



# Oklahoma 4-H Hall of Fame & National Congress

# Oklahoma 4-H Hall Of Fame

## Purpose

The Oklahoma 4-H Hall of Fame is designed to recognize Oklahoma 4-H'ers who have developed outstanding programs in 4-H projects – including achievement, leadership, citizenship and personal development – and who exemplify the high ideals of 4-H work.

## Eligibility

- Must be 16 years of age by Jan. 1 of the current 4-H year and/or completed no more than the freshman year of college as a full-time student at the time the Blue Award Group (see below) is selected. College freshmen must report 4-H work beyond high school.
- Must have entered an application for Oklahoma 4-H Hall of Fame in state competition the year selection to the Blue Award Group is made.

## Basis for Selection

1. A Blue Award Group of not more than 20 4-H'ers will be selected. A score of 75 or higher on written materials is required for inclusion in the Hall of Fame Blue Award Group. Blue Award Group nominees will be selected on the basis of participation and accomplishments in projects and activities and experiences in leadership, citizenship and community service.
2. Record books will be scored by the record judging committee. The record judging committee will narrow the field to no more than 20 4-H'ers. No more than 10 Blue Award Group members will be invited to appear before a panel of judges for personal interviews. Final selection will be made after the interviews.
3. Though the record judging committees for 4-H project books and scholarships consist of three judges each, the 4-H Hall of Fame judging committee will consist of five judges, one from each district and one from the state 4-H office. The Hall of Fame interview will also consist of five judges, one from each district and one from the state 4-H office.
4. The Hall of Fame judging and interview committees will be composed of Extension personnel, volunteer leaders and former 4-H members. All judges must be 21 years of age or older.
5. During the Hall of Fame interview, interviewees must begin with a presentation. The presentation must:
  - Include either a PowerPoint presentation or a handout
  - Be less than seven minutes long
  - Include the interviewee's general personal information, major leadership activities, major citizenship activities, most important life skills learned, and future aspirations.
6. Because the Hall of Fame interview consists of the added presentation, the overall 4-H Hall of Fame score will be weighted. Forty percent of the overall score will come from the Oklahoma Report Form, and 60 percent will come from the interview.

## Required Materials

- Oklahoma Report Form - Section IA and IB should be a summary of all 4-H work, not just a single project. Hall of Fame should be typed on the title page and in the heading of Section I.
- Six page 4-H story
- Current academic transcript
- Up to three pages of photos

## National Congress

National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the 4-H program that is typically held the Friday through Tuesday following Thanksgiving each year. Since the 1920s, youth from the United States and its territories have participated in this youth leadership development conference. National 4-H Congress provides youth a quality, educational, and cross-cultural experience exceeding what any state independently provides. It is designed to address the needs and issues of youth while helping to develop capable, competent and caring citizens.

The program is built upon the Cooperative Extension System's belief that young people can be significant partners in addressing the issues that face our nation, especially those affecting youth. Each year a national design team of Extension educators, 4-H youth and 4-H adult volunteers analyze current youth issues and determine the most effective ways to address them. The program combines sessions, seminars, discussion groups and a service learning experience. The nation's most outstanding community leaders, speakers and educators present the most current and timely information available.

### Who Can Attend?

The number of Oklahoma delegates selected will be determined based on funding available. Applicants for National Congress must be 16 years of age and not passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by Jan. 1 of the 4-H program year in which they are applying (not at the time of the trip).

Applicants must submit the following items (in a folder) by the published deadline:

- National 4-H Congress Application
- Personal résumé (two page limit)
- Up to a six-page 4-H story including project work, citizenship, leadership and personal information (Can be a copy from state record book)
- Applicants may also be interviewed by a selection committee

### What Is The Cost?

- Delegates will be expected to pay a portion of the cost of the trip. The Oklahoma 4-H Foundation will provide partial funding. Final costs will be based on transportation costs, lodging costs and registration fees.
- Delegates will have until Sept. 1 to confirm attendance and pay their portion of the fees. If a delegate drops out or does not pay the fee prior to that time, an alternate will be offered the trip slot.
- All fees are non-refundable.

**Checklists for:  
Oklahoma 4-H Hall of Fame  
National 4-H Youth Congress**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

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**Oklahoma 4-H Hall of Fame has the following requirements:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Oklahoma 4-H Report Form (Section IA and IB should be a summary of all 4-H project work, not just a single project)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Six page 4-H Story
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transcript of all academic work
- \_\_\_\_\_ Up to three pages of photos
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hall of Fame must be typed on the front page of the Oklahoma 4-H Report Form and on Heading for Section I
- \_\_\_\_\_ Member must be 16 years of age by January 1 of the year of application and/or completed no more than the freshman year of college at the time of application

**National 4-H Youth Congress has the following requirements:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ National 4-H Youth Congress Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Résumé (two page limit, functional format)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Story (up to six pages including project work, citizenship, leadership and personal information, which can come from 4-H project record book)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H member must be 16 years of age and no older than 18 year of age by January 1 of year of application (unless not yet graduated from high school)

**STATE 4-H HALL OF FAME – RECORDS SCORE SHEET**  
**(Record Book must achieve a score of 75 or higher to be considered for interview)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OKLAHOMA REPORT FORM</b>	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Score</u>
<b>SECTION I - A Project work</b> (size, growth, learning experiences, application of project related skills to other life experiences in a variety of projects)		
<b>Growth &amp; Accomplishments in 4-H</b> (summary of work done as a 4-H member in a variety of projects)	15	_____
<b>Project Work in other settings</b> (summary or examples of how 4-H knowledge, skills and project work were applied in other organizations and settings)	5	_____
<b>SECTION I - B</b> Summary of what member has learned throughout 4-H career	5	_____
<b>SECTION II - LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES</b>		
<b>4-H Leadership</b> – projects led, organized, assisted, etc. with 4-H visible/evident as the “lead” group or organization – evidence of growth as a leader, leadership in groups and responsibility in project work	15	_____
<b>Other leadership</b> – Leadership in other 4-H projects and use of 4-H leadership skills in other groups/organizations	5	_____
<b>SECTION III – CITIZENSHIP/COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCES</b>		
<b>4-H Citizenship/Community Service</b> – community service projects/activities a member provides leadership for or participates in which are organized by/through 4-H Evidence of quality service activities and positive attitude toward service and civic responsibility	15	_____
<b>Other citizenship/community service</b> – community service projects/activities a member provides leadership for or participates in which are organized by another group or organization	5	_____
<b>SECTION IV - 4-H AWARDS in all projects/activities</b>	5	_____
<b>SECTION V - NON-4-H EXPERIENCES</b> - Church, School, Community, etc.	5	_____
<b>4-H STORY</b>		
<b>4-H/Project Growth</b> (document changes over time as a result of project work)	5	_____
<b>Personal Growth</b> (examples of how 4-H/project work has impacted the member and others)	5	_____
<b>Application of 4-H knowledge and skills</b> as a leader, through service and in other settings	5	_____
<b>PHOTO SECTION</b> – photos show growth, involvement, leadership and service		
	5	_____
<b>OVERALL RECORD BOOK</b> (Organized, easy to read, correct spelling and grammar, no additional material)		
	5	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	_____

## STATE 4-H HALL OF FAME – INTERVIEW SCORE SHEET

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Score</u>
<b><i>Project Work</i></b>		
Ability to articulate project work and achievements reported in 4-H Record Book (including participation in events and activities)	15	_____
Evidence of ability to set goals and work toward them	10	_____
Growth of project throughout 4-H career	10	_____
<b><i>Leadership</i></b>		
Ability to articulate leadership activities reported in 4-H Record Book – evidence of growth in quantity and quality of leadership experiences	10	_____
Philosophy of 4-H Leadership (how they see their role as leaders, impact of 4-H leadership experiences on their future, etc.)	5	_____
<b><i>Citizenship/Community Service</i></b>		
Ability to articulate citizenship/community service activities reported in 4-H Record Book	10	_____
Attitude toward civic responsibility and service and evidence of service to others	5	_____
<b><i>Personal</i></b>		
Commitment to 4-H – effect of 4-H on life and personal goals	15	_____
Personal growth expressed as a result of 4-H experiences	10	_____
Clothing and grooming appropriate for 4-H interview	5	_____
Interview and Presentation – poise, self-confidence and maturity, good eye contact, proper grammar and diction, etc.	5	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>_____</b>

Judges initials \_\_\_\_\_

## National 4-H Congress Application Score Sheet

(Applicants must receive a score of 75 or higher to be considered for this trip)

	Possible	Score
Experiences in 4-H Leadership and Citizenship	30	
Experiences in 4-H Projects and Activities	20	
Involvement in other activities, including school, church, community or other youth organization	10	
4-H Story	20	
Resume	20	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

## National 4-H Congress Interview Score Sheet

	Possible	Score
4-H Leadership and Citizenship	30	
4-H Project work	30	
Involvement in non-4-H activities	10	
Interview	15	
Ability to organize and express ideas clearly		
Eye contact and relaxed pleasant manner		
Appropriate clothing and grooming		
Proper grammar and diction		
Maturity, awareness of issues affecting youth	15	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	