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# WILL COUNTY 4-H

## 2020 RECORD BOOK

**NAME**

**4-H CLUB**

**EMAIL**


# Introduction

## ***Welcome to the 2020 Will County 4-H member record!***

This system is meant to work in tandem with the current state 4-H awards and recognition system while still accomplishing the goals outlined below.

**We hope that you will take time to fill out record books!**

## What are record books?

The goal of record books is fourfold: 1) it is meant to be an accurate record of a member's 4-H 'career' 2) lead youth on the path to achieving bigger and better state awards & scholarships, 3) help members gain experience for their future, AND 4) help assist older members in completing job, college, and award applications.

**Record books help us recognize 4-H'ers and their accomplishments while preparing them for their future. *Records are extremely useful for future college, scholarship, and career applications.***

## What does the Will County Member Record consist of?

This record book is ONE part of the two part Will county member records. The records consist of the record "book" (which includes 4 different dimensions) and the state 4-H My Experience record. **There is NO rule about how complete your record book needs to be - completeness will result in awards BUT, we encourage all to submit record books and document the achievements you would like to.**

## Record Book Dimensions

The following outline shows the dimensions of the record book. These dimensions align with the state dimensions and goals.

- 1. Participation** - Participation in individual, club, county, state, national, and international events. This dimension recognizes participation.
- 2. Community Service** - The participation in, planning of, and execution of community services projects. This dimension recognizes those who plan and implement projects AND those who participate.
- 3. Leadership** - This dimension recognizes those who step up and lead.
- 4. Project Learning** - This dimension recognizes projects and the mastery that individuals gain from 4-H.

# Awards & Criteria

## Non-Competitive Awards

- **Participant**
  - Turned in member record book
  - Turned in State 4-H My Experience Application
- **Growth**
  - Turned in member record book, at least **ONE experience** marked in **each dimension**
  - Turned in State 4-H My Experience Application, at least **ONE experience** marked in **each dimension**
- **Strive**
  - Turned in member record book, at least **THREE experiences** marked in **each dimension**
  - Turned in State 4-H My Experience Application, at least **THREE experience** marked in **each dimension**
  - **All sections** have information
- **Forward Looking**
  - Turned in member record book, at least **FIVE experiences** marked in **each dimension. AT LEAST 3 outside county activities**
  - **All sections** have information, all goals are completed with clear plan of action.
  - Turned in **State 4-H My Experience Application**

## Competitive Awards

- **Community Service Award (3 awarded)**
  - Awarded to members who have a strong Community Service dimension
  - These records are judged with a preference on: clear goals, perceived Mastery, strong plan for the future.
- **Leadership Award (3 awarded)**
  - Awarded to members who have a strong Leadership dimension
  - These records are judged with a preference on: clear goals, perceived Mastery, strong plan for the future.
- **Project Learning Award (3 awarded)**
  - Awarded to members who have a strong Project Learning dimension

- These records are judged with a preference on: clear goals, perceived Mastery, strong plan for the future.

*The following awards are **competitive** and nominations are chosen by leaders (and up to 5 nominees may be chosen by the Extension Office).*

- Award nominees will receive a certificate
- Nominated records will advance and the top 30% chosen for awards.
- **Member Growth Award**
  - ***Must receive Leader OR Extension Office Nomination***
  - Awarded to the top 30% of nominated members who show a strong progression of Mastery and have been impacted greatly by 4-H.
- **Inspiring Award**
  - ***Must receive Leader OR Extension Office Nomination***
  - Awarded to the top 30% of nominated members who show a strong ability to inspire others in their actions, have shown a strong ability to step up, and have impacted others through 4-H.
- **Called to Lead Award**
  - ***Must receive Leader OR Extension Office Nomination***
  - Awarded to the top 30% of nominated members who show a strong progression of Mastery, a strong ability to lead, and have shown a strong ability to step up.

## Other COUNTY Competitive Awards

These competitive awards are sponsored by the county. *Some may also involve a short essay about "What is my 4-H story"*

### **Henry A. Merkel Citizenship Award**

This award is given to one member who shows exemplary qualities in all aspects of the 4-H program plus outstanding citizenship. Can be received only once.

### **Fred C. and Helen B. Francis Memorial Award**

Recipient must be a 4-H Graduate or within one year of 4-H graduation. Can be received only once for outstanding achievement in 4-H Projects, activities, and community involvement throughout 4-H Career. Awarded to two members.



# Mastery:inspire Awards

This award is sponsored by companies and organizations throughout Will County. ***These awards are given to individuals who inspire, who are changing the world, who will change the world, and who, well, are inspirations!***

**Awards have not been decided yet but some ideas we are talking about are:** experience scholarships, gift cards, company internships, higher value items (such as electronics, etc) and more! More information TBA!

## Criteria & Selection:

- These individuals are chosen based on their record books and impressive accomplishments. They are change making, passionate individuals who are making a difference in their home, community, county, the world, and to themselves.
- These individuals are chosen based on their impressive record books and accomplishments.
- **Our judges will choose finalists and these finalists will be asked** to record a short 30-60 second video talking about how they've inspired and/or how 4-H has inspired them.
- **A set number of winners will be selected from our finalists**

# INFO SHEET & CERTIFICATION

Your member record will consist of the following parts:

**This Record Book**

**Illinois My Experience Award Application Record**

## **Member Certification**

I personally have prepared this application and certify that it accurately and truthfully represents my work.

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent/Guardian Certification**

I personally have reviewed this application and certify that it accurately and truthfully reflects the member's work.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Leader Certification**

I personally have reviewed this application and certify that it accurately and truthfully reflects the member's work.

4-H Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 1. 4-H Participation

## My two most important 4-H Participation experiences are:

Being able to highlight the achievements you are most proud of is a skill that will be useful to you in scholarships, resumes, interviews, and much more! Here, we are asking you to highlight your two most important participation accomplishments and why.

1.	2.
<p><b>Please describe:</b></p>	<p><b>Please describe:</b></p>

## My GOALS for 4-H Participation are:

Setting goals is important for your future career and everyday life! Please use the space below to set your goals. *Since this is the first year of this new record book system, you do not need to complete the 2019 portion*

<p><b>YOUR GOAL IN 2019:</b> COPY your goal from last year's record book</p> <p><b>n/a</b></p> <hr/>	<p><b>YOUR GOAL IN 2020:</b></p> <hr/>
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<p><b>2019 GOAL CONTINUED</b>  <b>DID YOU ACHIEVE THIS GOAL?</b>          "No" is an okay answer! If you did NOT achieve this goal, explain why &amp; if you will try again!</p> <p><b>n/a</b></p>	<p><b>2020 GOAL CONTINUED</b>  <b>WHAT STEPS WILL YOU TAKE TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> </ol>
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## My 4-H Participation RESUME

Here's your chance! List all of the things you have participated in! You may enter as much or as little details as you would like in the **details** column. Just remember that the more details there are, the more YOU will remember what you did!

**BE SURE TO CLASSIFY THEM ACCORDING TO:** (I) Individual (C) Club (CO) County (M) Multi-County (S) State (N) National (IN) International

EXPERIENCE	DETAILS	I	C	CO	M	S	N	IN





# 2. Community Service

## My two most important Community Service experiences are:

Being able to highlight the achievements you are most proud of is a skill that will be useful to you in scholarships, resumes, interviews, and much more! Here, we are asking you to highlight your two most important accomplishments and why.

1.	2.
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# My Community Service RESUME

Here's your chance! List all of the Community Service project's you've been involved in! You may enter as much or as little details as you would like in the **details** column. Just remember that the more details there are, the more YOU will remember what you did!

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# 3. Leadership

## My two most important Leadership experiences are:

Being able to highlight the achievements you are most proud of is a skill that will be useful to you in scholarships, resumes, interviews, and much more! Here, we are asking you to highlight your two most important accomplishments and why.

1.	2.
<p><b>Please describe:</b></p>	<p><b>Please describe:</b></p>

## My GOALS for Leadership are:

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## My Leadership RESUME

Here's your chance! List all of the leadership projects and positions you have held and been involved in! You may enter as much or as little details as you would like in the **details** column. Just remember that the more details there are, the more YOU will remember what you did!

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# 4. Project Learning/Mastery

## My two most important Project Learning experiences are:

Being able to highlight the achievements you are most proud of is a skill that will be useful to you in scholarships, resumes, interviews, and much more! Here, we are asking you to highlight your two most important accomplishments and why.

1.	2.
<p><b>Please describe:</b></p>	<p><b>Please describe:</b></p>

## My GOALS for Project Learning are:

Setting goals is important for your future career and everyday life! Please use the space below to set your goals. *Since this is the first year of this new record book system, you do not need to complete the 2019 portion*

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## My Project Learning RESUME

Here's your chance! List all of the projects and project learning experiences you've been involved in! You may enter as much or as little details as you would like in the **details** column. Just remember that the more details there are, the more YOU will remember what you did!

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# Completing your State record

The last step in your record book journey! Complete your State 4-H **My Experience Award Application**. To complete this record, simply check the boxes of what you have accomplished and put them in the right areas. Provided you took accurate records, this process should be fairly quick!

Access the most recent My 4-H Experience Award at: [go.illinois.edu/MyExperience](http://go.illinois.edu/MyExperience)

**This record will put you in the running for state awards and is part of the Will County Record Book.**

## Questions

Do you have questions? Are you interested in how you can apply this information to future applications? Do you need help filling out a section?

**We are here to support you!**

Contact us:

[warmacka@illinois.edu](mailto:warmacka@illinois.edu) & [jamitab@illinois.edu](mailto:jamitab@illinois.edu)

Schedule a Meeting:

Would you like to meet face to face or by phone? We would love to assist you! Email us or visit [go.illinois.edu/RecordsHelp](http://go.illinois.edu/RecordsHelp) to schedule a meeting!



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