

New Jersey 4-H Honor Club Criteria and Application

There are many different kinds of 4-H clubs. They meet different times and have different projects and interests. However, there are some things that every 4-H club should have in common. The following are expectations for 4-H clubs and members. If your club meets all of these requirements, your club qualifies to be a NJ 4-H Honor Club.

4-H Honor Club status is a significant recognition of your club's accomplishments. Your club is encouraged to submit a 4-H Honor Club application for consideration.

To be eligible for consideration as a 4-H honor club, your club must:

- Meet regularly (at least once a month) for nine or more months of the year.*
- Conduct at least one business meeting a month for nine or more months of the year.*
- Elect club officers to conduct meetings.*
- Participate in at least one approved 4-H project.*
- Have an approved club constitution (refer to Revising a Club Constitution, NJ 4-H Leader Training Series).*
- Have at least one registered adult 4-H leader, trained and appointed by county 4-H staff (using the NJ 4-H Volunteer Appointment Process).*
- Conduct at least one community service project (refer to Ten Steps Towards Performing a Successful Community Service Project, NJ 4-H Leader Training Series).
- Have at least five registered club members (NJ 4-H Club Member Registration forms completed).
- Exhibit/demonstrate at the County 4-H Fair.

*Based on national 4-H club definition

At least 70% of your club's members must:

- Attend at least 70% of club meetings.
- Do a public presentation at the club level at least once a year; public presentation at the county level is strongly encouraged.
- Complete a record book.
- Sell at least one business card ad for the Yearbook & Catalog and one wreath at holiday time.

In addition to these state criteria, your county may also have established criteria specific to your county. Examples might include attending specific county events or assisting with fundraising.

Honor club applications are submitted to your county office following completion of the 4-H year (September-August) (refer to How Effective Is Your 4-H Club?, NJ 4-H Leader Training Series). Each county office will set its own deadline for submission of the application. Your county 4-H office staff are available to assist you in completing the application. The application is attached to this form.

In applying to be a 4-H Honor Club, you are truly "Making the Best Better"! Each county determines its method of recognizing honor clubs (e.g., certificate, ceremonies, contributions to club treasury).



New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

NJ 4-H Honor Club Application

Check with the County 4-H Office for deadline
Date received in office _____

Name of 4-H club: _____

County: _____ Date submitted: _____

Check all criteria that your club met. Give details as requested. Remember, your club must complete all of the following in order to be considered a NJ 4-H Honor Club.

My 4-H Club:

_____ Meets regularly(at least once a month) for nine or more months of the year.

List dates here:

_____ Has elected officers to conduct meetings.

List officers:

_____ Conducts at least one business meeting a month for nine or more months of the year.

_____ Participates in at least one approved 4-H project.

_____ Has an approved club constitution.

Attach constitution to this form.

_____ Has at least one registered adult 4-H leader, trained and appointed by county 4-H staff (using the NJ 4-H Volunteer Appointment Process).

_____ Conducts at least one community service project.

Describe community service project:

_____ Has at least five registered club members (NJ 4-H Club Member Registration forms completed).

_____ Exhibits/demonstrates at the County 4-H Fair.

70% of Club members:

_____ Attend at least 70% of club meetings.

_____ Do a public presentation at the club level once a year; public presentation at the county level is strongly encouraged.

_____ Complete a record book.

_____ Sell at least one business card ad for the Yearbook & Catalog and one wreath at holiday time.

NOTE: Check with county 4-H office if additional county honor club criteria is added here

_____ *(list county criteria here)* _____

We certify that our 4-H club has met the requirements for NJ 4-H Honor Club recognition.

4-H Club Leader Signature _____ Date _____

4-H Club President Signature _____ Date _____

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