

## Overview of Thurston County 4-H Awards

Award Description	Award	Open To	Application Process	Judging Criteria
<b>Project Achievement Medals</b> - awarded to the top Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors in each project area	Project theme medal, certificate, and recognition at awards afternoon	Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members enrolled in 4-H project for which applying	Need to complete Record Book and <u>Thurston County Project Achievement Medals Application &amp; Score Sheet</u>	Based on Record Book Score of at least 60% and 4-H activity score
<b>Project Achievement Certificates</b> - awarded to everyone who successfully completes a Record Book	Certificate and recognition at awards afternoon	Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members enrolled in 4-H project for which applying	Need to complete Record Book and <u>Thurston County Project Achievement Medals Application &amp; Score Sheet</u>	Awarded to everyone with 60% or higher Record Book Score that has not received a project medal
<b>Record Book Medal</b> awarded to all who complete and turn in a Record Book	Medal, Certificate, and recognition at awards afternoon	Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members	Need to complete Record Book and <u>Thurston County Project Achievement Medals Application &amp; Score Sheet</u>	Medals and Certificates are awarded to all members who turn in a Record Book for judging
<b>4-H Club Awards</b> awarded to clubs that have shown active involvement in 4-H promotion, community service, public presentations, record books, exhibits, 4-H contests or activities, officer and/or committee positions	Clubs with 7 or more members: 1st Place - \$80 2nd Place - \$60 3rd Place - \$40  Clubs with 6 or fewer members: 1st Place - \$35 2nd Place - \$25 3rd Place - \$15	All 4-H Clubs	Club leader nominates club by completing <u>4-H Club Award</u> form	Club judged on participation in club activities, 4-H promotion, and community service
<b>Teen Leader of the Year</b> awarded to up to two individuals that have demonstrated outstanding teen leader qualities	\$50.00 savings bond, leadership pin, and recognition at awards afternoon	4-H Teens (8th grade and above)	Nominated by adult volunteer or extension office staff person that submits the <u>Teen Leader of the Year Nomination Form</u> . Teen is interviewed and submits a one-page resume at time of interview	Judged on leadership skills, ability to work with others, attitude, and achievement based on in-person interview

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<p><b>Most Improved 4-H Member</b> - awarded to a 4-H member that has shown outstanding growth in knowledge and 4-H activities</p>	<p>Certificate, special 4-H award, and recognition at awards afternoon</p>	<p>Junior, Intermediate, or Senior members</p>	<p>Nominated by an adult volunteer that submits the <u>Most Improved 4-H Member Nomination Form</u></p>	<p>Judged on project knowledge, 4-H activities, and achievement</p>
<p><b>Extra Mile 4-Her</b> awarded to a member that has shown outstanding 4-H club involvement, leadership, community service, and 4-H activities beyond club work</p>	<p>Certificate, special 4-H award, and recognition at awards afternoon</p>	<p>Junior, Intermediate, or Senior members</p>	<p>Nominated by member, parent, or other adult that submits the <u>Extra Mile 4-Her Nomination Form</u>. Members may be interviewed over the phone or in person to break ties</p>	<p>Judged on 4-H club involvement, leadership, community service, and 4-H activities beyond club work</p>
<p><b>All Around Exhibitor Award</b> - awarded to 4-H members who demonstrate extraordinary effort in multiple projects and activities exhibited at the Thurston County Fair</p>	<p>Medallion and certificate for top winners, all qualifying members will receive recognition at awards afternoon</p>	<p>Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members</p>	<p>Complete <u>All Around Exhibitor of the Year</u> application form and turn it into the 4-H information booth at the county fair before end of fair</p>	<p>Participation in multiple project areas and activities at the Fair. Confirmation of fair participation will be made with the Fair office</p>
<p><b>Secretary's Book Award</b> awarded to club secretaries that have done an outstanding job. At the judge's discretion, more than one award can be distributed in each category</p>	<p>1st Place award 2nd Place award 3rd Place award Recognition at awards afternoon</p>	<p>Junior, Intermediate, or Senior members</p>	<p>Submit completed 4-H <u>Secretary's Book</u> - C0240</p>	<p>Judged on neatness, completeness, and clarity</p>
<p><b>Treasurer's Book Award</b> awarded to club treasurer's that have done an outstanding job. At the judge's discretion, more than one award can be distributed in each category</p>	<p>1st Place award 2nd Place award 3rd Place award Recognition at awards afternoon</p>	<p>Junior, Intermediate, or Senior members</p>	<p>Submit completed monthly Treasurer's Report from C0231 <u>Treasurer's Book</u></p>	<p>Judged on neatness, completeness, accuracy, and clarity</p>

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<p><b>4-H Leader of the Year</b> awarded to an enrolled adult volunteer that has made significant contributions of time and effort to the Thurston County 4-H program.</p>	<p>Plaque and recognition at Achievement Afternoon and recognition at the 4-H Forum, statewide leaders' conference in October during awards banquet. Council provides \$50.00 to cover banquet cost. Also Framed photograph of the Leader of the Year is displayed in the Benoschek building at the fairgrounds.</p>	<p>Any enrolled adult volunteer (i.e. club leader, assistant leader, resource leader, council officer, superintendent)</p>	<p>Nominated by member, parent, or other volunteer by submitting a <u>Leader of the Year</u> nomination form by the July Council meeting each year</p>	<p>Voting by ballot during the Thurston County Fair by peers and teen leaders</p>
<p><b>Year Pins</b> - pins are awarded to all members who have been actively involved in their 4-H club and completed the 4-H year</p>	<p>One year-pin per member awarded</p> <p>*Members 8 years and above are recognized at achievement afternoon.</p>	<p>Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members</p>	<p>Clubs need to request and purchase pins from 4-H office. Pins are \$2.00 a piece. Club purchases pins for members 1-7 years, 8 years and above purchased by the 4-H Council</p>	<p>Pins are awarded to all members who have been actively involved in their 4-H club and completed the 4-H year</p>

\* Sometimes donations are made to the 4-H Council so additional year pins may be purchased and awarded to seven-year members and under. Please check with the 4-H Office about possible donated year pins.

**Other Honors and Awards recognized at Achievement Afternoon**

(These honors and awards do not require an application or nomination process)

- **New 4-H Club Initiation Ceremony** – first year clubs are recognized and initiated into the 4-H Program
- **4-H Leader Clover Awards** – leaders recognized for their years of service in 5-year increments
- **Top Public Presentations** – Champion and Reserve Champion winners from the Thurston County Fair
- **4-H Council Officer Recognition** – a thank you to our 4-H Council advisory board officers
- **4-H Teen-Works/5-Star Recognition** – recognition of teens that have reached certain milestones in the teen-works workforce preparation program.
- **Other Special County Fair Awards not mentioned above**