



FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H SENIOR COUNTY MEDAL AWARDS **(Must be 13 years or older as of January 1 of this year)**

The process of awarding Senior county Medals is based on the Danish System. Seniors must document a standard of excellence in a specific project area in order to receive a county medal. The following criteria are used by the Development Committee for selection of county medals:

1. Accomplishment in a specific 4-H project area, participation in activities and events in the area of the award and other leadership experiences in the application area.
2. Length of time in the project.
3. A completed application includes a medal application, leader recommendation and a complete and up-to-date record book.
4. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Please note: It is highly unlikely that a senior in the first year of their project will qualify to earn a medal in a given project area.

Eligibility Rules for Senior County Medals:

1. Members must be 13 as of January 1 of the current 4-H year and must not have passed their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current 4-H year.
2. Members must have been enrolled in 4-H for at least two years.
3. The Leader's recommendation must be received in the 4-H office by May 1.
4. A submitted record book, completed to date, must contain Activity Records and Project Records for all years in 4-H. The current year's Activity Record and Project Record should appear first in the record book. Subsequent years should follow.
REMEMBER – the Project Record submitted must match the medal you are applying for. For example: if you are applying for a medal in Leadership, you must submit a Project Record in Leadership, even if your main project is Nature. **The exception to this is if you are applying for an Achievement Medal.** Achievement does not have a Project Record. If you are applying for an Achievement medal:
 - *submit a medal application for Achievement
 - *make sure your recommendation stresses all of your achievements since you joined 4-H or received your last Achievement medal, and
 - *submit your record book, completed to date.
5. Members may receive more than one county medal in a year, BUT applicants must complete a project record and application for each medal application.
6. When a senior is applying for the first time in a given project area, all work (even that done as a junior) is counted. That is why it is important to submit your whole record book, not just the current year. Members may receive a county medal award more than once in the same project area only when outstanding growth is shown in the project.
7. Seniors are strongly encouraged to make a copy of each application.

COUNTY MEDALS MAY BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING PROJECT AREAS

TO APPLY FOR A MEDAL IN THIS PROJECT AREA:	USE THIS PROJECT RECORD:
Community Service, Government, International Study, Exchange programs- domestic/international	Citizenship/ Community Service
Drama/Theater, Communications Arts, Music/Sound, Video, Speaking/Radio/TV, Visual Arts, Writing/Print, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Collections Draw/Paint/Sculpture, Photography, Clowning/Mime, Graphic Arts/Displays/Exhibits, Dance/Movement	Communication & Expressive Arts
Consumer Education, Child Development/Care, Babysitting, Home Environment, Parenting & Family Life Education	Consumer & Family Sciences
Clothing & Textiles	Consumer & Family Sciences
Foods/Nutrition, Food Safety, Food Preservation	Healthy Lifestyles Education – Foods and Nutrition
*Animal projects where the 4-Her does not own/lease their animal	Animal Study
Collections, Forestry, Weather & Climate, Water, Archery, Wildlife & Fisheries, Earth, Water & Air, Geology & Minerals, Waste Management, Composting, Recycling, Outdoor Education/Recreation, Adventure/Challenge, Energy, Soils & Soil Conservation, Household Hazardous Wastes, Shooting Sports, Environmental Stewardship (general)	Environmental Education & Earth Sciences
Fitness & Sports, Growth, Development & Disease, Healthy Lifestyle Education, Mental & Emotional Health, Physical Health, Sexual Health	Healthy Lifestyles- Health, Fitness and Sports
Home Nursing, First Aid/CPR, Safety, ATV Safety, Automotive Safety (including seatbelts), Bicycle Safety, Emergency Preparedness, Tractor & Machinery Safety Certification	Healthy Lifestyle –Safety
Leadership	Leadership
Career Exploration, Entrepreneurship	Workforce Readiness
Plants, Gardens-Fruit/Vegetables, Crops & Weeds, Ornamental Horticulture, Flower Gardening/House Plants	Plant Science
Caged Birds, Pigeons, Waterfowl, Cats	Small Animal/Pets
Rabbits/Cavies	Rabbits/Cavies
Equine	Equine
Sheep	Sheep
Swine	Swine
Goats	Goats
Dogs	Dogs
Alpaca, Llama	Alpaca, Llama
Poultry	Poultry
Beef, Dairy Cow, Working Steer	Beef, Dairy Cow, Working Steer
Fish	Fish
Achievement	N/A – see Senior Medal Award Info.
Aerospace, Animal Science, Electric, Chemistry, Computer Tech, Astronomy, Aquaculture, Aquatic Science, Entomology & Bees, Electronics, Food Science, Marine, Veterinary, Meat or Plant Science, Math, Bicycle, Physics, Automotive Science/Technology Literacy, Wood Science & Industrial Arts, Engines/Tractors/Field Equipment, Poultry Science & Embryology	Science & Technology

* If you do not own or lease an animal, you can still receive a medal in that area by completing the Animal Study Project Record.