

MARYLAND 4-H CLUB RECOGNITION PROGRAM

BANNER

HONOR

ACHIEVEMENT

STANDARD

CHARTER



YEAR: _____

CLUB NAME: _____

MARYLAND 4-H CLUB

QUALITY INDICATORS AND RECOGNITION STANDARDS

The mission of 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills and forming attitudes that will able them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. The 4-H club is the primary unit through which this mission can be accomplished, and its importance is highly emphasized in Maryland. The degree to which these objectives will be met will be determined largely by the quality of the club program and the experiences provided the members.

Quality indicators and recognition standards are outlined for the purpose of program planning, implementing, and evaluating. Each club is encouraged to strive toward reaching a higher standard for their club through individual and group participation.

Indicators of quality have been determined for "Charter", "Standard", "Achievement", "Honor", and "Banner" clubs. A certificate will be provided for each club on which the appropriate seal can be attached each year. A club is eligible for any seal for which the requirements are met regardless of those previously received.

Place a check mark beside each requirement which has been met by the club during the calendar year. Club recognition will be based on the highest level in which all requirements have been met.

CHARTER CLUB

- _____ 1. Have membership open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.
- _____ 2. Have a membership of at least five members between the ages of eight and eighteen. (Members should be at least 8 years old on January 1 and not have passed their 18th birthday on January 1)
- _____ 3. Have at least one organizational leader.
- _____ 4. Be organized with elected/appointed officers, such as: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter.
- _____ 5. Be organized on a year-round basis.
- _____ 6. Submit a written educational program plan to the county office. (By February 1st)
- _____ 7. Have six or more club meetings, and records of all meetings kept by the secretary.
- _____ 8. Have all members know the 4-H Pledge, Motto and Colors.

STANDARD CLUB

(Black Seal)

- _____ 1. Meet all requirements for a charter club.
- _____ 2. Have at least 8 meetings.
- _____ 3. Have 40% or more members participating in a county program or activity.
- _____ 4. Have members exhibiting at a community, county, district, regional, or state level event.
- _____ 5. ★ Have at least 50% of the members turn in completed project records for the current year.
- _____ 6. ⊛ Encourage eligible boys and girls in the community to belong to a 4-H Club.

★ A complete project record should be considered a record that tells what the member has actually done during the year. The books may be turned in and checked by either the local 4-H Club leader, a committee of 4-H leaders, or by the Extension Agent.

⊛ The club should make a definite attempt to encourage other boys and girls in the community to join a 4-H Club or to organize a new one. This might take the form of a membership drive, visiting prospective members, writing letter to non-club members, talks at schools, P.T.A., Church or other groups, or placing posters or exhibits in the area.

ACHIEVEMENT CLUB

(Red Seal)

- _____ 1. Meet all requirements for charter and standard clubs.
- _____ 2. ■ Have at least 65% of eligible members from the previous year re-enroll (except in case of new clubs).
- _____ 3. Have at least 9 meetings.
- _____ 4. Have 60% or more members participating in a county program or activity.
- _____ 5. Have a local achievement program at a regular or special meeting.
- _____ 6. Have at least one member carrying the Junior Leadership Project, (if one is eligible).
- _____ 7. Have a family program, sponsor a 4-H promotional activity, or have a local club project tour.
- _____ 8. Have at least 60% of the members turn in completed project records for the current year.

■ To determine the percent of re-enrollment, determine the number of 4-H Club members in the club last year and subtract the number who were not eligible to join this year. This should include those who passed the age limit and those who moved out of the community. Divide this number into the number of last year's members who re-enrolled this year.

HONOR CLUB

(Green Seal)

- _____ 1. Meet all requirements for charter, standard and achievement clubs.
 - _____ 2. Have 70% of their eligible members from the previous year re-enroll (except in case of new clubs).
 - _____ 3. Have at least 10 members.
 - _____ 4. Have at least 10 meetings.
 - _____ 5. ▲ Carry out an organized community service project.
 - _____ 6. Have at least 70% of the members turn in completed project records for the current year.
 - _____ 7. Provide at least 4 news stories for publication concerning club meetings, project work and club activities and give at least one presentation to community groups, or on radio/T.V.
 - _____ 8. Have 25% of members participating in out-of-county educational programs.
- ▲ In carrying one of the programs mentioned, the club should have definite objectives, and make their plans in advance to reach them.
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BANNER CLUBS

(Purple Seal)

- _____ 1. Meet all requirements for charter, standard, achievement and honor club.
 - _____ 2. Have at least 75% of their eligible members from previous year re-enroll (except in the case of new clubs).
 - _____ 3. Have at least 11 meetings.
 - _____ 4. ▲ Have an on-going organized service program, such as presenting a program for another organization, assisting someone in need, or helping in a community service effort.
 - _____ 5. Have at least 80% of the members turn in completed project records for the current year.
 - _____ 6. Promote 4-H club work through two of the following: window display, radio program, T.V. program, fair booths, floats, or talks to civic, school or community groups.
- ▲ In carrying one of the programs mentioned, the club should have definite objectives, and make their plans in advance to reach them.

Additional Information for Maryland 4-H Recognition Program
(Evaluation based on yearly Secretary Book, Program Plan and other Reports submitted by Club)

Yearly program planned in advance: ___ Yes ___ No

Local 4-H Goals: Excellent ___ Very Good ___ Good ___ Not included: _____

Were they met: _____

SECRETARY'S BOOK

Attendance record: Well kept ___ Needs Improvement ___

Complete in all respects ___ Yes ___ No

Minutes of Meetings: Complete and well done ___ Yes ___ No

Annual Report of Club (Pages 20-24): Complete _____ Incomplete _____

Participation By Members and Club:

Club _____

County _____

District/Region _____

State _____

Public Relations: News Stories ___ Displays ___ Booths ___ Floats ___

Radio Programs ___ TV Programs ___ Talks ___

Special Club Activities:

Comments:

Recognition Level: Charter ___ Standard ___ Achievement ___ Honor ___ Banner ___

Date evaluated: _____

