

### **Kentucky Achievement Program Information**

Level	Requirements for that Level
Clover Level	<ul> <li>Be 10 years old by January 1, 2024</li> <li>Have a minimum of 25 points</li> </ul>
Clover Level 2	<ul><li>Be 11 years old by January 1, 2024.</li><li>Have a minimum of 50 points.</li></ul>
Clover Level 3	<ul><li>Be 12 years old by January 1, 2024.</li><li>Have a minimum of 75 points.</li></ul>
Bronze	<ul> <li>Be 13 years old by January 1, 2024.</li> <li>Have a minimum of 100 points.</li> <li>Have completed Bronze Profile Page.</li> </ul>
Silver	<ul> <li>Be 14 years old by January 1, 2024.</li> <li>Have a minimum of 150 points.</li> <li>Have completed Silver Profile Page.</li> </ul>
Gold	<ul> <li>Be 15 years old by January 1, 2024.</li> <li>Have a minimum of 25 points.</li> <li>Have completed Gold Profile Page.</li> </ul>
Emerald	<ul> <li>Have previously achieved Gold Achievement Level.</li> <li>Be 16 years old by January 1, 2024.</li> <li>Have an updated application.</li> <li>Have a 3-5 minute video.</li> <li>Have two letters of recommendation.</li> <li>Have a cover letter and resume (these must be brought to the interview).</li> </ul>

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

November 1 – Deadline to send Achievement Form to Dana.anderson@uky.edu

### TIPS TO SHARE WITH APPLICANTS

### Remind 4-Hers to:

- Save their application from year to year electronically, so they refer back to and build upon their application each year.
- Explain each entry in all categories in a clear, concise manner.
- Not count an event or activity more than once on the application.
- Review their application for mistakes. (Review for misspellings, punctuation, and grammatical errors.)

## **Cooperative Extension Service**

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# Kentucky 4-H Youth Development

- Adjust proper printer settings when printing the application, making sure that no items are left off and the application printed correctly.
- Insert additional lines as needed in categories. Note: there is not a page number limit.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Is there a cut-off date for including entries? Applicants are reporting on 4-H involvement for the previous program year (September 1 August 31) so the cutoff date would be August 31st.
- 2. My 4-H member has received a Bronze Award but is not eligible to attend 4-H Teen Conference due to age/grade, can he/she still receive the financial award? The Kentucky Agriculture Development Fund provides Teen Conference scholarships to Bronze, Silver, and Gold recipients. The agreement limits these funds to 4-H Teen Conference scholarships. Therefore, they cannot be used for other programs.
- 3. How do I record 4-H Fair/4-H rally day entries? Fair entries are submitted under participation. Since this area has a limit on points, you can choose to list individual projects (such as Class 575 Cherry Tomatoes) or by division (such as Division 6015 4-H Horticulture and Plant Science).
- 4. How do we categorize programs or activities between county, multi-county/area, state, or national? Generally, 4-H members should apply points based on the level at which the experience is planned. Is the event planned at the individual/county level, multi-county/area level, state level, or national level? An exception to this would be visiting National Parks and/or National Monuments (which should be counted in the "national" category) or State Parks and/or State Monuments (which should be counted in the "state" category). NOTE: All experiences should be connected with the 4-H program. A family vacation to Washington DC could count if the 4-H member provides a presentation to their club or county to connect it back to the 4-H program.
- Can you list an entry in multiple categories? No, you cannot list a single "role or experience" in multiple categories.
   For example, you could not indicate you attended a conference at the state level AND list each individual workshop you attended.
- 6. Can you skip levels if you are age eligible? For example, could a 15-year-old apply for Gold even if they have never received a previous award? Yes, an individual can skip any levels up to Gold. They must have won Gold to apply for Emerald.
- 7. How are points counted (in club meetings for example)? Points are applied per role or experience. A role or experience could have multiple meetings or components. In the case of membership in a 4-H club, a 4-Her would count 1 point for being in the club (not 1 point per meeting).
- 8. Under what level of points do multi-state events go? For example, where would you list and score participation in the Southern Regional Horse Congress? Multi-state events/participation should be listed under the State category. Only national events should be counted under the National category.
- 9. In the Involvement and Participation category, why aren't points included for the Bronze, Silver, or Gold section? This section is used to help the judges have a clearer idea of how the 4-H member has participated in the program. The number of entries included is at the discretion of the applicant. One of the goals of this program is focus less on participation and more on leadership, engagement, and outreach. This section provides an opportunity to highlight these areas.
- 10. I am confused about the application age and the reporting age versus the 4-H age, can you clarify? The 4-H Age is the 4-Her's age on January 1 of the current program year (September 1 August 31). When referencing the eligibility levels, youth must have reached the listed age to submit an application. They are reporting on the experiences and projects they completed the previous program year. Note: A person who has a 4-H age of 19 has aged out of the program and is no longer a 4-H member. However, they can submit an application for Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Emerald (if they have not already received those awards) to recognize their efforts the previous year (their last year as a 4-H member).

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