

DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL PROGRAM POLICIES

1. DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H ENROLLMENT FEE

In addition to the required Washington State annual 4-H enrollment fee for youth members, Douglas County Leaders Council charges a nominal programming fee for program operation. The fee must be paid before participation in county 4-H activities is allowed.

The programming fee to join a Douglas County club is \$4.00, regardless of county of residence.

2. DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

The expectations for a Douglas County 4-H youth member to be considered “in good standing” are as follows:

- Regularly attend scheduled 4-H club meetings and activities.
- Present a demonstration at the club level or higher.
- Complete a 4-H Record Book per the leader’s specifications.
- Participate in at least two of the following:
 - Project area training at club level or higher
 - Judging contest
 - Community service activity
 - Fundraising project at the club or county level.
 - Showmanship contest
 - Serve as a club officer or committee member

3. DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Enrollment Scholarships

Scholarships for state and county enrollment fees are available from the Douglas County Leaders Council for those joining Douglas County 4-H Clubs. Contact WSU Extension staff or visit Chelan/Douglas County 4-H website for scholarship application.

College Scholarships

Two college scholarships will be available from the Douglas County Leaders Council each year for \$500 each. To qualify, applicants must:

- Be an active, enrolled member in good standing of a Douglas County 4-H Club.
- Be working toward completion of a 4-H project in the current enrollment year.
- Have been an active 4-H member the past two (2) years.
- Be graduating from high school the year applying for the scholarship and going to attend an accredited school (trade, business, college, etc.) the following fall.
- Members must turn in a copy of their 4-H Permanent Record.
- Submit a fully completed application by April 1.

Applications and more information can be found by contacting WSU Extension staff or visiting the Chelan/Douglas County 4-H website.

4. DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H CONTESTS AND AWARDS

For all awards and recognitions listed below, nominees must be enrolled in a Douglas County 4-H Club as their primary club and be a member in good standing as defined in Section 2. For awards which require nomination, members cannot be nominated by a family member.

4-H Achievement Pins

Achievement Pins are awarded to members who successfully complete each enrollment year, which is defined by being a member in good standing in Section 2. The pin serves as a symbol of the youth member's dedication, personal growth, and active involvement in 4-H activities.

Record Book Project Awards

Record Book Project Awards are designed to celebrate milestones in 4-H member's development, encourage further engagement, and inspire continued learning and leadership. Members may submit a Record Book that includes 1 or more of the 4-H projects in which they are enrolled. To be eligible for a Project Award, a member's Record Book must first receive a score of 80+ from their club leader and then from the county judging process in October. Project Award winners are determined for each specific 4-H project based on the highest scores within each of the age categories of Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members. Cloverbud Record Books will not be scored but can be submitted to the County for feedback and a Certificate of Completion.

Winners are recognized by receiving the following:

- Cloverbuds: Certificate of Completion
- First Place: Medallion & Pin
- Second Place: Pin
- Third Place: Pin
- All members judged as 80%+ at the county level: Certificate of Merit

Outstanding First Year Member Award

Nominations due 2nd Monday in October

The Outstanding First Year Member Award is intended to recognize a 4-H youth member who has gone “above & beyond” in their first year of enrollment. All nominees will be acknowledged with a certificate at Achievement Night, and the winner in each age category (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) will be awarded with a \$20.00 gift card to the 4-H Mall.

Beginning Teen Leader Award

Nominations due 2nd Monday in October

The Beginning Teen Leader Award recognizes superb leadership among Intermediate members, 11-13 years of age. Award winners will receive a \$20.00 gift card to the 4-H Mall.

Senior Teen Leader Award

Nominations due 2nd Monday in October

The Senior Teen Leader Award recognizes superb leadership among Senior members, 14-19 years of age. Award winners will receive a \$20.00 gift card to the 4-H Mall.

Personal Development Award

Nominations due 2nd Monday in October

The Personal Development Award recognizes exceptional personal growth and development among Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-H members. and are awarded with a \$20.00 gift card to the 4-H Mall.

Best 4-H Story Award

Nominations due 2nd Monday in October

The Best 4-H Story Award recognizes Record Book 4-H Stories that are original, complete, and show growth and development among Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-H members. The recipient will be awarded with a \$20.00 gift card to the 4-H Mall.

Club in Action Award

Nominations due July 15.

The Club in Action Award recognizes clubs for their efforts in community service work. The selected 4-H Club will be recognized at the NCW Fair.

Douglas County 4-H Leader of the Year

Nominations due July 15.

The Douglas County 4-H Leader of the Year is a prestigious award that recognizes the excellence of a 4-H Club leader each year. Nominations for this award are encouraged to come from club members, other club leaders, parents, or community members and are intended to celebrate 4-H volunteers with outstanding leadership of their club or in their 4-H community. The winner will be recognized at the NCW Fair.