



Oklahoma 4-H
Key Club

Key Club

Since 1950, 4-H Key Club has been recognizing the accomplishments of Oklahoma 4-H members. The club seeks to honor those 4-H members who possess leadership, loyalty and a sense of responsibility to the total 4-H program. Membership in the Oklahoma 4-H Key Club is an honor extended only to top 4-H members.

The objectives of this organization are:

- To recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Oklahoma's very top 4-H members.
- To provide a common bond among former 4-H members.
- To further develop 4-H work in Oklahoma.

The program is based on standards. Individuals meeting these standards are eligible to become members. Key Club is an honor society for 4-H members who have done outstanding work in the organization. Once 4-H'ers become Key Club members they accept the obligation to support the 4-H organization throughout their lives, both financially and with their time. Key Club members also strive to stay updated with Oklahoma 4-H and Oklahoma 4-H Key Club.

Qualifications for Membership

The applicant:

1. Must be a 4-H member.
2. Must be at least 15 years old or older on Jan. 1 of the year of application.
3. Must submit completed application form by the published state record book deadline.
4. Must accumulate the minimum number of points (400) on the application form.
5. Must be approved by the responsible county cooperative Extension educator.
6. Must make at least one presentation to a 4-H group about Key Club.
7. Must make at least one presentation to a non-4-H group about the 4-H youth development program.

Awards

Every applicant who qualifies for Key Club is eligible to receive a Key Club certificate and key. Two keys for each county will be provided.

Membership Procedures

- Key Club membership is awarded only to 4-H'ers who qualify based on the application.
- Each county will designate a staff member to verify the information in the application and submit the names of eligible members selected from the county to the state 4-H office.
- There is no limit on the number of recipients from a county for a given year.
- Two keys for each county will be provided – they must be ordered on the county medal order form. Counties desiring to present more than two awards will be responsible for purchasing the additional keys from the state 4-H office at Oklahoma State University.
- Applicants will become Key Club members contingent upon the Extension educator forwarding the delegates' names to state 4-H office by the state record book deadline.
- Each county Extension educator will be responsible for:
 - Getting the application forms to the prospective members.
 - Checking and approving application forms.
 - Sending selected names to the state 4-H office by the published deadline.

