

# **POTTER COUNTY 4-H HANDBOOK 2024-2025**



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# Welcome



Dear 4-H Families,

Welcome to the Potter County 4-H program! Through the 4-H program we are able to provide youth the opportunity to learn and develop important life skills through a variety of hands on learning experiences.

The 4-H Program has a variety of project areas for everyone's interest. 4-H members participate in many activities which can include everything from food & nutrition to showing livestock. With the wide array of 4-H projects and activities available, many new members do not understand the overall process or the time commitment that comes with some of our projects.

The 4-H program is designed to be a family affair, so 4-H parents are encouraged to get involved in the 4-H experience. Ways that 4-H parents can contribute to the experience range from serving as a project leader to providing transportation to activities, or even supplying refreshments for meetings or special events.

This guide has been developed to assist both new and more experienced 4-H families. No matter if you are a new 4-H Member or a "veteran," this handbook is helpful in making your time in the 4-H program a success. We hope that this will be a quick reference guide for you to use to make your 4-H experience more enjoyable. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Extension Office, your club manager, or a project leader.

We look forward to your participation in the Potter County 4-H!

Thanks,

Pearl Jones  
County Extension Agent | 4-H & Youth Development  
Potter County

# Get Connected!



## County Extension Office Location & Mailing Address

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## Potter County Information

### Have Questions?

Contact any of the above Extension Agents or message us through any of our social media platforms.

 <https://www.facebook.com/potter4H/>

 @potter4h

### Don't Want to Miss an Update?

Join our Remind App Alerts - follow the steps below to get connected!

Step 1: Download the Remind App

Step 2: Text @potter4h to 81010

Step 3: Stay Connected!



### Location:

Our office is located just east of the Tri-State Fair office and West of Dick Bivens Stadium on 10th St.

## District 14-H

Potter County 4-H is a member of District 1 4-H. Below you can find some helpful links!

District 1 contest occasionally have adjustments from the state contests. Always look at the district website first, before practicing and studying for contest.

**Website:** <https://d14-h.tamu.edu/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/PanhandleDistrict14H/>

## Texas 4-H

Below you will find helpful links for Texas 4-H.

Website: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

4-HOnline: <https://v2.4honline.com/>



Facebook  
Texas 4-H



Instagram  
@texas4h



Twitter  
@texas4h



Snapchat  
@texas4h



TikTok  
@texas4h



YouTube  
Texas 4-H Youth Development Program



# The 4-H Difference

## What is 4-H All About?

4-H is a community of youth across not only Texas, but the United States who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The 4-H program is all about having fun and making 4-H work for you! In 4-H, young people get a chance to make new friends, develop new skills, and find new passions.

## What Do You Do in 4-H?

4-H about offering hands-on experiences to youth so they are able to "learn by doing". Members participate in a variety of learning experiences called 4-H projects. These 4-H projects are a specific area of interest for that 4-H member. The best part about 4-H is some of these projects can be self-directed or done in a group setting. With over 40 projects areas to choose from in the Texas 4-H program, there are opportunities for everyone interested. Project areas in 4-H range from our traditional livestock projects to some of the more non-traditional of robotics and everything in between!

## What Does a 4-H Club Do?

When enrolling in the 4-H program on 4-HOnline, you are asked which 4-H club you want to be a member of. This 4-H club will be the main way of finding out what is happening within Potter County 4-H! These clubs will elect their own officers and conduct their own business throughout the 4-H year. The business meetings are on a regular basis, depending on the manager of your club these meeting could take place monthly, bi-monthly, or even quarterly. During the business meetings, usually a club will make plans for upcoming activities, host community service events, or have educational programs planned. These educational programs might be presented by fellow 4-H members, county extension agents, or even members of a specific industry (a vet, beekeeper, etc.).

## Potter 4-H Newsletter

With over 200 4-H members in Potter County 4-H, our monthly newsletter is the number one form of communication between all 4-H'ers, parents, and the Extension Office. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to read the newsletter to stay up to date on everything happening in Potter County 4-H. The newsletter contains information like upcoming dates, contest, or educational opportunities. The newsletter can be found on our county webpage, the email account that you submitted when registering on 4-HOnline, and through social media.

# 4-H Membership Policy



Any person, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, religion, disability or national origin, may enroll as a 4-H member.

Texas 4-H activities and events are open to enrolled members between the ages of 9 (or 8 AND in the 3rd grade) and 18 on August 31.

Events that require registration, certification or entry during the summer prior to the beginning of the 4-H year – County Extension agents may sign entry forms for events that will occur during the 4-H year for youths who will become eligible for and enroll in 4-H on September 1, but these youths may not participate in 4-H competitive events and activities until September 1.

## About 4-H

### 4-H Motto

To make the best better.

### 4-H Pledge

I pledge:

My HEAD to clearer thinking

My HEART to greater loyalty

My HANDS to larger service

and My HEALTH to better living.

For my CLUB, my COMMUNITY,

my COUNTRY, and my WORLD.

### Parent Pledge

I pledge my HEAD to give my child the information I can, to help him/her see things clearly, and to make wise decisions. I pledge my HEART to encourage and support my child no matter whether he/she has successes or disappointments. I pledge my HANDS to help my child's club; if I cannot be a leader, I can help in many equally important ways. I pledge my HEALTH to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for my child's club, our community, our country and our world..

### 4-H is...

Learning by doing, and is available to all boys and girls, 8 years old and in the 3rd grade through 18 years old as of August 31st of each year, from urban, suburban and rural areas. First, an adult leader brings together youth that have common interests. Second, the youth choose one or more projects. Projects are chosen from over thirty project areas offered. Third, the group enrolls as a club, and forth, meets together to learn and have FUN. Clubs are able to explore 4-H activities, events and trips. In 4-H, there are events happening all year round.

### Mission Statement:

Prepare youth to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence and adulthood, through a coordinated, long-term, progressive series of educational experiences that enhance life skills and develop social, emotional, physical and cognitive competencies.

# Join a Club



Here in Potter County we have a total of 4 clubs

When registering for 4-H through [4-HOnline](#) you must select a 4-H club that is either a community club or a project club. However, that does not mean that you can't participate in more than one club!

## Administrative Group

### Potter 4-H County Council | Officers and elected representatives of each club in Potter County.

**Club Manager(s):** Pearl Jones- CEA 4-H 806-373-0713 pearl.jones@ag.tamu.edu

**County Council Officers** President- Emily Schooler, VP Membership & Records- Trista Pennington, VP of Service- Nevaeh Bezner, VP of Events & Programs- Katie Littlejohn, VP of Public Relations and Correspondence- Emily Schooler

## Community Clubs - These are clubs that focus on all aspect of 4-H.

### Blue Ribbon 4-H Club- A community club for youth interested in a variety of projects

**Club Manager(s):** Amanda Littlejohn and Jill Albus  
**Meeting Location & Day:** Potter County Extension Office | 2nd Monday Each Month  
**Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Additional Contact Info:** Club Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/potterblueribbon4h>

### Lone Star Rabbit Club- A community club for youth interested the rabbit project

**Club Manager(s):** Mandi Cranmer and Maria Armijo  
**Meeting Location & Day:** | Potter County Extension Office | 2nd Thursday Each Month  
**Meeting Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Additional Contact Info:** Club Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/potterlonestarrabbit>

### Potter Paper Punchers- A community club for youth interested the rifle project

**Club Manager(s):** Toni Bryan and Brooks Gentry  
**Meeting Location & Day:** TBD- Practices will be determined in January, some fall practices may occur.  
**Meeting Time:**  
**Additional Contact Info:**

### Rawhide Horse Club- A community club for youth interested the horse project

**Club Manager(s):** Nicola Hsu  
**Meeting Location & Day:** Potter County Extension Office| 1st Tuesday of each month| Additional Riding Clinics TBD  
**Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Additional Contact Info:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/478838985510161/>



# Project Leaders



Many of our projects have dedicated leaders to help support the kids! There are so many projects available some are currently self-lead. As interest grows or an adult volunteer is able to take on the area we will develop county project groups.

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## Archery

**Project Leader:** Elizabeth Monje & Jake Cranmer

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## Photography

**Project Leader:**

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## Shotgun

**Project Leader:** Tommy Bezner

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## Soil & Crop Science- Soil Judging

**Project Leader:**

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## Vet Science

**Project Leader:** Megan Eikner

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# Adult Volunteers

Volunteers are essential to the successful implementation of the 4-H program. All registered adult 4-H volunteer working directly with 4-H youth in Texas complete a Youth Protection Standards Program (criminal background check) and receive training. Teens may also serve in volunteer roles through the 4-H Leadership project.

**Volunteers can serve in a variety of roles,  
including the following:**

- 4-H Club Managers
- Teachers
- Event Judges
- Community Resource Persons
- Camp Counselors / Chaperones
- Parent Helpers
- Advisory Council Members
- Foundation Members
- Mentors



# Parents Role in 4-H



Good youth development programs do not just happen. It takes the combined effort of parents and volunteers along with the guidance of Extension youth development professionals to establish a good 4-H program.

## Why Parent Participation?

Through research and experience, a number of positive effects on 4-H, 4-H clubs and 4-H members can be attributed to active parent participation.

- Active parent participation can strengthen and broaden the 4-H program in a local club or county.
- 4-H work would be totally impossible without the active support of interested parents.
- Extending a helping or encouraging hand to a boy or girl is one of the finest ways you can express affection to your children and other youth.
- 4-H is a family affair offering parents many opportunities to participate in a program with their child and build family unity.
- When parental support is good, individual club members receive more personal attention and guidance from leaders and parents.
- Club activities and events will develop and expand with the added support of parents.
- 4-H has a positive influence on the lives of thousands of boys and girls. This happens only when parents care enough to share their time, efforts, and talents.

## 4-H Brings the Family Together

Closer family unity comes from planning, sharing, and working together. When a family works as a team the strengths, skills, and worth of each family member can be developed and appreciated. With love and understanding, patience and counsel, a parent can offer their child a solid start in a pleasant and beneficial experience. The family becomes a team.

## What can parents do to support and help in the 4-H Program?

- Learn what 4-H is about. (purpose, objectives, etc.)
- Exhibit a genuine interest and enthusiasm in 4-H and in your child.
- Encourage participation in 4-H activities. Participation stimulates interest and enthusiasm.
- Assist your child in selecting a project they will enjoy, a project they have the ability to accomplish, and one for which you can assist with.
- Provide transportation for members to local club meetings, county events, and various activities.
- Attend club meetings with your child.
- Get informed as to “What is going on” and continue to be informed.
- Volunteer to be a project or club leader. All adults have abilities that would greatly assist the 4-H program.
- Serve on a committee to help plan and conduct special club activities and events.
- Attend Parent Leader Meetings.

# How to Enroll



## What's the Cost?

### Youth Membership Fees

Clover Kids (Kindergarten-2nd grade)- \$10

3rd-12th grade:

August 15 - October 31st | \$25.00

November 1 - Completion of 4-H year | \$30.00

### Adult Membership Fees

August 15 - Completion of 4-H Year | \$10.00

*\*all adult volunteers must register and have a background check completed.*

## How Do You Enroll?

Head over to 4-HOnline ( <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> ) and start the enrollment process. If you are enrolling a third grader, please wait until September 1 to enroll for proper fees to be accessed. ALL YOUTH and ADULTS that participate in 4-H programming need to enroll in the 4-H program!

### New 4-H Family

Step 1		Step 2		Step 3		Step 4	
						Youth	Adult
Select to set-up up a profile. Set-up <b>ONLY ONE</b> family profile per household.		Start adding a member. Enter one enrollment profile at a time.		Review fees. Youth fees vary with date enrolled.		Review enrollment and fees. Click back to make corrections. Click submit.	Review enrollment and fees. Click back to make corrections. Click submit.
Enter a valid e-mail address that is checked often.		Youth will select at least one club and one project. Adults will select a volunteer type.		Youth fees: \$25 <i>until October 31st</i> Clover Kid: \$10 Adult fees: \$10		Status changes to pending. County office will review and approve.	Adult volunteers must complete screening and required trainings.
Create a password. Requirements will be displayed on the screen if not validated.		Enter information in all fields on the "Questions Screen". Youth Birthdate and school grade determines eligibility.		Add and select a credit card to pay for fees. Do not select "pay by count check"		Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.	Status is changes to pending. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.
Complete all family information.		Complete the Health and Consent Screens.		Select payment and agree to payment and refund terms.		Status changes to approved.	Status changes to approved after payment is received screening approved, and trainings completed.

### Returning 4-H Family

Step 1		Step 2		Step 3		Step 4	
						Youth	Adult
DO NOT create a new family profile.		Click enroll next to the member's name.		Review fees. Youth fees vary with date enrolled.		Review enrollment and fees. Click back to make corrections. Click submit.	Review enrollment and fees. Click back to make corrections. Click submit.
Login with the family email address and password.		You can only enroll one member at a time.		Youth fees: \$25 <i>until October 31st</i> Clover Kid: \$10 Adult fees: \$10		Status changes to pending. County office will review and approve.	Adult volunteers must complete screening and required trainings.
If you forgot your password, click "reset password link" or contact the extension off.		Continue through each screen to update. You <b>MUST</b> update school, grade, clubs and projects.		Add and select a credit card to pay for fees. Do not select "pay by count check"		Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.	Status is changes to pending. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.
Review and update family information.		Complete the Health and Consent Screens.		Select payment and agree to payment and refund terms.		Status changes to approved.	Status changes to approved after payment is received screening approved, and trainings completed.

# 4-H Projects



Through the 4-H program there are a variety of projects that a 4-Her can participate in. When talking about "projects" the 4-H program separates out all the projects offered into our Big 5 Project Areas (Ag & Livestock, Family & Community Health, Natural Resources, STEM, Leadership & Citizenship). Over the next few pages you will learn the best contact for each project area, typical time of year, and the different learning opportunities/contest related to this projects. For more in-depth information visit our YouTube Channel and watch our [Big 5 Project Informational](#) or the [Texas 4-H Clover Guide](#).

## Ag & Livestock

Program Area	Learning Opportunities & Contest	Time of Year
Beef Cattle	Major Livestock Shows, Livestock Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl, Public Speaking/Educational Presentations, Meat Judging	Year round with contest taking place in Spring.
Dairy Cattle	Major Livestock Shows, Dairy Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl, Public Speaking/Educational Presentations	Year round and spring.
Dog Care & Training	Fostering dogs, Compete in Dog Shows, Photography, Workshops, Career Exploration, Good Canine, Good Citizen Testing, Educational Presentations	Mostly in the spring. State Contest each Spring
Goats (Dairy, Mohair & Meat)	Major Livestock Shows, Livestock Judging, Public Speaking/Educational Presentations, Mohair Judging, Skill-a-thons, Clinics	Year round with most contest will take place in Spring
Horse	Homes for Horse, Equine Ambassador, Horse Show (County, District State), Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Educational Presentations	Year Round - with most contest being in the Spring
Gardening & Horticulture	LGEG, Junior Master Gardener, Certifications (Golden Ray Series, Operation Thistle, Operation Water), Photography	Year Round
Meat Science	Meat Judging, Ag Product Id, Educational Presentations, Livestock Judging	Year round with most contest will take place in Spring
Poultry	Poultry Judging, Major Livestock Shows, Educational Presentations	Year Round - with most contest being in the Spring
Rabbits	Major Stock Shows, Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza, Rabbit Advisory Board, Educational Presentations	Year Round - with most contest being in the Spring
Sheep	Major Livestock Shows, Livestock Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl, Public Speaking/Educational Presentations, Wool Judging, Skill-a-thons.	Year round with most contest will take place in Spring
Swine	Major Livestock Shows, Livestock Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl, Public Speaking/Educational Presentations	Year Round - with most contest being in the Spring
Vet Science	Vet Science Certificate Program, Vet Science Skill-a-thon, Vet Science Camps	Year Round - with most contest being in the Spring

### Who Should You Contact?

For Livestock related questions please contact Cari Snider our 4-H Agent at [cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu)

# 4-H Projects



## Family & Community Health

Program Area	Learning Opportunities & Contest	Time of Year
Consumer Education	Consumer Decision Making, Public Speaking, Educational Presentation	Fall/Early Winter
Fashion & Interior Design	Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Show, Fashion Storyboard, Public Speaking, Educational Presentations, Sewing Camps & Workshops	Spring & Summer
Food & Nutrition	Food Show, Food Challenge, FCH Quiz Bowl, Healthy Lifestyles, Ag Product ID	-Fall/Early Winter
Health & Personal Safety	Healthy Lifestyles, Educational Presentations, Public Speaking	Spring & Summer
Personal Finance Education	Consumer Decision Making, Public Speaking, Educational Presentation	Self Directed Spring & Summer

### Who Should You Contact?

For any Family & Community Health related questions please contact Cari Snider our 4-H Agent at [cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu)

## Leadership & Citizenship

Program Area	Learning Opportunities & Contest	Time of Year
Community Service	Local service days, One Day 4-H, Self-lead Service Activities	Year round
Citizenship	National 4-H Week, 4-H Day at the Capitol, Texas 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, Commissioner Court Interpretation Days	Year round - with major events in Spring & Summer
Global Citizenship	Global Leadership Opportunities Beyond Education, International Exchange Programs (Outbound and Inbound), Global Citizenship Study Trip	Year Round - Big events in Summer
Leadership	Ambassador Programs (Equine, Fashion & Interior Design, HTYA, Livestock, Photography, Shooting Sports, Water, STEM), County & District Council, Club Officer.	Year Round
Public Speaking	Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Speaking at club/county meetings, other 4-H contest.	Year round with most contest will take place in Spring
Theater & Performance Arts	Share-the-Fun	Spring
Workforce & Career Prep	Workshops, Facility/Industry Tours, YALL Tour, etc.	Year Round
Entrepreneurship	Workshops, Learn Business Models, Shadowing Opportunities	Year round

### Who Should You Contact?

For any Leadership & Citizenship related questions please contact Cari Snider our 4-H Agent at [cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu)

# 4-H Projects



## STEM

Program Area	Learning Opportunities & Contest	Time of Year
Photography & Videography	Photography Contest, Photography Judging, TGCJLA Project Fair, SASSR Creative Arts, Workshops, Junior Master Photographer	Spring/Summer
Robotics	TAME Events, AgRobotics Contest, Robotics Challenge, GEAR Contest, Major Stock Shows, Camps, Workshops	Year Round
Rocketry	Workshops, Summer Camps, Team America Rocketry Challenge	Year Round & Summer
Science, Technology, Engineer, & Math	4-H STEM Challenge, Day Camps/Summer Camps, Discover Science Method Poster Competition	Year Round & Summer

## Who Should You Contact?

For any general STEM-related questions please contact Cari Snider our 4-H Agent at [cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu)

## Natural Resources

Program Area	Learning Opportunities & Contest	Time of Year
Entomology	Entomology Collections, Entomology Judging, Beekeeping Essay Contest, Photography Contest, Educational Presentation	Year Round
Fosetry	National 4-H Forestry Invitational	Year Round
Outdoor Living Skills	Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge, Educational Presentations, Wildlife Challenge	Year Round & Summer
Range Science	Range & Pasture Grass ID, Range Evaluation, Soil Judging	Year Round & Spring
Shooting Sports	Postal Leagues, Indoor Archery, Roundup Archery, Indoor & Outdoor Rifle, Ambassador Opportunities, Educational Presentations	Year Round
Sportfishing	Outdoor Challenge, Wildlife Challenge, Educational Presentations	Year Round
Aquatic Science	Workshops, Camps, Lesson Plans, Water Ambassador	Year Round
Wildlife & Fisheries	Roundup Wildlife Challenge, Wildlife Habitat Education Project, Wildlife Contest at Major Stock Shows	Year Round

## Who Should You Contact?

For any general Natural Resources related questions please contact Pearl Jones our 4-H Agent at [pearl.jones@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:pearl.jones@ag.tamu.edu)

# We have a Clover Kid, What can they do?



Do you have a child who is ready to join 4-H, but just isn't quite the right age? Join our clover kid program!! Clover kids, is a program that helps foster social skills and complements formal schooling with informal experiential projects. Below are the different activities and projects that are available to clover kids.

In order for your child to participate in these activities they must be enrolled in 4-H.

## Requirements

- Each 4-H Clover Kids member may participate only through organized learning groups under the guidance of qualified and trained volunteer 4-H leaders.
- Clover kid members can be enrolled on 4HOnline and pay the \$10.00 participation fee as an individual.

## Approved Projects

- Computer Science
- Dog Care & Training
- Fashion & Interior Design
- Food & Nutrition
- Health & Personal Safety
- Horticulture
- Junior Master Gardener
- Photography
- Rabbits
- Robotics
- Sportfishing

## Clover Kids Meetings

Clover Kids typically meet on the last Tuesday of the month.

September 24th  
October 29th  
November 19th  
December TBD  
January 28th  
February 25th  
March 25th  
April 29th  
May 27th

@The Extension Office  
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@The Extension Office  
TBD  
@The Extension Office  
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An adult must attend and stay for the entire Clover Kids meetings and projects.

## Who Should You Contact?

Clover Kids leader is Colleen Schoenenberger you can contact Colleen at [colleen.hancock@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:colleen.hancock@ag.tamu.edu) or by calling the Extension Office, 806-373-0713

# 4-H Record Books



Each 4-H member is encourage to keep a record of his or her 4-H work. Record are not an extra task, but a part of the learning experience! By your 4-her recording this activities that can keep track of all the different learning experiences they have had in the 4-H program. Record Books are open to all age divisions (junior, intermediate, and senior age divisions).

Through 4-H Record Books, your 4-Her will learn how to set goals, keep track of task/awards/contest, and reflect on what they learned throughout the year.

## 4-Hers learn:

- To communicate in writing
- To organize thoughts
- To set goals and work towards these goals
- To make short and long term goals
- To evaluate a record of growth from year to year
- To recognize skills learned, goals accomplished and successes experienced

## 4-H Record Books have four main parts:

1. Check Sheet
  2. Personal Information Page
  3. 4-H Story & Photo Portfolio
  4. Report Forms
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1. A 4-H record book teaches a desirable habit. Modern day society demands that each and everyone, no matter what vocation, keep track of financial and business matters. Developing this habit early in life will be a valuable asset.
  2. A 4-H record book is a measuring stick. Members and leaders are kept informed of the member's progress and will usually stimulate self-improvement by the member.
  3. A 4-H record book is a mirror. It will reflect accomplishments and therefore serve as the basis for awards, trips, and other recognition.
  4. A 4-H record book provides youth with a time for reflection about who they are, what their goals are, what they have accomplished in the past year, etc.

## Record Book Categories Include:

- Animal Agriculture
- Beef
- Citizenship & Civic Education & Community Service
- Dog Care & Training
- Consumer Education
- Entomology
- Fashion & Interior Design
- Food & Nutrition
- Gardening & Horticulture
- Goat
- Health & Personal Safety
- Horse
- Leadership
- Natural Resources
- Photography
- Plant & Soil Science
- Poultry
- Public Speaking
- Rabbit
- STEM
- Sheep
- Shooting Sport
- Swine
- Visual & Performance Arts
- Vet Science

**Record books are required to receive star awards at the county achievement banquet.**

## For More Information

Contact Pearl at [pearl.jones@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:pearl.jones@ag.tamu.edu)

Additional Resources:  
On the District 1 website.



# County Awards Program



## Potter County Record book and Achievement Banquet

At the end of the 4-H year we will plan an awards program to showcase all of the hard work each 4-H Member has put into their projects over the past year. Record Books are required to win some awards.

### 1st Year Award:

Rookie of the Year: (for any aged 4-H member)

- completed at least one (1) year in 4-H
- submit complete 4-H record book

### Junior Award:

**Bronze Star:** (for members in 4th and 5th grade as of August 31, 2017)

- completed at least two (2) years in 4-H
- submit complete 4-H record book

### Intermediate Award:

**Silver Star:** (for members in 6th, 7th and 8th grade as of Aug. 31, 2017)

- completed at least three (3) years in 4-H
- submit complete 4-H record book

### Senior Awards:

**Danforth "I Dare You" Award:** (for members 15 years and older and completed freshman year in High School)

- completed at least three (3) years in 4-H
- submit complete 4-H record book
- completed projects in three (3) different project areas that are detailed in the Record Book  
3 projects: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

**Gold Star:** (for members who have completed their 9th grade school year and older at time of application)

- completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year  
submit complete 4-H record book
- completed projects in at least three different project areas that are detailed in the record book  
3 projects: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
- completed Texas 4-H Gold Star Application (turn in with this form)
- exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district or state), and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.
- participated in one or more community service activities. Examples include providing leadership to a One Day 4-H project, working with or counseling junior 4-H members; participating in community service projects (individual, group or club); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.
- the 4-H member must have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
  - Projects and/or Project Exhibits
  - Participation in Leadership Experiences such as Leadership Labs, Texas 4-H Congress, or National Leadership Events such as National 4-H Congress/Conference or other \_\_\_\_\_
  - Competitive Events (judging, educational presentation, public speaking, food show, quiz bowls, etc.)
  - Citizenship activities
  - Camps at the county, district, or state level
  - 4-H Promotion (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
  - Other (includes exchange programs, fundraising)

*Note: The requirements for projects and activities do not all have to be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the person has been in the program.*

# Additional Opportunities



## Curriculum Enrichment

Through the Potter County Extension Office we offer a variety of programs in the schools to assist teachers with curriculum enrichment. If you are interested in these program contact Colleen: [colleen.hancock@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:colleen.hancock@ag.tamu.edu) or Cari: [cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu)

## Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships are academic scholarships awarded each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need. Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to award over \$2.5 MILLION in scholarships to over 200 4-H members.

Applications open in the Fall. District 1 will host a training.

Apply Here: <https://texas4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/>

## State & National Level Opportunities

Any age:

- 4-H Day/Weekend in Aggieland- Each year in the Fall, College Station
- 4-H Day at the Capitol- Odd years, Spring, Austin
- National 4-H Week, each year, October
- One Day 4-H- Each year during National 4-H Week
- SPARK Camp- 3rd-7th grade, Each year, November, Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood

Senior Level 4-H members only

- Texas 4-H Congress- Summer even years, Austin, Texas
- Texas 4-H Roundup- Annual in June, College Station
- GLOBE- Annual, location changes
- International Exchange- Annual, location changes
- National 4-H Conference, Annual, April, Washington D.C.- Must Apply
- National 4-H Congress, Annual, November, Atlanta, Georgia, Must Apply in the Spring
- Texas 4-H Leadership Conference, Annual, November, Washington D.C.- Win State Record book

District 1 Council- Apply and run each summer. Attend North Region Power Camp, give speech, lead an activity, and complete an application and interview.

Texas 4-H Council- Annual opportunity to serve the entire state in a leadership role. President and Vice President of District 1 and At-Large Candidates voted on during Texas 4-H Roundup

Senior Level Ambassador Opportunities

Must apply, be accepted, and attend short course/training

- Shooting Sports
- Livestock
- Equine
- Poultry
- Photography
- STEM
- Water
- Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador (HTYA)
- Fashion and Interior Design