

Wyoming 4-H Member Achievement Program

The achievement program is designed to support degrees of annual recognition of youth based upon the extent of their involvement in the 4-H program each year. Over continued years of involvement in 4-H, a youth can earn recognition of prominence that reflects their efforts. The achievement program applies only to youth ages 8-19.

Annual Recognition

Membership Recognition

- Member has turned in all required enrollment materials
- Member has behaved in an appropriate manner at all 4-H activities, events, and meetings
- Member is enrolled in at least one project
- Member is enrolled in at least one club or has approval of county 4-H Educator.

Silver Recognition

- Member meets Membership Recognition criteria.
- Member has exhibited what he/she learned at some point in the current 4-H year
- Member provides documentation of setting goals, knowledge/skills gained, and participation in project. (Most likely via the portfolio)

Gold Recognition

- Member meets Membership Recognition criteria.
- Member has exhibited what he/she learned at some point in the current 4-H year
- Member provides documentation of participation in all essential elements of positive youth development: setting goals, knowledge/skills gained, recognition, leadership, community service, and participation. (Most likely via the portfolio)

Wyoming 4-H Honors Club

The ultimate achievement that a 4-H member can obtain is inclusion in the Wyoming 4-H Honors Club. It is based on the principle of providing recognition for youth that maximize their opportunities to foster positive youth development elements of belonging, independence, generosity, and mastery over their time as a member in the program. Nineteen (19) points must be accumulated to obtain the status. Annual efforts are accumulated based on receiving three (3) points for a gold effort and one (1) point for a silver effort.

Implementation of 4-H Member Achievement Program

- Youth will be recognized annually by receiving a sticker (available thru Dee Bixby in C&T) to place on certificate shown below. Green, Silver, and Gold Clover stickers would signify their accomplishments for the 4-H year.



- Starting in 2008-09, counties will use four state fields that exist in 4HPlus! software to manage the points. (See example)
 - Current Year Recognition**- Location to identify current year recognition of either membership (M), silver (S), or gold (G).

- Silver Recognition**- Youth that obtain this achievement are given 1 point for each year they achieve this recognition. (Cell indicates the cumulative number of years.) For example: the number “3” would indicate that 3 separate years the youth achieved silver recognition.

- Gold Recognition**- Youth that obtain this achievement are given 3 points for each year they achieve this recognition. (Cell indicates the cumulative number of years.) For example: the number “12” would indicate that 4 separate years the youth achieved gold recognition.

- Wyoming 4-H Honors Club**- The year that a youth obtains this recognition would be entered here. For example, a youth that has accumulated 19 or more points at the end of his/her 4-H year in September of 2008 would have a “2008” entered in the cell. A Report SQL can be generated to aid in determining induction into the club at the end of each 4-H year.

State Fields...
Js labels
<input type="text"/>
Active Military
<input type="text"/>
National Guard
<input type="text"/>
Current Year Recognition
<input type="text"/>
Silver Recognition (1 point/year)
<input type="text"/>
Gold Recognition (3 points/year)
<input type="text"/>
Year 4-H Honors Club Achieved
<input type="text"/>
State 8
<input type="text"/>
State 9
<input type="text"/>
State 10
<input type="text"/>

3. Nineteen (19) points must be accumulated to be in the 4-H Honors Club. Annual efforts are accumulated based on receiving three (3) points for gold recognition and one (1) point for silver recognition. This is retroactive to allow all youth that may be interested, and are currently in 4-H, to be part of the Wyoming 4-H Honors Club. To accomplish this, here are some helpful tips:

- a. Make sure you are looking at 2009 4-H year data set.
- b. Be sure that in the parameters you have the correct measurement for 4-H age.

Note: The parameter titled- "Age Field Displays Actual Not 4-H Age" should be set to FALSE

- c. Youth that are 14 years old and younger:
 - i. Two (2) points for each year that a youth was enrolled in 4-H. (See Chart X)
 - 1. A Report SQL can be run in 4HPlus of members to help in assigning points.
 - a. Report of members whose age equals 8-14 {hint: use the shift key to highlight all ages 8 through 14}.
 - b. Then include items of Last, First, Age, and 4H Years in order to your liking.
 - c. SQL should read: ...with ("Age" = "8" OR "Age" = "9" OR "Age" = "10" OR "Age" = "11" OR "Age" = "12" OR "Age" = "13" OR "Age" = "14")
- d. Youth that are 15 years old and older:
 - i. After receiving the points up to age 14 as listed above, members 15 yrs. and older could be evaluated by you. This could be accomplished by reviewing their portfolios.

Chart X

Year in 4-H	Points
1	0
2	2
3	4
4	6
5	8
6	10
7	12

Chart Z

Years	Recognition over time	Points
7	7 years of Gold	21
	6 years of Gold and 1 year of Silver	19
9	5 years of Gold and 4 years of Silver	19
11	4 years of Gold and 7 years of Silver	19

Note: Chart Z provides an explanation of minimum number of years it would take for youth to obtain the 4-H Honors Club recognition based on their involvement in the program.

- e. If you have youth in the computer that are Cloverbud in nature (i.e. pre- 4-H club age), then you will have to manage those youth that may have advanced years in 4-H.
 - f. NEW certificates will be created by the State 4-H Office and made available for printing at your county office for those youth that have accomplished 4-H Honors Club status.
4. If a child moves into the state from another state, the same process could be applied. Depending on their age, you could request a letter describing the youth's involvement from the county 4-H Educator in the state in which they previously resided. This would be at your discretion.