

Penn State **Extension**

Venango County 4-H Honor Club Criteria and Application

There are many different kinds of 4-H clubs. They meet different times and have different projects and interests. However, there are some things that every 4-H club should have in common. The following are expectations for 4-H clubs and members. If your club meets all of these requirements, your club qualifies to be a 4-H Honor Club.

4-H Honor Club status is a significant recognition of your club's accomplishments. Your club is encouraged to submit a 4-H Honor Club application for consideration.

To be eligible for consideration as a 4-H honor club, your club must:

- Meet regularly (at least once a month) for nine or more months of the year.*
- Conduct at least one business meeting a month for nine or more months of the year.*
- Elect club officers to conduct meetings.*
- Participate in at least one approved 4-H project.*
- Have an approved club constitution (refer to Revising a Club Constitution, 4-H Leader Training Series).*
- Have at least two registered adult 4-H leaders, trained and appointed by county 4-H staff (using the PA 4-H Volunteer screening Process).*
- Conduct at least one community service project (refer to Ten Steps Towards Performing a Successful Community Service Project, 4-H Leader Training Series).
- Have at least five registered club members (as identified by the current year in 4-H ACCESS).
- Exhibit/demonstrate at the County Fair or Round up activity therefore completing a project.

*Based on national 4-H club definition

At least 70% of your club's members must:

- Attend at least 70% of club meetings.
- Do a public presentation at the club level at least once a year; public presentation at the county/public level is strongly encouraged.
- Complete a record book.

In addition to these state criteria, your county may also have established criteria specific to your county. Examples might include attending specific county events or assisting with fundraising.

Honor club applications are submitted to your county office following completion of the 4-H year (October-September) (refer to How Effective Is Your 4-H Club?, 4-H Leader Training Series). Each county office will set its own deadline for submission of the application. Your county 4-H office staff are available to assist you in completing the application. The application is attached to this form.

In applying to be a 4-H Honor Club, you are truly "Making the Best Better"! Each county determines its method of recognizing honor clubs (e.g., certificate, ceremonies, contributions to club treasury).

PENNSTATE



Cooperative Extension
College of Agricultural Sciences

Venango County 4-H Honor Club Application

Name of 4-H club:

County: _____ Date submitted: _____

***Check all criteria that your club met. Give details as requested.
Remember, your club must complete all of the following in order to be considered a 4-H Honor Club.***

My 4-H Club:

_____ Meets regularly(at least once a month) for nine or more months of the year.

List dates here:

_____ Has elected officers to conduct meetings.

List officers:

_____ Conducts at least one business meeting a month for nine or more months of the year.

_____ Participates in at least one approved 4-H project.

_____ Has an approved club constitution.

Attach constitution to this form.

_____ Has at least two registered adult 4-H leader, trained and appointed by county 4-H staff

(using the PA 4-H Volunteer screening Process).

_____ Conducts at least one community service project.

Describe community service project:

_____ Has at least five registered club members (As registered in 4-H ACCESS online data system).

_____ Exhibits/demonstrates at the County 4-H Fair.

Attach list of projects entered at fair and members participating

Club members:

_____ Attend at least 70% of club meetings.

Attach club attendance list

_____ Do a public presentation at the club level once a year; public presentation at the county level is strongly encouraged.

Attach list of member name, demonstrations, dates, and topics

_____ Complete a record book.

Attach club list with books completed

County Involvement

_____ volunteer time as a club with at least one county level event (list event and responsibilities)

_____ number of members completing leadership ladder award applications

_____ number of members completing event scholarship award application

We certify that our 4-H club has met the requirements for 4-H Honor Club recognition.

4-H Club Leader Signature _____

Date _____

4-H Club President Signature _____ Date _____

Score Sheet

Club Name: _____

My 4-H Club: (70 points) _____

Club members: (23 points) _____

County Involvement: (7 points) _____

Total Points: _____

_____ Blue Club Award (90-100 points)

_____ Red Club Award (80-89 points)

_____ White Club Award (up to 79 points)

All clubs are eligible to complete this award and will receive recognition depending on the score of this application.

extension.psu.edu

An **OUTREACH** program of the College of Agricultural Sciences

Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences research and extension programs are funded in part by Pennsylvania counties, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Where trade names appear, no discrimination is intended, and no endorsement by Penn State Cooperative Extension is implied.

This publication is available in alternative media on request.

The Pennsylvania State University is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment without regard to personal characteristics not related to ability, performance, or qualifications as determined by University policy or by state or federal authorities. It is the policy of the University to maintain an academic and work environment free of discrimination, including harassment. The Pennsylvania State University prohibits discrimination and harassment against any person because of age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, genetic information, national origin, race, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status and retaliation due to the reporting of discrimination or harassment. Discrimination, harassment, or retaliation against faculty, staff, or students will not be tolerated at The Pennsylvania State University. Direct all inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policy to the Affirmative Action Director, The Pennsylvania State University, 328 Boucke Building, University Park, PA 16802-5901; Tel 814-863-0471.