

DESCRIPTION OF POLK COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION & AWARDS PROGRAM – 2019

1. Membership Pin: Gold pin presented when the member joins. An initiation ceremony is recommended. Replacements for lost pins cost \$1.95 each.
2. Project Seals: A seal to be placed on the MPE form when each project is completed satisfactorily. Merit is determined by the project leader using the PEF (Project Evaluation Form).
3. Member Achievement: Merit determined by leaders in the club using the MAEF (Member Achievement Evaluation Form). Certificates are provided by Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation and signed by club leader. Presented at club achievement program or parent's program. A club may purchase achievement pins out of National 4-H Supply catalog in place of or in addition to certificates provided.
4. County Honor Award: For members doing outstanding work in a project. Nomination form signed by two club leaders. The award is a certificate denoting project. A member could receive more than one in a year if outstanding work was done in more than one project. Certificates to be presented at a club family program in the fall.
5. County 4-H Record Book Awards: Each club has a quota for Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation sponsored ones. A club can purchase extra ones for deserving members.
6. Leadership Awards: For a leadership award, send the member's Leadership Record form and the Leaders Nomination form, which must be signed by two leaders and attached to the Youth Leadership Record. Submit by **September 1**. No record books are to be submitted. Member does not have to be in a youth leader unit to be recognized for contributions. The award will be the regular county project and activity pins sponsored by national, state and county donors. To be presented at the county awards night program in **October**.
7. 4-H Alumni Pins: Presented to all members graduating from 4-H at the county awards program in **October**. Sponsored by banks in Polk County.
8. Key Award: Selected by the Awards, Recognition and Record Books Committee on basis of completed ME form and two leader evaluation forms submitted before April 1. Presented at the county awards night program in **October**. Sponsored by Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.
9. Club Activity Awards: Selection based on reports to be submitted not later than **September 1** by the club. Activities to be reported can be of any type the club has done. County Award Certificates to be presented at County awards program in the fall. There are also state and national club activity awards.
10. Adult Leaders Award of the Clover: Adult leaders serving five years receive a silver clover pin; ten years a gold clover pin; fifteen years a pearl clover pin; twenty years a diamond clover pin; twenty-five years an emerald clover pin; thirty years a ruby clover pin; thirty-five years a sapphire clover pin; and the forty year clover award is a five-point diamond center pin. These pins are sponsored by the banks of Polk County. They are presented at the county awards program.
11. County, State, National 4-H Alumni Awards: The purpose of this awards program is to recognize former 4-H members who in their adult life have made or are making significant contributions to the betterment of business, community, family, county, and state, national or international life. Anyone can make the nominations on forms provided by **September 1**. County Award pins are presented at the county awards night program. State awards are made at State 4-H Congress in June. National awards are presented at National 4-H Congress in November.
12. Meritorious Service to 4-H Plaque: Sponsored by Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation, Inc. Intended for recognizing businesses, organizations and individuals. No one presently serving as a 4-H leader is eligible for nomination. Any club or group of clubs can submit nominations by **September 1**. Plaques to be presented at the county awards night program

