers as a record of your 4-H activities. The Achievement Application has two versions: junior for ages 8–14 (county only) and senior for ages 15–18 (county and state). Completing an Achievement Application includes a record of significant accomplishments in four areas; 4-H Experiences, Leadership Experiences, Community Involvement/Service Learning Experiences and Career Spark. The Lancaster County deadline is Jan. 3.

Nebraska 4-H Gives Back

A 4-H member or team must complete a major service-learning project that benefits his/her community. 4-H members should plan on investing over 100 hours of service, and understand that it may take up to 24 months to complete this project. The project includes an initial proposal and final report that are both approved and reviewed in a two-step process. Proposals are developed and approved first by the local committee, and then by a State 4-H Program Administrator prior to the start of the project.

Lancaster County 4-H Council Leadership Award

Open to youth in grades 10–12 who show outstanding qualities in servant leadership. The award recognizes youth who strive to be their personal best and make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs and communities. They do not need to hold leadership positions currently, but should be recognized by peers and adults who work with them as emerging leaders. Nominations may be made by 4-H leaders, parents or friends. They may also be self-nominated.

Lancaster County Outstanding 4-H Member Award

Presented to an individual 14 years of age or older who has excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program. The basis for selection appraises the variety and depth of 4-H activities. Nominations may be made by 4-H leaders, parents or friends. They may also be self-nominated.

4-H Pins

4-H members receive pins at 4-H Achievement Celebration when they become 3-Year Members and when they are Seniors. There are no forms – Extension automatically keeps track of this information.

AWARDS FOR 4-H CLUBS

Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence

4-H clubs which have met criteria outlined by the state 4-H office are recognized as a "Club of Excellence." Some of the criteria includes: choose/elect youth officers, have one club project (related to curriculum) which they do together and complete one community service project. Forms are to be filled out by club leaders.

Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards

(Deadline is usually March 1 or April 1.) Nebraska 4-H Foundation's Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority recognizes 4-H clubs for their efforts to serve their communities. Recognition is in the form of a \$500 grant issued to the club's treasury to be used as described in the award application form completed by the club. For more information, go to www.ne4hfoundation.org/governors-ag-excellence-award.

AWARDS FOR 4-H VOLUNTEERS

Lancaster County Meritorious Service to 4-H Award

Presented to individuals or organizations who have exhibited consistent and strong support of the Lancaster County 4-H program. 4-H members are not eligible. Anyone can make nominations.

Heart of 4-H Award

(Ongoing – no deadline) Lancaster County 4-H presents a Heart of 4-H Award to a Lancaster County 4-H volunteer each month! Announced monthly in the NEBLINE newsletter. Anyone can make nominations.

4-H Pins

4-H leaders receive pins at 4-H Achievement Celebration when they've volunteered for 2 years, 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, etc. No forms needed.

4-H Scholarship Information

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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Lancaster County 4-H Council Scholarship

Up to twelve \$700 scholarships to active Lancaster County 4-H members who have excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program. The basis for selection appraises the variety and depth of 4-H activities.

Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council Scholarship

Up to five \$300 scholarships to 4-H'ers who are active in Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council. The basis for selection appraises the variety and depth of Teen Council activities. Applicant must help with at least one major activity during their senior year.

Dick Fleming Leadership & Communication Scholarship

One \$250 scholarship to a Lancaster County 4-H member who has excelled in leadership and communication through 4-H.

Lane Community Lancaster County 4-H Scholarship

One \$200 scholarship to a Lancaster County 4-H member attending Raymond Central High School.

Lincoln Center Kiwanis Lancaster County 4-H Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship to an active Lancaster County 4-H member. The basis for selection includes variety and depth of 4-H activities, scholastic standing, activity involvement and financial need. Please attach one transcript of your high school grades showing grade point average at time of application and three letters of recommendation (work, school or community).

Lancaster County 4-H/FFA Livestock Booster Club Scholarship

(Deadline July 6) Each year, the Lancaster County 4-H Livestock Booster Club awards two \$500 college scholarships. Scholarship eligibility is for high school seniors enrolled in Lancaster County 4-H or FFA programs. Open to all Lancaster County 4-H/FFA seniors, but preference to those who have exhibited production livestock in 4-H or FFA. Scholarship recipients are announced at the 4-H/FFA Livestock Premium Auction during the Lancaster County Super Fair.

Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarships

(Deadline January 15) There are several statewide Nebraska 4-H scholarships: 4-H Legacy, (3 x \$1,000) Women in STEM (2 x \$1,000), Orschlen Industries Foundation (4 x \$1,000 each), Horse-Grand Island Saddle Club (4 x \$1,000 each) and R. B. Warren 4-H Horse Educational (\$500) scholarships. The Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application for seniors is used for awarding these scholarships. Nebraska 4-H Foundation announces the recipients.

Nebraska Association of Fair Managers — Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship

(Deadline November 30) Two \$500 scholarships to Nebraska 4-H'ers. Each applicant must have exhibited his/her projects in a county fair or at the State Fair within the last four years. Attach two letters of recommendation. Lancaster County 4-H selects one male and one female county finalist. This scholarship is awarded during the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers Convention Banquet, usually held in Kearney in January.

Merlyn Anderson Memorial 4-H Scholarship

(Deadline March 15) Awarded to 6–9 students from Gage and Jefferson County Schools, including Norris High School in southern Lancaster County. The award amounts will vary from \$750 to \$2,000 to students who are interested in agricultural studies (broadly interpreted). Information at Gage County 4-H website.

Inspiring Your Future Scholarship Contest

(Deadline January 7) University of Nebraska-Lincoln Animal Science Scholarship (10 x \$5,000) for high school seniors and transfer students who are admitted animal science majors. Tell your digital story about an individual or animal who has inspired you to pursue an education and career in animal science. This can be done via video, infographic, pictures or any other medium. Winners will be notified via email by Jan. 20.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR 4-H ALUMNI

Lancaster County 4-H Council's Alumni Scholarship

(Deadline September 30) \$500 scholarship to Lancaster County 4-H alumni who are at least one year post high school and have continued participation in the Lancaster County 4-H program as a volunteer or leader. One scholarship per recipient per lifetime. 4-H Council will review applications and notify applicants by Nov. 30.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

Big Red Academic Camps

Limited scholarships are available to attend all Big Red Summer Academic Camps. All scholarships must be awarded prior to registration. Scholarship applications will be reviewed on a continual basis during the early bird registration. Recipients will be notified within a week after submitting an application or by April 6 at the latest. More information at <https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps>.

Nebraska Agriculture Youth Institute (NAYI)

(Deadline April 15.) The Nebraska Agriculture Youth Council (NAYC) is a group of college-age men and women that are dedicated to Agriculture. Their premier event is Nebraska Agriculture Youth Institute (NAYI). NAYI is a weeklong experience for high school juniors and seniors from all across Nebraska to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. This conference features speakers, workshops, agricultural education, networking with peers and industry leaders, professional development, leadership experience, fun and new friends! More information at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi>.