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Texas 4-H Youth Development

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Topics

- Recognition of 4-H members
- National 4-H Recognition Model
- Recognition Ideas




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Recognition of 4-H Members

- Focus on development of each individual 4-H member
- Relate to project work, 4-H club activities, helping other members or sharing experiences
- Pay attention to differences in age group interests and abilities.

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National 4-H Recognition Model

For: Individuals & Groups, Youth, Adults, Families, & Partners



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Recognizing 4-H Members for Participation in Educational Experiences

- Recognition should be part of the learning experience
- Can be earned several times
- Appropriate for each age level
- Should be given in a 4-H club meeting or project meeting



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Examples of Recognition for Participation in Educational Experiences

- Participation in 4-H project group
- Participation in a project workshop, tour, etc.
- Submitting a 4-H project record
- Participation in a 4-H project exhibit or show
- Attending a certain number of 4-H meetings
- Participation in the 4-H club meeting program
- Participation in the 4-H community service project
- Representing the club at county/district/state 4-H activities

Examples of awards you might use include t-shirts, caps, gift cards or certificates, or any other creative items.




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Recognizing 4-H Members for Progress Toward Self-Set Goals

- Involves the 4-H member setting goals
- Goal-setting should be done with the family or small group
- Each 4-H member should have their own goals
- Evaluation of progress toward goals should involve an adult
- Recognition should be given at 4-H club meeting or project meeting

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Examples of Recognition for Progress Toward Self-Set Goals

- Completing goals set is a 4-H project
- Participation in 4-H project learning experience
- Turning in a completed Recordbook or Project Record form

Some examples of awards you might use include positive comments to youth, parents or other 4-H members, media coverage, 4-H ribbons, pins, certificates, stickers or other ideas.


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Recognizing 4-H Members for Achievement of Standards of Excellence

- Comparing a 4-H member's knowledge, skills, abilities and/or accomplishments to an established set of standards
- Standards are established on most 4-H contests




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Examples of Recognition for Achievement of Standards of Excellence

- Hosting a contest in which awards are based on a point system
- Project achievement levels based on completion of preset criteria
- A project show in which members exhibit knowledge or skills
- Exhibit results of their project work
- A judging contest (compared against a standard)

Some examples of awards you might use include ribbons, certificates, project equipment or supplies, plaques, project pins or other items.



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Recognizing 4-H Members for Results from Peer Competition

- Competition rules must be clearly defined and fully enforced
- A winner is named in this type of recognition

Some examples of awards you might use include medals, trophies, plaques, scholarships or other things.



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Recognizing 4-H Members for Cooperation

- All young people need to be fully involved in the entire process.
- There need to be mutually agreed upon goals.
- Attention needs to be given to the way the group works.
- The ultimate goal is the satisfaction of being part of a team.
- All members are recognized.


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Recognition of Parents/Supporting Adults/Volunteer Leaders

- Personal letters
- Publicity
- Gift certificates/coupons
- Plaques
- Promotion or new title
- Special learning opportunities




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Informal Recognition

- Introduce new members and guests.
- Send cards.
- Thank those that took leadership.
- Ask a young member to lead the pledge.
- Take pictures and display them.
- Say "Thank you."
- Give responsibility.
- Say hello.




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Informal Recognition

- Compliment members for improvements.
- Give appreciation to leaders for specific efforts.
- Congratulate for achievement in and out of 4-H.
- Pay partial expenses for trips.
- Put articles in the newspaper.
- Help members evaluate 4-H entries.




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Formal Recognition

- Honor Roll Members
 - * Attend at least 75 percent of regular club meetings
 - * Turn in completed Member Achievement Plan (MAP) or other report form.
 - * Participate in at least one county event
- 100% Attendance Awards
- Completion Certificates
- Club Officer Pins
- Junior Leader Pins or Chevrons
- Teen Leader Pins or Chevrons
- Volunteer Leader Pins or Certificates



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Club Recognition Awards Events

- All clubs need a recognition event
 - Club officer installation service
 - New member initiation ceremony
 - Club and/or group awards ceremony
 - Club project recognition



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What did you learn?

- 4-H Recognition Model?
- How to recognize 4-H members based on age and accomplishment?
- How to recognize 4-H volunteers?
- How to recognize in an informal and formal setting?


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Resources

- Maximizing Recognition in 4-H
- 100+ Ways To Recognize Volunteers Handout



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