



MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT PIN

Pin #9: Gold Guard

Name _____ Age _____ Years in 4-H _____

4-H Club _____ County/District _____

To receive the Gold Guard Pin, complete, during the current 4-H year, requirements 1–5 as listed below, and 17 of the optional requirements. (Exceptions are marked with **, these may have been done in previous years. Date must be noted.) Check in column at left when completed. *Check the column at left when completed. Please refer to Guidelines to Member Achievement Pins (4H1170, <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1170.pdf>) for detailed instructions. You may receive this pin only once, and you may receive only one Achievement Pin in a 4-H year.*

- _____ 1. Attend a majority (more than half) of the regularly scheduled meetings of your 4-H club.
Number of 4-H meetings held: _____ Number of 4-H meetings attended: _____
- _____ 2. At a minimum, complete your 4-H Permanent Record, Personal Page, and at least 1 Project Report Form.
- _____ 3. Exhibit one or more of your projects at a 4-H club tour, 4-H club exhibit day, the county fair, or an event similar to a county fair but with another title.
Number of 4-H exhibits: _____ Event where exhibited: _____
- _____ 4. Enroll and participate in the Leadership project for the current year.
- _____ 5. Take part in a 4-H community service project.
Project: _____
- _____ 6. Attend one 4-H club or county/district event that is not already listed above.
Event: _____
- _____ 7. Be 15 years or older on January 1 of the current year.

OPTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GOLD GUARD PIN

- _____ 1. Serve on a committee in your 4-H club or county/district.
Committee: _____
- _____ 2. Provide leadership or assist with a single day 4-H day camp or workshop at the local, regional or state level.** Event: _____
- _____ 3. Take part in a 4-H club or 4-H county/district quiz bowl, judging school, or contest.
School or contest: _____

- _____ 4. Take part in the county/district 4-H Day or Regional 4-H Day (public speaking showcase) as a contestant. Event: _____
- _____ 5. Attend Regional 4-H Day, or a similar event such as Public Speaking at the Kansas State Fair, to encourage your club or members and/or as a contestant. Event: _____
- _____ 6. Make one or more public presentations of 4-H work to outside groups such as schools, Family Community Educators, service clubs (Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary), or make a radio or television presentation featuring 4-H work.** Presentation/group: _____
- _____ 7. Attend 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. Session: _____
- _____ 8. Participate in 4-H Week. Describe participation: _____
- _____ 9. Serve as junior leader at a county/district 4-H event, i.e. room monitor at 4-H Day, county fair, 4-H Day Camp, etc. EVENT: _____
Responsibilities: _____
- _____ 10. Serve as an assistant to a project leader. Project: _____
- _____ 11. Serve as an officer in your 4-H club. Office: _____
- _____ 12. Serve as chair of a committee in your 4-H club or County/District.
Committee _____
- _____ 13. Serve as a member of the county/district 4-H council.** Number of meetings attended: _____
- _____ 14. Attend and receive 4-H county/district recognition at the county/district 4-H achievement banquet or achievement night. (Any pin or recognition received for the previous 4-H program year.) Recognition received: _____
- _____ 15. Take part in a 4-H judging contest, quiz bowl, or skillathon outside of your local Extension Unit as a member of a county/district team or as an individual. **
4-H Contest: _____
- _____ 16. Enter a static project exhibit at the Kansas State Fair.
Exhibit: _____
- _____ 17. Participate in an in-person state fair 4-H event such as a demonstration, livestock show, Fashion Revue, judging contest, rabbit showmanship, dog or horse show.
Event: _____
- _____ 18. Participate as a host or delegate in a recognized 4-H exchange trip or program — such as IFYE, Japanese, or Interstate — with another county/district, state, or country.
Trip/program: _____

- _____ 19. Participate in a 4-H fundraiser. Fundraiser: _____
- _____ 20. Serve as a 4-H project leader. (To be eligible for this requirement, your Local Extension Unit must recognize you in this role.) Project: _____
Number of meetings _____ Number of 4-H'ers: _____
- _____ 21. Participate in a state 4-H event, such as Discovery Days, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Ambassador training, Geology Field trip, Insect Spectacular, Citizenship in Action, Livestock Sweepstakes, etc. Event: _____
- _____ 22. Provide help to a first year 4-H member (no immediate family) throughout the year with projects, records, activities, etc. Name of member/describe assistance: _____

- _____ 23. Assist in organizing: a special interest group/event, junior leader or older member organization or a new 4-H club.** Club or group/event: _____
- _____ 24. Teach/present at a state 4-H event such as Discovery Days, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, etc. Event: _____ Topic: _____
- _____ 25. Exhibit in a competitive 4-H class at a state or regional show such as Kansas All Breeds Dairy Show, National Western Livestock Show, American Royal Livestock Show, Kansas Junior Livestock Show, a state 4-H Shooting Sports match or other similar shows/competitions.
Fair/show/competition: _____ Exhibit: _____
- _____ 26. Serve on a regional, state, or national 4-H committee, Project Partnership Team, Youth Council, or other group. Group: _____
- _____ 27. Submit a 4-H related article/blog to the High Plains Journal, local newspaper or other similar publication, or guest post on a local unit website or local Extension unit social media platform. Item/date submitted: _____
- _____ 28. Submit Cover Letter, Project Resume and Project Report Form to Regional Screening. **
Project Award Category: _____
- _____ 29. Organize a service project at the club/county or district level.
Service Project: _____
- _____ 30. Serve as an officer in a county/district 4-H organization or as a county/district 4-H ambassador.** Organization/Office: _____ Year: _____
- _____ 31. Take part in a Kansas 4-H state judging contest as a member of a 4-H county/district judging team or as an individual.** (Eligible contests include: Meats & Livestock Evaluation at Livestock Sweepstakes; Kansas 4-H Horse Judging; Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging; Kansas 4-H Dairy Judging; Photography, Poultry, FCS, and Crops ID at the Kansas State Fair.)
Date: _____
Contest: _____

- _____ 32. Serve as a delegate to 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington DC.** Date: _____
- _____ 33. Be named a 4-H state project award winner.**
Project Award Category: _____
- _____ 34. Participate in a national 4-H event such as National 4-H Conference, 4-H Congress, National 4-H Shooting Sports event, National 4-H judging contests, National 4-H Ignite Conference, etc.**
Event: _____
Year: _____
- _____ 35. Take part in a county/district/state 4-H event that is not already listed as a requirement.
Event: _____

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be correct.

Signed: _____
4-H'er Date

Signed: _____
Parent/Guardian Date

Signed: _____
4-H Leader Date



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