

HONOR CLUB RECOGNITION

GEAUGA COUNTY 4-H

Due October 1

A 4-H Honor Club is one that incorporates the spirit of 4-H, as stated in the motto, pledge, and the eight elements of positive youth development, in its meetings, project work, and club activities. Honor Club recognition is a challenge to all clubs to set goals and work together to achieve those goals. It is *not* intended as a contest between clubs.

Below is information about Honor Club criteria and the application process. Contact the Extension office with questions. (440-834-4656 or weisel.2@osu.edu)

WHO?

All Geauga County 4-H clubs are eligible to apply for Honor Club recognition. There is no limit as to the number of clubs that may be recognized.

WHAT?

Honor Club recognition is intended for clubs that have achieved the basic club activity requirements and want to set goals to go beyond their best and make it better.

WHEN?

Clubs may track activities completed between October 1 and September 30 of the following year. Applications must be submitted to the Extension office by October 1 for review. Honor Clubs will be recognized at the annual Member Recognition Ceremony held in October.

HOW?

1. Club advisors obtain recognition and application forms at the annual update meetings held in February or at the Extension office.
2. Advisors and members work together to decide if they want to apply for Honor Club recognition. If yes, the club decides on the goals they want to set to meet the requirements.
3. Designated advisors, members, and parents work together to track progress and document activities.
4. Club submits Honor Club application and required attachments to Extension office by October 1, for review by the 4-H Advisory Committee.

REQUIREMENTS:

Honor Club applicants must first complete all 6 basic club organization requirements.

1. Maintain an enrollment of a minimum of 5 club members.
2. Complete a club constitution/by-laws and submit to the Extension office by April 15.
3. Complete club enrollment form and submit to the Extension office by April 15.
4. Elect officers and conduct a minimum of eight business meetings.
5. Complete secretary and treasurer officer books.
6. Plan and implement at least one family meeting and program.

In addition, applicants must complete at least *two* activities in each of four areas.

1. Education
2. Promotion
3. Community Service
4. Volunteer Development

**HONOR CLUB APPLICATION
GEAUGA COUNTY 4-H
Due October 1**

Form must be completed in its entirety in order for club to be considered for this award.

NAME OF CLUB _____

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

name phone

name phone

May list additional names on separate paper, label, and attach.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Enrolled minimum of 5 members.
Attach list of members.
2. Constitution/by-laws submitted to the Extension office by April 15 deadline.
4-H Agent will provide documentation to the 4-H Advisory Committee.
3. Enrollment submitted to Extension office by April 15 deadline.
4-H Agent will provide documentation to the 4-H Advisory Committee.
4. Elected officers and conducted a minimum of eight business meetings. (Only full agenda meetings may be counted, not project work or demonstration sessions.)
Note officers on member list. Include copies of minutes in secretary's book. May be a computer print out attached to book.
5. Secretary and treasurer's books completed by officers, with secretary's minutes, treasurer's reports, and treasury audit clearly documented.
Submit books along with application.
6. Conducted a minimum of one meeting/program to which all family members were invited.
Attach a brief description of meeting/program which includes the date and location, number of member and number of family participants, information shared/activity conducted at meeting/program.

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

- X *Check off all the things the club completed. A minimum of two is required in each of the four categories. If a program or activity is not in the list, check "other" and name it. (May contact the Extension office prior to submitting application to make sure it qualifies for the category.)*
- X *Provide a brief description of 2 of the programs/activities on separate page. Include the date and location, number of participants, what occurred, and the impact it had on the participants. May attach pictures or newspaper articles to illustrate.*

1. Education

- Club represented at county Health and Safety Speaking contest.
- Club represented at county Demonstration contest.
- Club represented in county Safety Poster contest.
- Implemented talks and/or demonstrations for club members.
- Implemented talks and/or demonstrations and invited other club(s).
- Club represented at county or state camp.
- Club represented at district, state, national clinic or conference.
- Implemented an educational field trip.
- Other _____

Describe two of the activities checked on a separate page.

2. Promotion

- Created a window display during Ohio/Geauga 4-H Week.
- Participated in the county Family Fun Night.
- Represented 4-H at a county festival, program, parade, event, etc.
- Gave a talk or demonstration to a community organization to promote a 4-H project or program.
- Submitted information to newspapers, radio or TV stations about club/county 4-H activities.
- Created a county fair booth display and worked a shift in the Jr. Fair building.
- Supported a county fund-raising effort (i.e. Boosters, Endowment Fund, etc.)
- Other _____

Describe two of the activities checked on a separate page.

3. Community Service and Involvement

- Donated cash or goods to a community organization.
- Provided a service to community members or organization.
- Supported a cause through a community program or event.
- Participated in the county, state, or national legislative process.
- Other _____

Describe two of the activities checked on a separate page.

4. Volunteer Development

- Participated in county, district, state, or national 4-H workshop, clinic, or conference.
- Provided expertise/assistance at a county, district, state or national 4-H program.
- Served on a county, state, or national 4-H committee or board.
- Participated in teen volunteer opportunities, i.e. county committees, camp counselors, Jr. Leaders, Jr. Fair Board.
- Participated in county 4-H program other than your project area.
- Other _____

Describe two of the activities checked on a separate page.

Please attach a short paragraph on a 4x6 index card noting the club's accomplishments, which may be read at the Member Recognition Ceremony.

Signature of club advisor

Date submitted