

Preble County 4-H Awards

Basic Beliefs

Recognition is a basic human need. When done properly, it builds self-esteem and helps members find personal meaning in an experience. Recognition should be integrated and a part of 4-H experiences. Recognition does not always have to be the same thing and can take many forms. It could be a sincere thank you or positive feedback from a caring adult. It might be a tangible award like a ribbon or trophy.

All youth in the Preble County 4-H program will be recognized for their participation. We also want to provide opportunities for youth to achieve recognition both through competition and through achieving standards of excellence. We want to clearly identify how youth can achieve recognition.

We want all youth involved in 4-H to experience positive personal growth, increased self-reliance through encouragement, and support and recognition in a wide variety of learning experiences.

We believe...

1. Participation in educational experiences acknowledges involvement as a first step in building a positive self-concept.
2. Progress toward self-set goals enables youth to gain experience in goal setting and realistic self-assessment.
3. Achieving standards of excellence gives young people a set of criteria for their learning, experiences against which they can assess their progress and gain insights into their own interests, efforts, and abilities.
4. Excelling in peer competition identifies the best individual or team

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Levels of Recognition

Participation:	A 4-H Member receives a Certificate of Achievement that recognizes completion of the 4-H year. This includes attending regular club meetings, taking part in club and project events, presenting a project demonstration, and participating in community service.
Grade Ribbon:	4-H Members who participate in project evaluation receive a grade ribbon for how well a project is completed based on feedback from an adult project judge and/or through showmanship at the Preble County Fair.
Trophies, Rosette Ribbons:	4-H Members who excel at project county judging can earn trophies, rosettes or the honor to represent Preble County at the Ohio State Fair.
County Award Certificate	4-H members achieve standards of excellence and receive either a bronze, silver or gold sticker on a recognition certificate. This is determined by the score received for the record form ("pink sheet").
County Award Pin	The top achieving member in each category will receive a project pin.
County Special Awards	Special Awards will be presented in Leadership, Achievement, Citizenship and Personal Development.

Additional opportunities for recognition are available through county, state, and national award programs. These awards include state trips, national conferences, and educational scholarships. To learn more about Ohio awards and scholarships, go to ohio4h.org/awards.



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