

Jackson County 4-H Achievement Program

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*A multi-step program designed to motivate members
to experience the broad spectrum of the 4-H program and
to reward them for their participation, achievements and dedication to 4-H.*

This Achievement Program (first developed in 2005) was created for Jackson County youth (4th to 12th grades). It was developed to encourage our youth to experience the many opportunities available in 4-H and to develop confidence, life skills and the ability to make a positive contribution to our community.

Starting with participation in the many county events and activities, this multi-step program is designed to encourage members to expand their interests and broaden their experiences. As members progress through the different levels, they will broaden their areas of knowledge and personal abilities. The program will guide members toward becoming confident, self-directed individuals and responsible young adults.

Throughout the levels, recognition will be given to members as acknowledgement and affirmation of their growth, development and contribution to the program. After completion of a “Step,” members will receive recognition and awards at the annual Member Recognition event to denote the level they have achieved.

Step 1 – Explorer Level. This first level promotes participation in annual 4-H and club sponsored events and encourages members to try *new* activities they might not normally attend. To pass this level, a member must participate in at least 20 events or activities listed under Step 1 of the Achievement Program. Participation can mean attending and watching. It does not mean that you must enter a contest (for example attending Fashion Revue and watching counts, you do not necessarily have to enter the event). You may take as long as you need to complete the 20 required items for Step 1.

When you start this program, you must fill out the **Application Form** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19ugvi2-8RmjsSv_i-34rkN_9I9FBFr5vLvtnFzJk0aQ/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link and submit it. This only needs to be done once. *Anyone who does not have access to a computer to do the form should call one of the committee members listed below.*

To receive credit for participation in an event or activity a member must turn in to the Extension Office a Submission Form (see below) for each event or activity for the Achievement Committee to review. These forms ask for a description of the event, a complete, thorough and original statement (not copied from a friend) of what the member learned from the activity, and a photo (like a “selfie”) of the member attending the event.

The easy-to-use Submission Form (like the application form) will be available soon. Meanwhile you can use the attached form below to save your notes until the electronic form is available.

Once all forms are available, members should submit additional Submission Forms (for each additional activity/event) **as soon as possible after the event.** (If submissions must be mailed, send to Jackson County Extension Center, Attn: 4-H Achievement Program, 569 Hanley Rd, Central Point OR 97502.)

Forms will be reviewed periodically, and the committee will notify members if their activity or submission form was not approved.

Additional Steps for the Achievement Program will follow in the future (*however members cannot do the same activities more than once per Step Level*).

The Achievement Program Information packets are available at the Extension Office and online at (<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/4h>). Questions may be directed to any of the Achievement Program Committee members: Kristy Artman (541-292-0175), Deb Brown (541-890-7073), Cari Brotherton (541-621-0955), Kim Skomerza (541-621-2091), Diane Miller (541-531-1703), or Katy Kelley (541-621-0181).

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Step 1 - Explorer Level

1. Attend or exhibit at Spring Fair.
2. Attend or exhibit at County Fair.
3. Give a presentation at the 4-H Presentation Contest.
4. Complete a Record Book and submit to the contest for judging.
5. Attend a 4-H shooting sports event.
6. Attend the 4-H dog show.
7. Attend a Lego Robotics Challenge event (at fair).
8. Enter the Flower Arranging Contest at County Fair.
9. Attend Member Recognition Night.
10. Attend Harvest Fair.
11. Compete in at least one County Judging Contest.
12. Compete in or attend the County Cooking Contest.
13. Participate in or attend the Fashion Revue Contest.
14. Attend a county or state function specific to your project area.
15. Attend a county or state function NOT specific to your project area.
16. Volunteer to be host/hostess in the Mace Building (for static exhibits display) during fair.
17. Attend 4-H Summer Camp.
18. Enter an Educational Display at Fair.
19. Attend a Record book workshop.
20. Attend at least one arts/crafts workshop.
21. Submit at least one entry in fair different than your own project area(s).
22. Volunteer to work/setup displays, etc. in an area of county fair that you are part of (club displays)
23. Volunteer to setup displays in an area of county fair that you are NOT exhibiting in (help a friend)
24. Other
25. Other
26. Other

Some Older Youth suggestions:

Volunteer to work/setup exhibits in the Mace Building (where static exhibits are displayed)

Attend Summer Conference at OSU (4-12th graders)

Attend State "Experiencing Citizenship" event (ages 13-18)

Attend another county's older youth event (i.e. Marine Science, Survivor Camp, Horse Camp, etc)

Other Attend a Leaders' Association's Board of Directors meeting

Other Teach a class at a 4-H county event

Volunteer at Hands on Ag Days

Other

Members must use one page per event/activity named above using the attached "Submission Form" format.

To pass this level, a member must complete 20 of the items listed above. You may use the "Other" options for events that may not have been planned prior to this list being completed. The Achievement Committee will determine if each "Other" activity will qualify as expanding your knowledge of the 4-H Program through participation. Remember, the focus of the Achievement program is on expanding your participation outside of your normal project areas.

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Step ___ - _____ Level Submission Form
(Make copies of this generic form for each activity of each step)

Name _____

Date _____

Activity or Event: _____

Give a complete description of your participation:

Give a complete analysis (description) of what you learned at this event or activity:

Additional Comments?

Attach photo (of yourself at event) to this page.

Use the back of this page if more room is needed for any of the above sections.

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