

Fresno County 4-H Member in Good Standing Requirements

Steps to Success in 4-H

*This document is a supplement to the **STEPS TO SUCCESS IN 4-H** effective 7/1/2015 for California 4-H, located at <https://ucanr.edu/sites/default/files/2024-04/396350.pdf> . Counties are authorized to establish requirements to exhibit at fair, competitive contests, event attendance and the Incentives and Recognition Program.*

REQUIREMENTS TO EXHIBIT AT FAIR

To qualify to exhibit at the Fresno District Fair, Caruthers District Fair, Chowchilla-Madera County Fair, or any other county, district, or state fair as a 4-H member, a member must:

Meet the following minimum project written record keeping requirements:

- Up-to-date Annual Project Form (APR)
- 75% attendance of project meetings
- Review of APR by CCL and project leaders before signing fair entry
- Member in good standing including compliance with the 4-H Code of Conduct

Meet the following enrollment and meeting attendance requirements:

- Re-enrolling 4-H members must be **enrolled by September 1st**
- New 4-H members must be **enrolled by March 15th**
- Members may add or change projects until February 1st for fair purposes
- Attend a minimum of 6 hours of project instruction before fair participation and meet the Project Leader percentage requirements up to a maximum of 75%
- Turn in Completed Annual Project Report to project leader by established due date

***Project Leaders may require more than 6 hours (max of 75% total meetings), however the minimum is 6 hours of project instruction. We recommend our project leaders spread the learning experience over several meetings to allow youth time to reflect upon what they have learned, allow time to practice the skills and build their knowledge, come back with questions for their leader, and reflect upon their learning experiences before engaging in the next step(s). We HIGHLY recommend that project leaders use the opportunity to develop more in-depth learning experiences (aka, project meetings) and incorporate the Livestock Achievement Program.**

INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION

The California 4-H Incentives and Recognition program governs the many ways awards may be earned. Additional programs may be offered and are governed at the county level such as the Community Service and Events Attended Awards Programs.

Awards may be earned by members participating in many different Fresno County 4-H events such as Achievement Night, Horse Achievement Day, Small Animal Achievement Day, Large Animal Achievement Day, County Presentation Day, Festive Food Faire, Summer Camp, 4-H Fair, Livestock Judging Day, and Fashion Revue and County Record Book Judging.

REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE IN COUNTY RECORD BOOK COMPETITION

All members receiving a blue or gold seal at club level may submit books to county record book judging.

County Record Book Contest- (Optional participation)

For member's record books to be judged at the county level they must have received a blue or gold seal at the club level evaluations. Books must be turned in by the established club due date. Senior books submitted for county level judging are eligible to participate in the state sanctioned record book contest.

A complete record book MUST include the following:

- Cover/Title page
- Table of Contents page
- Current Achievement Program forms either Personal Development Form (PDR), Sparks Achievement forms, Emerald Star 1 or 2 forms, or Impact Star forms.
- My 4-H Story
- Annual Project Report forms (APR) *one for each completed project being credited*
- Expression page for each Annual Project Report (APR)
- Leadership Development Report forms (LDR) *If Applicable*
- 4-H Resume – *Seniors only*
- Member in good standing including compliance with the 4-H Code of Conduct

Meet the following attendance requirements:

- Attend at least 6 hours of project instruction or 75 % as required by Project Leader
- **Minimum of 80 % club meetings for Star Rank Eligibility**

Per state record book rules, only senior level members are eligible to submit their record books to the state contest.

REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE PROJECT PINS & 100% CLUB ATTENDANCE AWARDS AT ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Project Pins and 100% Club Attendance Awards-

Member must turn in a complete record book to Community Club Leader for club level evaluations by the established club deadline. See above for criteria of "Complete Book".

Junior/Teen Leader Credit-

To receive credit as Junior or Teen leader you must complete Leadership Development Report forms including both pre and post portions including all signatures.