

# B.C. 4-H

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# AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

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**The 4-H Motto**

*“Learn to Do by Doing”*

**The 4-H Pledge**

*I pledge*

*My Head to clearer thinking*

*My Heart to greater loyalty,*

*My Hands to larger service,*

*My Health to better living,*

*For my club, my community, and my country.*

**The 4-H Grace**

(Tune of Auld Lang Syne)

*We thank thee, Lord, for blessings great  
on this, our own fair land.*

*Teach us to serve thee joyfully,  
with head, heart, health and hand.*

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## WHY AWARDS?

### Purpose

The purpose of an award in 4-H Club work is two-fold:

1. To help motivate members to gain certain skills and knowledge.
2. To recognize their achievements

Recognition is basic human need – and a sense of personal importance is particularly important to youth.

Recognition can take many forms – awards being only a part of the recognition that should be given to your 4-H members. Day-by-day recognition of all club members is essential to a satisfying 4-H club experience and to the development of each boy and girl. Pats on the back, or a simple thank-you; they may not appear important to you, but for the club member they can be a real boost. Giving a member some leadership responsibility or asking for assistance in planning programs helps he/she gain that feeling of personal importance.

### The Awards System

The 4-H awards program here in B.C. is designed to allow each club member the opportunity to earn an award for his/her efforts. All who achieve are recognized – not just the top few.

It is important that you, as club leaders, understand what awards are available and the requirements for obtaining each. You can make certain that award recognition is given to a member as a result of a genuine effort on his/her part.

The awards program includes badges, certificates, ribbons, pins, trips, and scholarships.

- \* Briefly, junior members receive recognition for mastering certain skills in the form of badges. A mark of 60% is necessary to earn a badge.
- \*\* A 60% mark on a Junior Proficiency exam entitles a member to a Junior Proficiency certificate.
- \*\*\* Senior members are eligible for senior skill certificates upon obtaining a mark of 75%.

## RECORD KEEPING

### Purpose

If a 4-H leader is to use the 4-H Awards Program as a “tool” to motivate young people, some method of record keeping of a member’s progress is necessary. The key to successful use and understanding of 4-H awards is keeping accurate records, which is the responsibility of all 4-H members and leaders.

The following options are available to assist leaders and members:

4-H member: 4-H Member Personal Achievement Record Book #118.

4-H leader: 4-H Leader’s Record Book #113, and/or 4-H Member Award Cards #125.

In addition, 4-H Member Award Cards will be kept by District Awards Coordinators as a back-up to leader and member records.