

4-H Achievement Certificate Guidelines Levels & Requirements:

Cloverbuds (5-8 Years of Age):

- 2 Cloverbud Projects
- 2 hours of Community Service
- 1 Educational Event

Bronze (8 Years of Age & Up):

- 2 Project
- 5 hours of Community Service
- 2 Educational Events

Silver Certificate (8 Years of Age & Up):

- 2 Projects
- 10 hours of Community Service
- 3 Educational Events

Gold Certificate (8 Years of Age & Up):

- 3 Projects
- 15 hours of Community Service
- 4 Educational Events

Emerald Certificate (13 Years of Age & Up):

- 4 Projects
- 15 hours of Community Service
- 4 Educational Events
- 2 Leadership Projects (with at least one being the primary leader of a club project)

Ruby Certificate (13 Years of Age & Up):

- 3 Projects
- 15 hours of Community Service
- 4 Educational Events
- Lead a 4-H Project with **another** 4-H Club or organization
- 1 additional leadership project
- Promote 4-H Club throughout St. Lawrence County

Pearl Certificate (16 Years of Age & Up):

- 3 projects
- 10 hours of Community Service
- 2 Educational Events
- Lead a 4-H Project with **another** 4-H Club or organization
- Developed a program or educational resource that will carry on or continue to be used in the future.
- Promote 4-H Club throughout St. Lawrence County

Diamond Certificate (16 Years of Age & Up):

- 3 projects
- 10 hours of Community Service

- 2 Educational Events
- Lead a 4-H Project with another 4-H Club or outside organizations
- Plan, promote, and implement a significant countywide community service project, in which other 4-H clubs or outside organizations would participate
- Promote the 4-H Club Program throughout St. Lawrence County
- Submit a proposed plan of work to the 4-H Youth Development Program no later than June of the 4-H year.

Relevant Definitions:

4-H Age: Your age as of January 1st of the 4-H year.

4-H Project: A unit of work, which may consist of a series of learning experiences, designed to help shape the character of 4-H youth and teach lifelong skills. You may request the 4-H Project List from the office to see examples available.

4-H Cloverbud Project: Similar to a 4-H project, however it is usually a short-term experience emphasizing socialization and involvement.

4-H Educational Event: An event that provides an added and unique educational experience. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:

Award Trips	Educational Trips	Officer's Training
Achievement Day	Activity Nights	Dairy Bowl Contest
Public Presentations	Clothing Review	Dairy Judging
Horse Communications	Horse Bowl	Livestock Clinics
County Fair	Hammond Fair	NYS Fair
Fundraising Projects	4-H Camp Overlook	Dairy Camp
Showmanship Clinics	4-H SUNY Canton Vet Science	Animal Nights at Extension
Farm Day Camp	4-H School Break Specials	

4-H Community Service: Providing assistance that benefits someone outside of the member's family and club.

4-H Leadership Project: Providing direction and guidance to others. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:

- Serving as a Teen Evaluator at an Educational Event
- Serving as a Teen Assistant/Leader/Superintendent at an Educational Event
- Serving as an Officer in a 4-H Club or Teen Council
- Leading a project within their 4-H Club or another 4-H Club
- Assisting another project leader within their 4-H Club
- Serving on a Cooperative Extension Advisory Committee
- Serving as a 4-H Camp Overlook Counselor

4-H Promotion: Promote the names, mission, and ideals of the 4-H program by informing the community through advertising or publicity:

- Lead the planning and operation of County Fair Club Booth **or Activity booth**
- Write articles for Extension News and/or the public newspaper
- Organize a booth, float, or group for Dairy Princess Parade
- Plan and implement a Community Service project that educates the public about the 4-H program

Please Note: Be careful not to use the same activity for credit in two separate categories.

