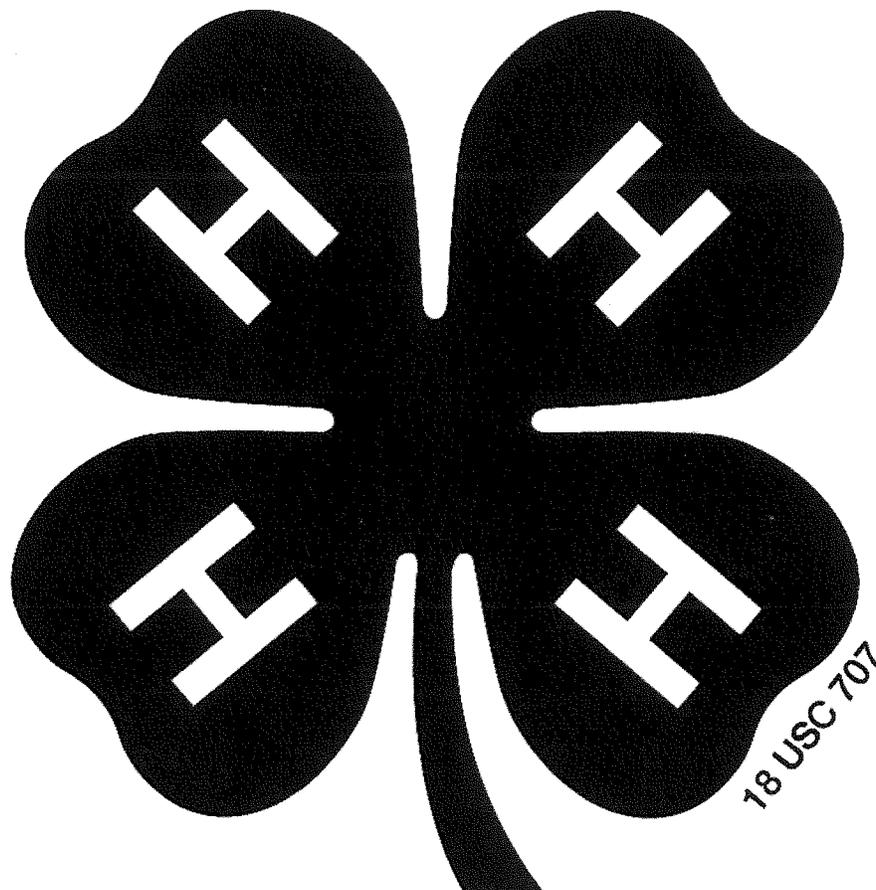


BUTTE/LAWRENCE 4-H



RECOGNITION HANDBOOK

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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. In order to receive awards, members must achieve the minimum requirements for completing the current 4-H year. Specific awards have additional standards beyond the minimum completion requirements.

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.

The minimum requirements to complete a 4-H year are 1) attend at least four club meetings; 2) Complete the 4-H Journal and turn Page 9 "I Made It" into the Extension Office by the deadline; 3) Give a public presentation at the club level or higher; 4) Complete one of the following (Two for independent members) a) Show project accomplishment in one or more project areas; b) Participate in judging in any project area at the club or county level; c) Participate in a county event or activity or d) Participate in Junior Leadership.

Responsibility and accountability are two life lessons that 4-H strives to help members learn. Therefore, members who do not meet the minimum requirements for completing a 4-H year, will not receive credit for that year. Members will be encouraged to work to obtain the minimum requirements the following year.

Achievement Awards

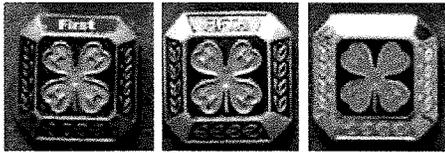
Basic skill awards are designed to help members gain skill and learn more about the 4-H program. Members may begin to earn them during their second year in 4-H. As the member progresses, earning the awards require a little more work.

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.

County Specific Awards

Butte and Lawrence Counties also have several county specific awards. These are detailed beginning on page 12 of this booklet.



**Years 1, 5, or 10 -1st, 5th, or 10th year member pin
Award: P-1120 (1st), P-1140 (5th), or P-1160 (10th)**

Required:

____ 4-H member attended four club meetings.

Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____
Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____
Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____
Date _____ Initials of 4-H club secretary or leader _____

____ 4-H member completed the 4-H Journal. (Use our template or create your own, but page 9 is required.)

Date _____ Initials of 4-H leader or 4-H/Youth Program Advisor _____

____ 4-H member gave a public presentation at the club level or higher. (Independent 4-H members presentation may be given to 4-H/Youth Program Advisor, 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, or independent 4-H member completed two:

____ 4-H member showed project accomplishment in at least 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 Junior Leader secretary or leader _____

Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____ Apply For: 1 5 10
(Circle One)

The 1st, 5th, and 10th year pins are participation milestone awards. Any 4-H member who completes the requirements listed below "complete" the 4-H year. These pins are awarded after completing one, five or ten years of 4-H year completion requirements.



Bronze Achievement Award

Award: M-300-BR-P

(For 2nd Year and beyond)

Required:

- ___ 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 4-H/Youth Program Advisor.
- ___ 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, or 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 leader or event representative _____
- ___ 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership.
Describe your accomplishment: _____

Date _____ Initials of Junior Leader 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 friend: _____
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 _____

Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____



Silver Achievement Award

Award: M-300-SI-P

(For 3rd year and beyond)

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 4-H/Youth Program Advisor.

___ 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, 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 leader or event representative _____

___ 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership.

Describe your accomplishment: _____

_____ Date _____ Initials of Junior Leader 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 _____

Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____



Gold Achievement Award

Award: M-301-GO-P

(For 4th year and beyond)

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 4-H/Youth Program Advisor.

___ 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, or 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 leader or event representative _____

___ 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): _____

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 Presentation Witness or 4-H/Youth Program Advisor _____

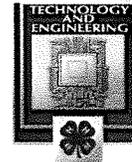
_____ Independent 4-H member may substitute another 4-H promotion presentation for a club activity.

Identify audience or group: _____

Title of presentation: _____

Date _____ Initials of Presentation Witness or 4-H/Youth Program Advisor _____

Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____



4-H Project Pins (for 3rd year and beyond)

4-H member may receive both the Silver Achievement Award and 4-H project medal(s) beginning in the 3rd year. Specific 4-H project pins may be earned only one time in a 4-H career. This is to encourage members to explore other project areas.

Required:

- _____ 4-H member has received or will receive the Silver Achievement Award.
- _____ 4-H member has participated in judging (if available) at the club or county level in this project area.
- _____ 4-H member has been enrolled in and shown project accomplishment in this project area for three years.
- _____ 4-H member has prepared and presented a public presentation in the project area to 4-H members, parents/adults, 4-H leaders, and/or an 4-H/Youth Program Advisor in a county, or multi-county event. (Two 4-H members may work together.)
- _____ 4-H member has guided and assisted younger 4-H club or 4-H county members (minimum of three) with possible fair exhibits, public presentations, etc., demonstrating project knowledge and skills.
- _____ 4-H member has shared what was learned through 4-H project participation with two local 4-H donors and/or sponsors. 4-H members may write letters instead of personal visits, however personal visits are encouraged when possible for older 4-H members. (Two 4-H members may work together.)
- _____ *Senior 4-H member has attended and observed a local or county government meeting, committee hearing/forum, city council, county commissioner meeting, Extension board meeting, school board meeting, civic meeting, etc., and reported results to club members and leaders. Beginner and Junior 4-H members may read from the local newspaper, watch a television program or other media, or interview people following a current issue or an event in the community, area, county, or state, and report results to club members and leaders. Beginner and Junior members may attend a county 4-H Leaders council or organization meeting.

*The requirement concerning attendance at a public governmental meeting is required once during the 4-H career, but is NOT required for each project pin.

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

_____ Date _____

Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____

Project Medal Applied For: _____



County 4-H Citizenship Award

Award: M-303

(For 4th year and beyond)

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 _____

Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____

Turn in this completed form with all supporting documentation by the journal deadline at year end.



County 4-H Leadership Award
Award: P-119-GO
 (For 4th year and beyond)

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 4-H/Youth Program Advisor 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 4-H/Youth Program Advisors.
- _____ 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 4-H/Youth Program Advisor signature (if all of the above are complete)

_____ Date _____

Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____

Turn in this completed form with all supporting documentation by the journal deadline at year end.

4-H Key Award Checklist for _____

- Aged 16 – 19 as of January 1 of the current 4-H program year
- Received the County's 4-H Citizenship Medal
- Received the County's 4-H Leadership Medal
- Attended and participated in three County or State 4-H educational events/activities and used the knowledge to plan and conduct three different one-hour workshops for 4-H Clubs and/or County members:
Name of Event/Activity 1 _____
Name of Event/Activity 2 _____
Name of Event/Activity 3 _____
- Provided leadership at three County or State 4-H educational events/activities; in each section below, define the responsibilities and how they were fulfilled.
Leadership at Event/Activity 1: _____

Leadership at Event/Activity 2: _____

Leadership at Event/Activity 3: _____

- Earned two project medals
Name of Medal 1 _____
Name of Medal 2 _____
- Participated for two years in County's Public Presentation Competition
Title of Public Presentation 1 _____
Public Presentation 2 _____
- Held two elected Club or County officer positions
Name of Office: _____
Name of Office: _____
- Wrote a letter to the editor of a local newspaper, explaining how the South Dakota 4-H Youth Development Program has impacted their life. Please attach a copy of the published letter to this checklist.

PLEASE SEND THIS COMPLETED CHECKLIST TO THE STATE 4-H OFFICE TO RECEIVE THE YOUTH'S KEY AWARD PIN.

COUNTY SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS CRITERIA

5 Points

Each year awards will be given to promote and encourage participation in the 4-H projects. These awards will be given to one individual in each project area to either the beginner, junior or senior 4-H member with the highest point score.

1. 4-H member must have given a county level or higher public presentation in the project area to be eligible and must also participate in one or more of the following at the county level or higher: exhibits, judging, horse show or youth-in-action events such as special foods or fashion revue.
2. The award is based on the current year's records. 4-H Journal containing project or program info must be turned into the 4-H Club Leader or 4-H/Youth Program Advisor for independent members.
3. The 4-H member may receive the award in the first year they are in the project.
4. The 4-H member is eligible to win the award each year they are enrolled in the project and meet the minimum requirements for completing the 4-H year.

The point system used for determining the winners for these awards are as follows:

Public Presentation

County: Purple, 8; Blue, 6; Red, 4; White, 2.

State or Regional: (State Horse Show, SD State Fair, or Western Junior 4-H FCS Show): Purple, 16; Blue, 12; Red, 8; White, 4.

National: 20 points for qualifying in applicable project area.

Judging

County: Four points per school in the applicable project area.

Regional: (Black Hills Stock Show, Western Junior 4-H FCS Show, or Western Junior Livestock Show): Eight Points per contest in applicable project area.

State: 16 points per contest in applicable project area.

National: 20 points for qualifying in applicable project area.

Exhibits (Including county fair showmanship)

County: Purple, 8; Blue, 6; Red, 4; White, 2.

State or Regional: (SD State Fair, Western Junior 4-H FCS Show, or Western Junior Livestock Show): Purple, 16; Blue, 12; Red, 8; White, 4.

Rodeo

Applicable only for the Rodeo Special Project Award. If the member gave a public presentation at the county level or higher in the rodeo project area, then points will be awarded in this category. Members will need to track number of events per rodeo and submit a summary to the Extension office along with their "I Made It" page.

County and Regional: 1 point per event, per rodeo

State: 2 points per event

Fashion Revue, Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Livestockology, Special Foods, Dog Show, Shooting Sports, Horse Show

County: Purple, 8; Blue, 6; Red, 4; White, 2.

Regional: (BH Stock Show, Western Junior 4-H FCS Show, or Western Junior Livestock Show): Eight points/event.

State: Purple, 16; Blue, 12; Red, 8; White, 4, or 12 Points per Event if no ribbon placings given.

National: (National Western Stock Show, National Shooting Sports) 20 points for qualifying in applicable project area.

GRADUATING MEMBER AWARDS

Graduating 4-H Member Recognition - 25 Points

Available upon high school graduation and/or reaching the age of 19 prior to January 1st of the upcoming year. To be eligible for this award, the member must have completed the current and final 4-H year.

1. Attended at least four club or special interest meetings.
2. Gave a public presentation at the club level or higher
3. Completed 4-H journal and turned in page 9 "I Made It" by the deadline.

Amy Larson Memorial Scholarship

Available to Butte County 4-H members upon high school graduation and/or reaching the age of 19 prior to January 1st of the upcoming year. This memorial scholarship will be a cash award in the amount of \$50. To be eligible for this award, the member must have completed the current and final 4-H year.

1. Attended at least four club or special interest meetings.
2. Gave a public presentation at the club level or higher
3. Completed 4-H journal and turned in page 9 "I Made It" by the deadline

The scholarship recipient will be chosen by the Reeder family from the eligible graduating 4-H members.

Lawrence CFEL Scholarship

The Lawrence County Community and Family Extension Leaders sponsor an annual \$500 scholarship to a CFEL member, a member of her family or a Lawrence County 4-H Youth. Applications may be obtained from the Butte/Lawrence Extension Office or your local school counselor. Applications are due May 1st of each year.

COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATION AWARD

This award may be won more than once.

15 Points

One award will be given annually in each age division to the participant with the most overall points.

Criteria for the above awards are as follows:

1. Public Presentation given at the County level or higher.
2. Must have received a purple ribbon placing at the County or Regional Event.
3. Points will be determined by ribbon placing in the applicable project area.
 - a. County or Regional (Western Junior 4-H FCS or Livestock Show): Purple, 8.
 - b. State (SD State Fair, or SD State Horse Show): Purple, 16; Blue, 12; Red, 8; White, 4.
 - c. National: 20 points for qualifying
4. Tie breaker will be the actual presentation score as given by the event judge.

HORSE SHOW/4-H RODEO/SHOOTING SPORTS/RANGE JUDGING AWARDS

These project areas have their own committees. Each committee will determine, support and award recognition to members at the time of the event. Each specific committee will determine their own criteria and type of award given.

Butte County 4-H Rodeo

The Butte County 4-H Rodeo is held annually in July at the Roundup Grounds in Belle Fourche. Awards include a Breast Collar for All-Around, Buckles for 1st place in each event, and other prizes for 2nd – 4th places in each event. The above awards are given in each of the three age groups.

Butte/Lawrence County Horse Show

The Butte/Lawrence County Horse Show is held annually in June. Awards are as determined by the Horse Show Committee and are awarded at the event.

Shooting Sports

Participants are expected to shoot official targets in at least one event. Participant's best targets/score from a county postal event or regional shoot will be retained by the Extension Office until the County Fair. At the Fair, the targets will be exhibited and awarded a ribbon placing based on the postal or regional shoot score. Other awards may be given at the discretion of the Shooting Sports committee.

All participants are encouraged to do their best when shooting official targets. Each participant's best attempt will be used to determine if their score meets the minimum qualifying score to earn a spot in the State competition held annually in Fort Pierre, however, this is not a requirement for project completion.

State & National Participants – 10 Points for State Competition

Participants who earn a spot in state or national competition will be noted at the annual 4-H Recognition event. Each participant will earn 10 points regardless of how many state or national events they were in. All are recognized together. Participants must also have met the minimum requirements for completing their 4-H year in order to be recognized in this area.

National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, and Citizenship Washington Focus

Members selected for these prestigious trips will be recognized at the 4-H Recognition event and be asked to give a short presentation about their experience.

JUDGING AWARDS

State Fair Judging Team Members or Individuals

To be eligible to represent Butte/Lawrence as an individual or on a judging team at the state level, members must have attended at least two county level or higher judging contests. The member must have given oral or check-type reasons when required.

For each judging contest, the members point score will be divided by the total points available to determine a percentage score for each contest. If members attend more than two judging contests, the two highest percentage scores will be used to determine state eligibility.

A minimum of four members who meet the above qualifications, are needed to comprise a team in each age division. The top four individuals will comprise Team One and the next four individuals will make up Team Two. If more than eight members are eligible, they will be named as alternates to replace anyone on the initial teams that are unable to attend the competition. Members will rotate up to fill open slots on teams based on their best two average scores.

County Judging Awards (Each county may award a top judge in each area in each age division at recognition event)
10 Points per award

Top Consumer Decision Making Judge
Top Dairy Judge
Top Rabbit Judge

Top Horticulture Judge
Top Horse Judge
Top Livestock Judge

Criteria for the following awards are as follows:

1. These awards may be earned more than once.
2. One award will be given in each age group: Beginner, Junior and Senior.
3. Age division determined by age as of January 1st of the current year.
4. Must have attended at least two judging contests at the County or Regional Level.
5. For each judging school or contest attended, the members point score will be divided by the total points available to determine a percentage score for each school. If members attend more than two judging contests, the two highest percentage scores will be used to determine the award winner.
 - a. All contests will be considered for these awards including Western Junior 4-H FCS Show (Only Horticulture & FCS), Western Junior Livestock Show, Black Hills Stock Show and the SD State Fair.
 - i. Premium points will be awarded for Regional, State & National Competitions. Four points for regional (WJFCS, WJLS, BHSS) and 12 points for State & National (State Fair, State Livestock Judging, National Western Stock Show) will be added to the average scores for those specific contests.
 - b. The more contests attended, the more scores available to obtain the two highest average scores.
6. Tie breaker will be check type or oral reasons score(s) starting from the highest competition level and working down.

RECORDING AND CLUB AWARDS

Club Community Service Awards (Two awards given – one in each county)

Traveling Plaque awarded annually to the 4-H Club with outstanding community service.

-Must be applied for in story form or bullet point format

-For each activity, document number of members who participated and the total number of members in the club

-“In kind” or “In lieu of” donations should not be included in the community service application

Criteria:

1. How does your 4-H club help senior citizens, the needy, etc?
2. How has your 4-H club helped improve your community?
3. What 4-H promotional activities has your 4-H club done?
4. What 4-H events/activities have been sponsored by your 4-H club?
Ex. Judging schools, fashion revue, project days, showmanship clinics, etc.

Top Club Public Presentation Participation (Two awards given – one in each county)

Traveling Plaque awarded annually to the 4-H Club with the largest percentage of members participating at county level Public Presentation events. (Public presentations may be a Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Public Speaking or Project Why). Total club membership will be as recorded on June 1 of the current year. The tie breaker is total points of ribbon placings: Purple-8; Blue-6, Red-4; White-2.

Junior Bennett Memorial Herdsmanship Award (One award given between both counties)

Traveling Plaque awarded annually to the 4-H Club with the highest points as noted by the herdsmanship judge at the Butte/Lawrence County Fair. The Bennett family will make arrangements for a silent judge to record herdsmanship scores.

Top Secretary's Book (One award given between both counties)

Awarded annually to the top secretary book submitted for judging. Books will be judged according the following criteria:

1. Appearance – 25 possible points. Example: Is the book neat and legible?
2. Records – 25 possible points. Example: Is member attendance recorded for each meeting? Does the roster include complete member addresses and years in 4-H?
3. Minutes – 50 possible points. Examples of criteria in this area are...
 - Meeting minutes documented for each meeting
(If not held, specify – NO MEETING)
 - Correct spelling
 - List speakers and club activities
 - Full names in minutes and demonstrations
 - Secretary has signed the minutes

Top Historian/Reporter Book (One award given between both counties)

Awarded annually to the top historian/reporter book submitted for judging. Books will be judged according the following criteria:

1. Appearance – 50 possible points.
2. Complete record of club year – 25 possible points.
3. Originality and Creativity – 25 possible points.

Guidelines for the above areas are listed below.

1. Books will be judged on the current year only
2. List of members, officers and leaders should be included
3. Represent each monthly meeting and hosts
4. Monthly meeting clippings and club photos in chronological order
5. Pictures and newspaper clippings of special events listed under month happened. Ex. Fashion revue, demonstration day, horse show, county fair, Western 4-H FCS Show, etc.
6. Pictures and clippings neatly labeled. Use rubber cement or picture corners to mount pictures
7. Underline club name and members names in clippings
8. Must be submitted in sturdy cover
9. Any size or shape book is acceptable.

4-H SUPPORT AWARDS

Leaders Recognition

Given to leaders for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. years of leadership

Friend of 4-H Award (Two awards given – one in each county)

Awarded annually by the Butte & Lawrence County 4-H Leaders Associations. Award is given to an individual, business, organization, etc. for their contributions to the 4-H program in Butte or Lawrence County. Each county's Leader's Association is responsible for determining the award recipient. The recipient will be given a recognition award and be honored at recognition event. They will also be honored on the perpetual plaque that will be displayed in the Extension Office similar to the plaque kept for the Fair Honorees.

Youth Participating in 4-H Independent Study Programs:

The independent 4-H member program allows for planned learning to occur independent of a formal group setting such as a club. The member works in an individual, paired, or family learning environment. Learning is self-directed, usually with limited adult involvement except for parents (or mentor). Examples include self-study, home study courses, mentoring or shadowing with an “expert”.

Independent 4-H members are expected to complete the requirements for participation outlined in the South Dakota 4-H Recognition document:

- 1) Complete 4-H Journal and turn in Page 9 “I Made It” page to county Extension office by the deadline. The complete journal must be turned into the Extension office if the member wishes to be considered for 4-H recognition or special county awards.

- 2) Give a public presentation, preferably at the county or regional youth-in-action day. Other options are to give a presentation to a 4-H/Youth Program Advisor, non-family member, school classroom, community service organization meeting, or a youth group meeting. Documentation of the topic, date, audience, etc. must be included in the 4-H journal.

- 3) Complete at least **two** of the following:
 - a. Show project accomplishment in one or more project areas
 - b. Participate in judging at the county level or higher
 - c. Participate in a county event or activity
 - d. Participate in Junior Leadership

As with traditional members, responsibility and accountability are two life lessons that 4-H strives to help members learn. Therefore, members who do not meet the minimum requirements for completing a 4-H year, will not receive credit for that year. Members will be encouraged to work to obtain the minimum requirements the following year.