

# Tanana District 4-H Project, Year and Merit Award Requirements

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## Project Requirements

### WHAT MAKES A PROJECT?

- 1) *At least 6 meetings or 10 hours of instruction.*
- 2) *Keep records of learning experiences and turn in the completed project and general record book.*
- 3) *Exhibit/present what you have learned.*
- 4) *Have completed any additional requirements of that project.*

The latest a member can enroll and exhibit in the fair under 4-H is June 15<sup>th</sup>, this varies for some livestock projects.

## Year Pins

Member Year Pins are given every year that the member completes a project and turns in a record book. Remember, a member must have turned in a record book to the club leader, in order to qualify for a Year Pin. This should be done no later than September 10. Recommendation sheets are to be turned in to the Extension office by September 15 or the date as advertised in order to expedite the process of pin sorting, program creating, merit award certificates, etc.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A YEAR END PIN? *Member must have:*

- 1) *Completed a 4-H project.*
- 2) *Participated in a community service activity.*
- 3) *During the year do at least one presentation. This can be project related, 4-H in general or some area they are interested in for their club, etc. Juniors and Cloverbuds presentations may be as simple as leading the pledges.*
- 4) *Participate in at least one district/community event, representing 4-H. This can include but not limited to: exhibit in a fair, camp counselor, district public presentation day, etc.*

Leaders Year Pins are awarded in increments of 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years.

## District Merit Awards

### HOW DOES A MEMBER RECEIVE A DISTRICT AWARD?

- 1) *Complete above requirements for a project.*
- 2) *Leader must submit a written recommendation. Recommendation needs to fully explain why the youth should receive this award. Remember Merit Award Committee Members do not know all 4-H members or their accomplishments.*
- 3) *Have a recordbook that scores at least a 70% on the scoring rubric (this is a combination of both the general and project recordbooks.) Recordbooks need to be good but remember that these awards are about the youth and their projects, not a recordbook contest.*
- 4) *Recipients of awards will be chosen by a committee of leaders appointed by the president and confirmed at leaders council meeting or appointed by the extension agent. The committee members should include leaders from horse, livestock and general project leaders.*

To recommend a youth for a Merit Award, a written nomination must be turned into the Extension office no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> or other date as advertised.

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There are many things a Merit Award can be given for. Usually a Merit Award is given to a member that shows exceptional work in their project or even goes beyond the call of duty in helping others with their projects. A youth that can overcome an obstacle and still pursue their goals shows an attitude worthy of a Merit Award. Leadership qualities, mentoring, civic engagement, attitude towards fellow peers and adults - all are worthy of Merit Awards. A Merit Award is not awarded for just showing up and completing the minimum requirements of a project.

Consider these things and some of the other criteria listed below when deciding to recommend a Merit Award. **More than one** youth can be nominated and receive the same merit award or a youth can receive more than one merit award in a year. Over the years a member can earn more than one merit award in the same project.

### **Specific Merit Awards associated with a Project (a completed record book for the project is required):**

Aerospace	Equine Science	Public Speaking
Agriculture	Family Life	Rabbits
Alpaca	Fashion Revue:	Reporting Media
Animal Husbandry	Fine Arts	Robotics
Aquaculture	Foods & Nutrition	Robotics Master
Arts & Crafts	Food Science	Rocketry
Beef	Forestry	STEM
Bicycle	Gardening & Horticulture	Scrapbooking
Biological Sciences	Genealogy	Sheep
Cake Decorating	Geology	Shooting Sports
Cats	Goats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Rifle or Pistol</li> </ul>
Cavy	Guide Dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archery</li> </ul>
Child Care & Development	Healthy Living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunting</li> </ul>
Clothing and Textiles	Herpetology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunting &amp; Wildlife</li> </ul>
Cloverbud	Hippology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muzzleloader</li> </ul>
Coding	History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pistol</li> </ul>
Communications	Hobbies & Collections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rifle</li> </ul>
Community Service	Home Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Bore Rifle</li> </ul>
Computer Science	Horse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shotgun</li> </ul>
Computer Technology	Industrial Art Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Western Heritage</li> </ul>
Consumer & Family Sciences	Leadership	Swine
Consumer Education	Livestock Master	Technology & Engineering
Cooking Master	Llama	Veterinary Science
Cooking	Money Management	Visual Arts
Cultural Engagement	Music	Waterfowl
Dairy	Outdoor Education &	Wildlife & Fisheries
Demonstration	Recreation	Wood Science
Dogs	Performing Arts	Woodworking Master
Electricity	Photography Master	Yoga
Engineers, Tractors & Field Equipment	Physical Science	
Entomology & Bees	Plant Science	
Environmental Stewardship	Poultry	

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\*This list is not updated annually so refer to the 4-H mall website for the most up to date list of pins available.

### **Merit Awards that May or May Not be Associated with a Specific Project:**

A recordbook must be submitted for at least one project to be considered for these awards.

**Achievement:** This award is for the 4-H member who is outstanding in 4-H as a whole. This can be determined by if they exhibit projects in many areas, have set and met their goals, have had leadership roles, community involvement, their project has developed in a interest that is directing them towards a career path, etc.

**Citizenship & Civic:** This is for a 4-H member that excels in community service and leadership roles in their club, home, community, state or country. It can also be awarded to someone that has participated in Youth in Governace for their second year and has completed the required YIG recordbook.

**Citizenship:** This is for a 4-H member that has developed positive relationships between themselves and leaders or other 4-H members. It can also be awarded to someone that has participated in Youth in Governace for their first year and has completed the required YIG recordbook.

**Community Service:** This may or may not be a specific project. To earn a Community Service Merit Award the 4-H member should do a minimum of at least three more community service projects (this can be for community service done for 4-H or other non 4-H related community service) than what is required for an excellent rating on the Record Book scoring rubric for their age. Their record book should reflect their community service work.

**Demonstration or Public Speaking:** This award is given to a member who has done a public presentation in 3 of the past 5 years at either the District Public Presentation Day or at a Fair or earns an excellent rating (for their age) on the record book scoring rubric. Or they can be given to someone that does a project in Public Speaking.

**Lamp of Knowledge:** This merit award will not have a specific project record book associated with it. This merit award is for a 4-H youth that shares their knowledge of a project with other members and or the community.

**Leadership:** It does not have to have a specific project record book turned in for it but can. This award can be given to 4-H members that do a good job as a club officer, leads projects within the club, helps organize a club or district event, is an exceptional camp counselor or takes on a leadership role within a club such as being a Junior Leader for that club.

**Mentorship:** Is for the 4-H member that works one on one with other 4-H members to help them achieve more from their 4-H project and 4-H experience.

**Personal Development:** This is for a 4-H member who has shown personal growth as an invidual and member of the community.