



Barron County 4-H Achievement Policy

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Barron County 4-H is open to all youth in grades 5K-12th grade and one year post high school as long as they are a member in good standing and meet all criteria/policy guidelines as established by Wisconsin 4-H

*A member in good standing is a 4-H member who abides by the Code of Conduct and meets group or educational project participation requirements and deadlines.

Per 4-H guidelines Groups and/or educational projects may designate their own participation requirements and deadlines, it is the members responsibility to be aware of project guidelines.

***Note:** The above guidelines and definitions are established by Wisconsin 4-H and Barron County 4-H and cannot be changed or defined by the 4-H Leaders Association or any other group or club.*

Barron County 4-H Achievement

4-H Project Achievement empowers young people with skills for a lifetime and recognizes the hard work and dedication put into project work throughout the 4-H year. Achievement guidelines are set by the 4-H Leaders Association as a baseline, but can be adjusted based on individual circumstances/needs and is up to the discretion of the individual club/club leaders.

In order to achieve in any Barron County 4-H Year, youth members (grades 3 and above) must:

- Be a 4-H member in good standing*
- Do a demonstration
- Exhibit a project item at a 4-H meeting, event, county fair or other community event.
- Submit a Member Record/Showcase of their work (i.e. record book, project record form, or other project summary/showcase as defined by their club)

***Note:** Clubs may have additional rules for club achievement; however these rules would not affect the individual's achievement on the county level.*

Members who have met guidelines for achievement:

- Become eligible for event funding per Leaders Association policy
- Meet criteria for achievement as designated by any group charters or committee guidelines (it is the responsibility of the member to be aware of project guidelines)
- Will be eligible for awards and recognition based on levels of achievement as designated by the Leaders association

Cloverbuds in grades K-2 may choose to submit a Cloverbud Record/Showcase and participate in the ways above to be recognized for achievement. Cloverbuds are automatically eligible for funding and any cloverbud related awards and recognition.

***Note:** Achievement guidelines will be communicated on a yearly basis by club leaders and the county office. Club leaders will make a reasonable attempt to contact members about deadlines and achievement policies. If achievement will have a direct impact on specific project status/participation, a letter will be sent from the Barron County Extension office. Extension Staff may also request to see youth record submissions to verify completion. This process is meant to be a positive learning experience for youth supported by parents and club leaders and volunteers.*



Barron County 4-H Levels of Achievement

Barron County 4-H and the 4-H Leaders Association recognizes the hard work and dedication of 4-H youth, families, volunteers, and community partners. For the Purpose of Awards/Recognition, the Barron County 4-H Leaders Association defines Levels of Achievement based on 4-H Record guidelines as follows:

Green Level Achievement

- member in good standing
- demonstration
- exhibited project
- submitted member record/showcase meeting minimum criteria

Bronze Level Achievement (Club Project Award)

- member in good standing
- demonstration
- exhibited project
- Meets Green AND Bronze Level Record/Showcase criteria

Silver Level Achievement (County Project Award)

- member in good standing
- demonstration
- exhibited project
- Meets Green, Bronze AND Silver Level Record/Showcase criteria

Gold Level Achievement Overall Record Award

- member in good standing
- demonstration
- exhibited project
- Meets Green, Bronze, Silver, AND Gold Level Record/Showcase criteria

****See Barron County Record/Showcase Guide for criteria**