

Greene County 4-H Achievement Ladder Award Program

This award is designed to encourage 4-H members to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable them to acquire the seven leadership life skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring and contributing citizens.

Leadership life skills include: understanding self, communicating, getting along with others, learning to learn, decision making/problem solving, managing, and working with groups. Basic requirements for all 4-H YOUTH: 4-H members must attend a minimum of 60% of 4-H club meetings annually, learn the 4-H pledge, learn the 4-H motto, and complete at least one 4-H project each year.

Level One – Green Clover

Complete at least **two** of the following tasks:

1. Present a visual presentation related to a project at a club meeting
2. Help with a club 4-H activity or event
3. Participate in at least one 4-H county event or activity
4. Host a meeting or provide refreshments or lead a game or give a report

Level Two – White Clover

Complete at least **three** of the following tasks:

1. Present a visual presentation related to a project at a club meeting
2. Participate in at least two county 4-H activities or workshops
3. Help with a club community service learning project
4. Host a meeting or provide refreshments or lead a game or give a report
5. Participate in a day or resident camp, conference or overnight experience and report back to your 4-H club meeting

6. Complete at least one 4-H project from a new project area. A new project area is one in which the 4-Her has not completed a project, not a different project in the same project area. An example would be a livestock area one year and the new project area in the same year is photography.

Level Three – Bronze Clover

Complete at least **four** of the following tasks:

1. Help with a club or community service learning project
2. Help with a club or community fundraiser
3. Participate in a 4-H communications or media event, i.e. club presentation, radio program, Regional Activities Day
4. Participate in at least two county 4-H activities
5. Participate in a resident camp or overnight experience representing 4-H and report back to your 4-H club meeting
6. Participate in at least one regional or state 4-H event
7. Serve as club officer or committee chair
8. Complete at least one 4-H project from a new project area. A new project area is one in which the 4-Her has not completed a project, not a different project in the same project area. An example would be a livestock area one year and the new project area in the same year is photography.

Level Four – Silver Clover

Complete at least **five** of the following tasks:

1. Serve as a club officer or committee chair
2. Provide leadership for a club community service learning project
3. Provide leadership for a club or community fundraiser
4. Participate in a 4-H communications or media event, i.e. club presentation, radio program, Regional Activities Day
5. Participate in at least three county 4-H activities

6. Participate in at least one regional or state 4-H event
7. Help a younger member with their project, demonstration or learning the pledge
8. Participate in a day or resident camp, conference or overnight experience representing 4-H and report back to your 4-H club meeting
9. Complete at least one 4-H project from a new project area. A new project area is one in which the 4-Her has not completed a project, not a different project in the same project area. An example would be a livestock area one year and the new project area in the same year is photography.

Level Five – Gold Clover

Complete at least **seven** of the following tasks:

1. Serve as a club officer, committee chair or teen leader
2. Provide leadership for a club community service learning project
3. Provide leadership for a club or community fundraiser
4. Provide leadership for a club or county 4-H activity or event
5. Participate in a 4-H communications or media event, i.e. club presentation, radio program, Regional Activities Day
6. Participate in at least one state 4-H event
7. Participate in a national or international event representing 4-H
8. Help a younger member with a project exhibit or demonstration
9. Participate in a resident 4-H county, regional or state camp representing 4-H and report back to your 4-H club meeting
10. Participate in an Interstate Exchange
11. Complete at least one 4-H project from a new project area. A new project area is one in which the 4-Her has not completed a project, not a different project in the same project area. An example would be a livestock area one year and the new project area in the same year is photography.

Level Six – Diamond Clover

Complete at least **eight** of the tasks in Level Five and conduct a **major service-learning project**. This task requires the 4-H'er to complete a project that benefits his/her community. The 4-H'er will submit a detailed plan that includes: description of the project, justification for the project, who will be recruited to help, a budget and how funds will be obtained, a projected timeline and any necessary approval letters from landowners, city/local 4-H unit government, etc. The 4-H Advisory Committee and a 4-H educator must approve the plan before any work is started. When the work is completed the 4-H'er must submit a detailed report outlining what was accomplished with documentation (photographs, etc.) If the report is approved, the 4-H Advisory Committee will forward it to the State 4-H Leader (or designee) for final approval. **This project should be completed over a two year time frame, first year to do the planning, second year conduct the service learning project.**

Notes:

1. The Achievement Ladder Award Program will be the primary recognition for 4-H members. Sponsors and grants will be sought for funding for the award program. **A special award for Diamond Clover winners will be developed.**
2. The Achievement Ladder Award Program is designed for a young person to begin at Level One and advance through six levels, one per year, acquiring valuable skills as he/she advances. The Diamond Clover may take two years to achieve. Youth who are older when joining 4-H, may begin at a higher level (two through four) as is mutually agreeable to the participant and the club leader. The county 4-H educator must also be in agreement for a youth to start at levels five or six.
3. Youth meeting the requirements of any level will be recognized at the annual county 4-H achievement event. Diamond Clover award achievers may be recognized at an appropriate regional or state event.

4. The Achievement Ladder Award Program recognition is not automatic. A youth must apply for the Achievement Ladder Award Program recognition using the appropriate plan/report form in a timely manner.
5. Forms are available through the Greene County Extension Office and county web sites. Entries accepted via hard copy or electronically.
6. Forms are due August 31.

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