

2026 OHIO 4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECORD

Review the following information and complete the form starting on Page 3.

What is the Achievement Record: The Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is a comprehensive record of a 4-H member's career, accomplishments, and achievements. There are 30 different project categories in which to apply to receive a sponsored trip, as well as a few other state leadership opportunities.

What do winners receive: State winners in each category represent Ohio on sponsored trips to events such as National 4-H Congress, National Dairy Conference, and the Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute. Winners selected must attend the trip associated with their award.

Eligibility Requirements and How to Complete

1. Applicants must be 14-18 as of January 1, 2026. (Note: 4-H membership ends December 31st of the year in which an individual turns the age of 19). *Applicants must be a 4-H member at the time of the award trips in the Fall.*
2. Applicants must be currently enrolled as an Ohio 4-H member and have recent experience in the related project area in which they are applying, including project work if applicable.
3. The Achievement Record (including the 4-H Story) should be typewritten using Arial 11-point font. You must maintain the ½ inch left and right margins. (Note: 10 points will be deducted if this requirement is not followed).
4. No additional pages may be added to any section (A through G). (Note: 10 points will be deducted if this requirement is not followed).
5. Your Ohio 4-H Achievement Record should be stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Do not use tabbed dividers, coversheets, or any type of folder/binder. (Note: 2 points will be deducted if this requirement is not followed).

When is it due?

Contact your county 4-H professional for information about county deadlines and review process (*county deadlines range from September-January*). Forms are due to the state 4-H office in early February (*submitted by county 4-H professional*). State winners are notified in the spring.

Checklist for Submission

When submitting the Achievement Record, please submit the following items:

- ✓ Your completed "Ohio 4-H Achievement Record" (each page single-sided). Stapled in the upper left-hand corner. No tabbed dividers, coversheets, or any type of folder/binder. (90 points)
- ✓ A Personal 4-H Story: Share how 4-H contributed to your personal development, leadership skills, and/or career plans. Limited to two pages (single-sided, double-spaced). (5 points)
- ✓ Photo Page: Photos showcasing your 4-H activities and project work throughout your years of 4-H involvement. Limited to one 8 ½ x 11-inch page, one side only. (5 points)

State Achievement Award Project Categories – to attend National 4-H Congress

(May receive award and attend the trip only once)

These awards recognize a 4-H member's achievement in a specific area. Areas include Beef, Camping, Citizenship & Community Service, Clothing & Textiles, Communications, Companion Animals, Creative Arts, Dairy, Family Life & Child Development, Foods & Nutrition, Gardening & Horticulture, Goat, Healthy Living, Horse, Leadership, Llamas & Alpacas, Mechanical Engineering, Natural Resources, Personal Development, Photography, Poultry, Rabbits, Safety, Sheep, Shooting Sports, STEM, Swine, Veterinary Science, Workforce Development, and Woodworking.

Each achievement award winner will represent Ohio on an expense paid trip to National 4-H Congress that is held in Atlanta, Georgia in November 2026 for ~5 days following Thanksgiving.

State Opportunities Eligible Through Achievement Record

(May receive award and attend the trip only once)

National 4-H Dairy Conference - This national event provides delegates with an opportunity to learn more about the dairy industry and observe new dairy industry developments. The conference is typically held at the University of Wisconsin (located in Madison, Wisconsin) in the fall.

OTA Local Government Award - Two \$1,500 awards are available to any 4-H high school senior that has completed a local government-type activity that has had significant impact on the applicant's community, township, or county.

National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute -- The National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program provides an excellent opportunity for 4-H'ers active in shooting sports projects to affording teens the opportunities to demonstrate their skills in leadership, citizenship and community service through ambassador activities that promote and encourage the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Youth selected to serve as Ambassadors will receive training that will allow them to return to their county and advocate for the program at the county, regional, and state level. Those selected attend a training out of state in the summer.

Other State 4-H Opportunities NOT Eligible Through Achievement Record & Other County Opportunities

Refer to the Teen Opportunities page for additional teen opportunities not eligible through the achievement record: <https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens>. These include opportunities such as Teen Leadership Council, 4-H Event Youth Assistant, 4-H Scholarships, Fashion Board, and State Junior Fair Board.

County 4-H programs may also use the Achievement Record to select other state and county level awards and opportunities. Contact your County Extension Office for additional information.

A. 4-H PROJECT WORK (20 points): List by major projects and/or program areas. Use numbers when appropriate to show size, extent, growth, number of items, savings, etc. over time.

Year Project name Things made, produced, learned, etc.

2024 *Get Started with Art* *Created a painting and exhibited at the county fair. Learned how to use acrylic paints*

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B. 4-H PARTICIPATION (20 points): List 4-H activities, field trips, tours, workshops, camps, judging events, contests, exhibits.

Year Event What I did; where event took place; including demonstrations and talks given.

2024 Conference *Attended the Ohio 4-H Conference where I participated in leadership, and community service workshops.*

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C. MAJOR 4-H HONORS (10 points): Include 4-H awards, recognition, and other sources of pride and self-esteem.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Honor</u>	<u>For what accomplishment</u>
2024	Clock Trophy Winner	State Fair Food & Nutrition Judging

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D. 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE/CITIZENSHIP (10 points): Activities performed through 4-H to benefit community.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>What I did, accomplished, or learned</u>
2024	Clothing & Food Drive	collected food, toiletries, clothing and household items for homeless persons.

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E. 4-H LEADERSHIP: EDUCATIONAL/PROMOTIONAL (15 points): Activities performed to benefit and strengthen 4-H.

Year What I did, organized, taught or accomplished

2023 *Initiated and facilitated a Teen Awards Workshop for summer camp counselors*

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F. 4-H LEADERSHIP: OFFICE/COMMITTEE (10 points):

Year Office/Committee (elected/appointed) What I did and/or learned

2024 *Treasurer, Splashers 4-H Club* *Kept accurate records of the club's finances and gave financial reports.*

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G. NON 4-H EXPERIENCES IN SCHOOL, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY (5 points):

Year List your most meaningful participation in school, church and community organizations.

2024 *Directed senior class play including a cast of 30 members.*

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4-H Story (5 points)

Share how 4-H contributed to your personal development, leadership skills, and/or career plans. Limited to 2 pages (single-sided, double spaced)

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4-H Photo Page-Include ONLY 1 PAGE! (in place of this page!) (5 points)

-Limited to one 8 ½ by 11 inch page, one side only

*Points to Remember When Working on your Photo Page
(Developed by Lisa McCutcheon, 4-H Educator, Licking County)*

- ◆ You want to choose only a few photos. No fewer than four or five should be used. There is no maximum number, but use common sense. Do not use a collage of photos—it just isn't professional.
- ◆ The photos that you choose should represent your entire tenure within 4-H project work. Choose a few from your younger years, and a few that are recent. Just be sure that the photos relate DIRECTLY to the project area that you are applying to receive recognition.
- ◆ You want the judge to be able to see photos clearly, and color is best if possible. You can either have reprints made, or simply have color copies made of original photos. Also remember to trim photos when appropriate.
- ◆ Remember to label the photos so the judge will understand what is being done in the photo. It is important they realize what the award was you were presented, or how old the member was you were mentoring, or that you are feeding a flock of animals that you have purchased and cared for yourself. Details help the judge to understand the breadth of your involvement.
- ◆ There are obviously a number of ways that are appropriate to arrange photos on a photo page. Just be sure they are displayed neatly, in color, with labels, and are easy to see (not too dark, too bright, or blurry), and that they relate to your 4-H project work.
- ◆ Do not include photos that depict you doing Girl Scout/Boy Scout/FFA/etc. activities. Remember that we want your photo page to portray your accomplishments and growth through 4-H Youth Development programs.