

Aurora County 4-H

What is 4-H:

4-H is a volunteer led program that provides opportunities to all rural and urban youth between the ages of 5-19 to participate in innovative, fun programs through which they can develop valuable lifelong skills.

The 4-H movement supports young people from elementary school through high school with programs designed to shape future leaders and innovators. Fueled by research-driven programming, 4-H'ers engage in hands-on learning activities in the areas of science, citizenship and healthy living. 4-H is established in every county of every state in the nation. There are currently five 4-H clubs Aurora County.

History: 4-H grew out of the progressive education movement of the late 1800's and early 1900's in America. 4-H was created for two primary reasons: as a means to interest parents in improved and innovative farm and home practices, and as a method to compensate for the school's inability to adequately meet the needs and interests of youth. 4-H was first established as single topic area interest groups, such as corn, beef, sewing, canning or gardening. This idea was conceived on the premise of improving youth skills through hands-on experience, or 'learning by doing' activities. For example, children would learn to read better by reading bulletins about crop production, sharpen mathematical skills by measuring and weighing their yields, and improve their writing skills with the completion of a written project report. This movement encouraged Congress to pass the Smith-Lever Act in 1914, which formed the Cooperative Extension Service as a partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture of the federal government, the state government through Land Grant Universities, and local governments through the County Boards. 4-H has now evolved into the largest youth development program in the United States.

Pledge: The 4-H Pledge is given at the beginning of every 4-H meeting and event. The Pledge of Allegiance is said first, followed by the 4-H Pledge.

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
my HEART to great loyalty
my HANDS to larger service
and my HEALTH to better living
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

4-H Motto: "To Make the Best Better"

4-H Emblem: The four H's on the clover stand for: Head, Heart, Hands and Health. The colors of the 4-H clover also have a special meaning. The color green symbolizes nature's most common color and represents life. The color white symbolizes purity.

Vision: South Dakota 4-H will empower youth to become self-reliant, contributing and productive members of society.

Mission: South Dakota 4-H enables youth to be engaged in partnership with caring adults that foster positive learning environments resulting in youth developing to their fullest potential.

Values:

- Youth, families and communities
- Partnership and coalitions
- Every child's individuality and uniqueness
- Caring adult volunteers who mentor youth
- Character: (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship)

Benefits:

- Advancing acquisition of positive life skills through experiential learning
- Contributing to the development of critical communication skills including the ability to interact with others, to speak and write with clarity and to utilize technology with competence.
- Empowering youth to be independent thinkers who are developing their critical thinking, problem solving and decision-making skills.
- Encouraging youth to become good citizens through leadership development, volunteerism and community service.
- Promoting the involvement of youth in community-building and equal partnerships of youth working closely with adults.

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AURORA COUNTY 4-H POLICY

The following rules, standards and policies were developed by the Aurora County 4-H Leader's Association Executive Board and the County Extension Staff and were approved by the Aurora County 4-H Leader's Association on April 30, 1973. The updated, revised copy was approved at the June 17, 1985 4-H Leader's meeting. The second revision was approved January 30, 1989. The third revision was approved November 29, 1993. The fourth revision was approved November 14, 2003. The fifth revision was approved on January 25, 2010. The sixth revision was approved on September 17, 2014. The seventh revision made on May 18, 2015, page 7-8 (*Trophy Awards and **additional premium requirement.). Eighth revision: December 2019.

4-H is an inclusive organization. No county policy or practice should be used to arbitrarily exclude youth from membership or participation. Youth should participate in 4-H opportunities at levels and times that best suit the youth's growth and development and support family involvement.

4-H Year - The South Dakota 4-H year runs from October 1 through September 30.

Enrollment Timeline - Youth may enroll in 4-H at any time throughout the year. Local 4-H clubs/groups can be formed at any time during the 4-H year, however, a state enrollment of May 31 does exist for exhibiting and participating in state activities such as South Dakota State Fair, State Horse Show and other state 4-H events.

Youth may enroll in more than one club and in more than one county. If a child enrolls in clubs in two counties, there should be communication between the county Extension staff and an exchange of information about the child's participation. If a youth enrolls in more than one club, he/she must enroll in different projects in each club. Examples:

- Youth enrolls in a community club and a special interest club (shooting sports).
- Youth enrolls in a community club where he/she attends school. Youth lives in another location during the summer months and enrolls in a club in that location.
- Youth enrolls in a 4-H Afterschool club and a community club.

Age Eligibility - Youth between the ages of 5 and 18 are eligible for enrollment in 4-H. Youth must be 8 years of age on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year for regular membership. Youth turning 19 on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year are no longer eligible for 4-H membership.

- Children with special needs/disabilities are eligible for enrollment with no maximum age limit.
- Youth in kindergarten through 3rd grade (age 5-7) are eligible for enrollment in the Cloverbuds program. 4-H Cloverbuds is a non-competitive education program offering 4-H learning experiences/situations for children. Note: Many 3rd grade students will meet the qualifying age for 4-H membership (i.e., age 8 on or before January 1).

Age Divisions for the 4-H Program:

Cloverbuds: Age 5, 6, or 7 on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year.
Beginners: Age 8, 9 or 10 on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year.
Juniors: Age 11, 12, or 13 on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year.
Seniors: Age 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year and have not turned 19 on or before January 1.

Membership Requirement - In order to be an Aurora County 4-H member in good standing and be eligible for county-based awards youth must:

- Attend 4 club meetings per 4-H year or fulfill Independent member requirements.
- Submit a completed 4-H Record Book on or before October 1.
- Submit a 4-H Member Permanent Record on or before October 1 if applying for Achievement Awards.

- Submit an Application for County Pin Award, if applying for project pins.
- Give one demonstration or talk at the club or county level (Project pins require 2 club or 1 county demonstration/talks)

WAYS TO BELONG TO 4-H

1. Community or Project Club
2. Individual membership – Independent Member
3. Special Interest Clubs (Shooting Sports)

Independent 4-H Membership – Aurora County

While the 4-H Club provides a wonderful small group learning environment for the positive development of young people, it is not the only way to become a 4-H member. Independent membership is another option. Independent 4-H members participate in planned learning outside of a club setting. Their work is self-directed with guidance and support of parents and mentors. Self-study, home study, mentoring or shadowing with an “expert,” and whole families learning together are examples of 4-H independent membership.

To ensure that young people choosing independent membership have a 4-H experience of the highest quality they should complete the following:

- Identify an adult mentor to guide and support them in their 4-H project work.
- Develop skills in leadership, citizenship, communications, personal life management and knowledge through project work.
- Complete one or more community service learning projects during the year.
- Demonstrate their learning by giving a presentation or demonstration before a group (nursing homes, a 4-H club, church groups, afterschool programs).
- Reflect on their learning by submitting a 4-H Record Book to the 4-H Office on or before October 1.
- Abide by all county, state and national 4-H policies and recognize the authority of Extension staff to establish and enforce rules and policies.
- Contribute to the larger 4-H program by participating in county and state fundraising efforts; volunteering to lead or assist with 4-H committees, programs and activities; reading and responding to extension office correspondence; and remaining informed and current on 4-H opportunities, procedures and guidelines.
- Participate in at least one County Event (Public Presentation, Fashion Revue, Special Foods, Judging School, Achievement Days, Horse Show)
- Will follow guidelines in the Aurora County 4-H Policy to earn Awards, Project Pins and Premium Money.

4-H Cloverbuds is a non-competitive educational program offering 4-H learning experiences/situations for children enrolled in kindergarten through 3rd grade (ages 5-7). Refer to the National 4-H website for more information.

<https://4-h.org/parents/programs-at-a-glance/>

The non-competitive learning environment for 4-H Cloverbuds includes the following:

1. developmentally appropriate activities
2. cooperation, rather than competition, should be emphasized
3. planned learning activities in which children are invited to be active and explore materials and ideas without the pressure of completing a specific product or exhibit
4. simple, interesting activities that are fun
5. encouragement of children to participate in a group activity by sharing and/or displaying their activity projects
6. recognition and incentives are to be presented without rank or placing

In South Dakota, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade can participate in Cloverbuds in two ways:

1. Participating in a county Cloverbud program.
2. Enrolling in a 4-H community club as a Cloverbud member and participating in the age appropriate activities of that club.

Cloverbud members can participate in most aspects of the 4-H program, except for a few notable exceptions:

1. 4-H Cloverbud members cannot participate in large animal livestock projects (i.e., horse, dairy, goats, sheep, swine and beef).
2. 4-H Cloverbud members cannot participate in shooting sports at the county level.
3. 4-H Cloverbud members cannot exhibit at State Fair, State Horse Show, or State Shooting Sports.
4. 4-H Cloverbud members can participate in county Youth in Action events or Achievement Days, but only as a participant. They cannot compete in events or receive ribbon placing of purple, blue, red, or white. Cloverbud participation ribbons/certificates are one form of acceptable recognition.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETING THE CHARTER APPLICATION FOR A 4-H CLUB AND AFFILIATED 4-H ORGANIZATIONS

SDSU Extension grants 4-H club charters, which formally recognize a club's affiliation with 4-H, and grants that club the permission to use the 4-H club name and emblem.

To be a chartered 4-H club in South Dakota, the following requirements must be met and maintained:

1. Club must have a name.
2. Five or more youth must be regular members (age 8 and up) from at least 3 families.
3. Adult leadership has been identified and approved through the youth protection process, and the documentation is on file at the county office.
4. Stated purpose of group is described.
5. There is youth involvement in leadership and decision making.
6. Club membership must be open to any youth eligible for 4-H membership, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or marital or parental status.
7. Established club constitution and by-laws in place.
8. Established club dissolution statement in place.
9. IRS form #SS-4 has been completed and filed.

The failure of a 4-H club to meet these requirements may result in the re-evaluation of the club charter and the potential loss of the use of the 4-H name and emblem. The loss of charter can only be accomplished in consultation with 4-H/Youth Advisor in SDSU Extension.

MEMBER ENROLLMENT PROCESS

All members will enroll in 4-H Online. <http://sd.4honline.com>

The 4-H year begins October 1 and ends September 30 of the following year.

After October 1, each member must re-enroll. Enrollment in 4-H and project selection must be completed by May 31.

Each 4-H member is required to be enrolled in at least one project area or qualifying 4-H program. 4-H projects are described in the current SDSU Extension 4-H State Fair Book. Enrollment deadlines are listed in this guide.

4-H members should only enroll in a reasonable number of projects each year. The number of projects carried should be based on the following:

1. the ability, interest, and time available to a 4-H member to fully complete the 4-H project experience
2. the 4-H member's family environment

3. the practicality of the project, such as cost

Deadline for Animal Ownership and 4HOnline Registration is June 1 (see Mandatory Identification of Animals). Companion Animal registration is due by State Fair Registration deadline. (These deadlines are subject to change by the State 4-H Office)

FairEntry Registration Deadline for Achievement Days and State Fair will be set by the Extension Office and State Office.

4-H Record Book, **4-H Member Permanent Record** and **Application for Project Pins** are due on or before the first of October.

PROFESSIONAL EXTENSION EMPLOYMENT

Members working in the professional capacity (with the Extension Service as Summer Assistant, Extension Volunteer, Work Study Assistant), may continue their 4-H membership and be allowed to complete their projects. These members should exhibit projects and compete in county judging contests.

PROJECT COMPLETION

4-H members must show project completion in order to obtain the yearly Participation Certificate; however, project completion is not required for re-enrollment each year.

In order to document project completion, members need to show growth of knowledge and skills in the respective project area. Not every 4-H project area lends itself to a static or live animal exhibit at Achievement Days. Project completion can be accomplished or achieved in many different ways:

1. an interview with an adult leader or parent
2. a written report
3. teaching a skill to others
4. mentoring others in the project area
5. exhibition or exhibit at an alternative venue (e.g., library, cultural center)
6. relevant technology application
7. performance (e.g., recital, clowning, performing arts troupe, miming)

Requirements:

The requirements listed below are for member completion of all projects and programs. They are to assist the leader in evaluating or determining member participation. The final decision as to awarding the member participation certificate is still up to each individual 4-H Leader.

1. Give one demonstration, or illustrated talk, public speaking, or project why each club year.
Choice of project area is up to the member.
2. Meeting attendance. The number of meetings to attend is to be set by each club; 4 meetings as a minimum are recommended.
3. Complete and turn in the current year 4-H Record Book.
4. Complete a 4-H Member Permanent Record if applying for Achievement Awards.
4. Other project participation. Participation may be in any one or any number of items listed below.
 - a. Judging
 - b. Junior or Teen Leadership
 - c. Club and County Event Participation

- d. In some way show the results of the project accomplishment by an exhibit or by writing a paragraph stating the work that the 4-H'er has accomplished in the project area. A member's participation in a project where no exhibit was entered will be determined by the 4-H Club Leader.
5. Members away at school may complete projects, with allowance made for meeting attendances.
6. A leader shall complete the Annual Club Report each year.

JUDGING CONTESTS

It is recommended that judging contests be provided in the following interest areas: Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Rabbit, Poultry, Horse, Crops, Horticulture, and Consumer Decision Making. Areas may be added or deleted depending upon interest, facilities, and availability of Extension personnel.

Eligibility:

1. CDM and Horticulture members must attend at least two (2) judging contests to be eligible for a State team.
2. Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Horse, Rabbit, Crop must attend one (1) judging contest to be eligible for a State team.
3. Any winners of a major award in the State Contest are eligible to judge in that project area again. A senior contestant who has earned a major award in a specific event in previous years may judge as an individual in the same contest, but not as part of the county team. However, they are not eligible for another major award. They may select to judge in a different project area.

Judging team method of selection: All teams will be selected by the average of the top 2 composite scores of all contests attended. Youth earning highest scores in County Judging Events will comprise the county judging teams at the State Fair. In case of ties, consideration will be given to the individuals who have attended the most judging contests. In the case of team substitutions, the next high individual will be the alternate. In the case of the team not being filled for the State Fair Judging Contest, the 4-H member with the next highest number of judging contests and next highest score will fill in on the judging teams for the State Fair.

There is no limit to the number of judging teams a member can participate at the state level. However, a member must commit to the team by state deadline, since no substitutions can be made.

4-H COUNTY EVENTS

HORSE SHOW:

Horse Show participants will follow the guidelines provided by the State Office on the South Dakota State 4-H Horse Show Year Long Check List.

1. Enroll in 4-H by May 31.
2. Upload Horse Form, Horse Achievement Form and Lease Form (if applicable) to 4HOnline by June 1.
3. Attend a Horse Safety Training by June 1.
4. Register for events in the FairEntry program according to the date designated by the Extension Office.

Horse Show events will follow the rules and regulations set forth in the South Dakota 4-H Horse Project Show Guide and the State 4-H Horse Show Advisory Committee, including the dress code.

YOUTH IN ACTION EVENTS:

Youth in Action Events are 4-H contests and activities that provide 4-H members with an opportunity for additional educational experience at the club, county, and state level. These events involve the member as an active participant in an activity related to the youth's 4-H project work. Participation is designed to help the youth practice important life skills, such as communication, decision making and time/work management.

Registration is to be completed online in the FairEntry program according the date designated by the Extension Office.

The rules and regulations for the following events will consist of the guidelines set up by the 4-H State Advisory Committee: (Always refer to the Fair Book for current guidelines)

- Public Speaking
- Project Why
- Demonstrations
- Illustrated Talks
- Performing Arts
- 4-H Camp
- Special Foods
- Fashion Revue
- Teen Leadership Conference
- Robotics and Engineering Challenge

Fashion Revue is an event that enhances members' skills in clothing selection, coordination and construction. Each participant constructs or buys their own garment to model for a panel of judges. During this process, 4-Hers learn about wardrobe selection, accessorizing, poise and presence, and consumer awareness. A public Fashion Revue Show is held during Achievement Days, where the 4-Her is encouraged to model their garments on stage.

Judging Schools provide a fun way for 4-Hers to learn more about their projects and how to make decisions. County facilitated judging schools may include the following areas: Consumer Decision Making; Horticulture, Livestock and Horse. 4-Hers must compete in county contests to be eligible to judge on state judging teams.

Public Presentations. By giving prepared talks in front of judges and audience members, 4-Hers are able to gain knowledge and develop presentation skills. There are four public presentation categories members can choose from. Refer to the State 4-H Fair Book for requirements.

1. Demonstrations. Individual or Team.
2. Illustrated Talk. Individual or Team.
3. Project "Why". Individual or Team..
4. Public Speaking.

Special Foods teaches members skills in food preparation, food safety and nutrition. Members prepare a dish and a table setting to be evaluated by a judge. Nutrition facts are judged through an interview process. This experience helps members learn how to make healthy, nutritious meals and smart food choices.

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS DISPLAY EXHIBITS:

Registration Procedure:

Registration is to be completed online in the FairEntry program according the date designated by the Extension Office. Refer to the South Dakota State Fair Book for the correct class. A computer generated entry tag (printed by the Office) and Display Exhibits Entry Form (completed by the member) must be attached to each of the member's exhibits. Exhibitors will be given their entry tags at the Registration Table at the designated time. Any additions or deletions from your pre-registration form need to be done at the Registration Table. Club Leadership is responsible for preparing club exhibits for public viewing.

Interview Judging at the County level is strongly encouraged. The limit for interview judging are 2 items per project area (unless changed by the Leaders Association). The 4-H members are responsible for bringing the projects to the correct judging area after the 4-H projects have been checked in and to also have the ribbon results scanned after judging. A member may exhibit only 2 items in a class, according to the South Dakota State Fair rules.

Read closely the State Fair Book for each project area to ensure the proper project requirements are attached to the correct entry form.

Display Judging Committee Duties:

1. Check each exhibit for a computer generated entry tag.
2. Each committee should have a clerk who checks the entry number with the registration sheets along with entering the ribbon placing.
3. Ribbons will be fastened to entry tag in a manner to not cover the bar code.
4. Judges helpers are not to make any comments or suggestions about exhibits while they are being judged.

Display Judging Bake Sale:

The 4-H Leader's Association voted to hold the Bake Sale each year using the exhibited baked products after they have been judged. A sample of each will be saved to show with the ribbon. The rest will be packaged for the sale. A volunteer group will tend the Bake Sale with committee members preparing the food articles for sale for a donation. Proceeds will go to the Leader's Association.

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS:

Livestock entry and release times will be published before Achievement Days in the 4-H Newsletter.

1. No animal can be entered in, or be a part of, two different classes.
2. Registered animal papers must be turned into the Extension Office or uploaded to 4HOnline according to State Fair deadlines by July 1 or they will show commercial.
3. Any protest must be taken up with the 4-H Advisor within 15 minutes after the class is shown.

Health Regulations:

Entry of the exhibit is on the assumption that the owner has observed the animal for any symptoms of a contagious disease. If disease symptoms are detected by a veterinarian's inspection during Achievement Days, the owner must remove the animal from the 4-H grounds. See the "Animal Division" of the SD State Fair 4-H Division Handbook

All sheep and goats must have a scrapie tag at the time of entry weigh in.
Registered animals need to be properly tattooed/identified with ID #.

If an animal cannot be shown in the ring, it shall not be eligible for judging.

Showmanship Contests:

Showmanship Contests will be held following each animal class. Anyone showing an animal may come back for the showmanship contest. Senior Showmanship will be first, followed by Junior Showmanship and Beginner Showmanship. Dress code observed as described in State Fair Book.

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS ROUND ROBIN CONTEST:

1. Must be a Senior 4-H Member.
2. Must be signed up in the livestock project area and show hooved livestock during Achievement Days in the present year.
3. Cannot win back to back years.
4. Must help judge the contest the year after winning the Round Robin.
5. Winner's name will be added to the Round Robin Trophy.

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS COMMUNITY BBQ:

BBQ tickets will be sold by 4-H Members. Cash awards will be given for the top three salespersons. Money from BBQ tickets will be turned in prior to BBQ to be eligible for cash awards. We alternate years between beef and pork to show support of both producers. The two clubs that work during the BBQ will be on a rotational schedule.

2024	Country Kids	Storla Stockers
2023	Aurora Country Siders	Bits & Bridles
2022	Storla Stockers	Stickney Eagles
2021	Bits & Bridles	Country Kids
2020	Stickney Eagles	Aurora Country Siders
2019	Country Kids	Storla Stockers
2018	Aurora Country Siders (5)	Bits & Bridles
2017	Storla Stockers (3)	Stickney Eagles (4)
2016	Bits & Bridles (1)	Country Kids (2)

CLEAN UP:

Cleanup will follow the last scheduled livestock class on the final days of Achievement Days. Everyone will assist. The livestock and non-livestock will be released at a designated time to be set by the Aurora County 4-H Leader's Association. Each member is responsible for the hauling and disposal of waste material from their area. At no time will the piling or accumulation of waste around the barns be tolerated. Violators will lose premium money and placing.

RECOGNITION EVENT

Recognition event will be held at the 4-H Building. November is the designated month for Recognition providing that does not conflict with school activities.

AWARDS:

Ribbons are given during each county event: Horse Show, Special Foods, Public Presentation, Fashion Revue, Static Exhibits, and Livestock Shows. Ribbons, rosettes and other materials needed for County Events are ordered by the Extension Office and paid for out of the County budget.

4-H uses the Danish system of ribbon awards. In this system, placings are defined as follows:

- Purple: Outstanding, eligible for State Fair
- Blue: Meets standards, high quality, well done
- Red: Average quality
- White: Improvement is needed and exhibit does not meet all standards

Award Items for top exhibitors will be determined by the Awards Committee each year.

Requirements to receive top exhibitor trophies/awards or achievement awards:

1. Complete the 4-H Year.
2. Complete and turn in 4-H Record Book to the County Office on or before October 1.
3. Complete and turn in 4-H Member Permanent Record to the County Office on or before October 1, if applying for Achievement awards.
3. Attend 4 Club Meetings or fulfill Independent Guidelines.
4. Give one (1) demonstration or talk.

All awards will be given at Recognition Event. Awards are ordered by 4-H Leaders and are paid for by the Aurora County 4-H Leader’s Association. (See attached addendum for list of available awards.) Sponsorships are collected from individuals and businesses to help fund the Awards.

PREMIUM MONEY:

Premium money shall be given to exhibitors on a point system. Money is collected from donors throughout the county by 4-H Clubs.

After the total of points accumulated by all exhibitors has been tabulated, the premium money is pro-rated by assigning a certain amount per point or a set value is used.

A member will receive premium money based on a maximum of (20) county exhibits.

Premium money will be paid when a member fulfills these year-end requirements:

1. Complete the 4-H Year.
2. Complete and turn in 4-H Record Book to the County Office on or before October 1.
3. Attend 4 Club Meetings or fulfill Independent Guidelines.
4. Exhibit at least one project.
5. Give one (1) demonstration or talk at the club or county level.

Points are accumulated according to the following:

I – Personal Involvement Exhibit

(Fashion Revue, Special Foods, Speech, Beef, Dairy, Dog, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit, Poultry, Horse, Companion Animal, Goat)

Purple	8 points
Blue	6 points
Red	4 points
White	2 points

II – Display Exhibits (Display Exhibits)

Purple	7 points
Blue	5 points
Red	3 points
White	1 point

APPLICATION FOR PROJECT PINS: (3rd year and beyond)

4-H members can apply for a Project or Program Pin when they have completed the following minimum standards. A 4-H Member may earn a project or program pin only once. (See Application for Project Pin and list of available pins.)

Program and Project Pin Requirements:

1. Enrolled 3 years in 4-H.
2. Enrolled at least 2 years in the project including the current year.
3. Give 1 county or 2 club demonstrations, talks, or project why in project/program area.
4. Show project accomplishment in the current year.
5. Complete and turn in 4-H Record Book and 4-H Member Permanent Record and Application for Project Pin on or before October 1.
6. Participates in judging at some level, if judging is available in that area.

PARTICIPATION AWARDS:

First year members completing their year receive a First Year Pin and Chenille Clover.

BEGINNER MEMBER AWARD:

Two first year 4-H members will be selected for an award. Selection will be made from points tallied on the Member Permanent Record and Record Book submission. 4-H Leaders will make the final decision.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT MEMBER AWARD:

Two members in their last year as a Junior 4-H member will be selected to receive the Junior Achievement award. Selection will be made from points tallied on the Member Permanent Record and Record Book submission. 4-H Leaders will make the final decision.

SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT MEMBER AWARD:

Two graduating 4-H members will be selected to receive the Senior Achievement award. Selection will be made from points tallied on the Member Permanent Record and Record Book submission. 4-H Leaders will make the final decision.

GRADUATING MEMBERS:

Youth will continue to be eligible for 4-H membership through the next 4-H year beyond their high school graduation and not to extend beyond the age of 19 as of December 31 of the enrollment year. Members may graduate from 4-H upon graduation from high school. High school seniors and those participating as members in the year following high school graduation will be eligible to participate through the entire 4-H year.

KEY AWARD:

The Key Award is the most prestigious State award a graduating member may receive. The award is based on the South Dakota 4-H Key Checklist. The Checklist and published Letter to the Editor is submitted by the 4-H member to the Extension Office who in turn forwards it to the State 4-H Office. The requirements are according to the State Policy.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

There are two scholarships available to graduating 4-H Members. Refer to the Guidelines for the Aurora County 4-H Achievement Scholarships.

TOP CLUB AWARD:

A written narrative of the club's activities for the year will be submitted with the 4-H leader's annual report to be eligible for the Top Club award. Selection will be made by a 4-H Advisor. The award is determined by the Award Committee.

TOP SECRETARY AWARD:

Top Club Secretary will be chosen from submitted Club Secretary Reports turned in to the Extension Office. The award is determined by the Award Committee or 4-H Advisor.

STATE FAIR

Refer to the latest South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book for rules, regulations, and policies affecting this event. This book will outline exhibit eligibility, as well as regulations for exhibitors, exhibits, judging contests, demonstrations, illustrated talks, fashion revue, and animal health regulations. (Including any and all added events).

"The Aurora County 4-H Policy was reviewed, revised and unanimously approved at the December 9, 2019 4-H Leaders' Association meeting by all members present."

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