



### **NATIONAL 4-H YOUTH CONGRESS**

Each November youth in grades 9-12 focus on social and cultural activities, leadership development and workforce preparation programs. Held in Atlanta.

### **NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE**

National 4-H Center, Maryland. A spring leadership program that provides 4-H members in grades 10-12 an opportunity to meet delegates from across the country, interact with state legislative representatives, and provide input into the national 4-H program.

### **CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS**

National 4-H Center, Maryland. A week-long summer educational experience that enables teen delegates to learn how a bill becomes a law, gain perspective of government structures, use leadership skills in workshops and on committees, and exchange 4-H program

# RUTGERS

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OF ESSEX COUNTY**



# 4-H AWARDS



## 4-H RECOGNITION

The 4-H recognition model encourages and supports learning and satisfies intrinsic and extrinsic needs. It balances recognition for participation, progress toward self-set goals, achievement of standards of excellence, competition, and cooperation. It considers young people and their needs, interests, attitudes and aspirations.

## CLOVERBUD POLICY

4-H members in kindergarten through 3rd grade have no rating or scoring of individual projects. Cloverbud members are recognized through participation awards.

## PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Public presentations are one of the most rewarding experiences for 4-H members, and all members are expected to present at the club level once a year.

Participants learn to organize ideas, present them in a logical order, and express themselves before an audience. For those who present at the county level, ribbons are awarded based on personal performance. Medals are presented to participants at Achievement Night. 4-H members in 8th grade and up who earn a blue ribbon at the county level are invited to attend state presentations.

## FAIR AWARDS

### Project Exhibits

Each 4-H member is welcome to exhibit at the 4-H Fair. Participating in the fair is a chance for youth to showcase work they are proud of. The work is judged using the Danish system where everyone receives recognition.

Rosettes are awarded for *Best in Class* and *Best in Division* when there are three or more entries in one category. Monetary prizes are also awarded for these two categories on Achievement Night. Points are tallied for every Fair entry. The *Highest Point Total Award* is presented to member(s) with the most points.

Award	Ribbon	Points
Cloverbud	Rainbow	Participation
Good	Yellow	1
Very Good	Green	2
Excellent	Blue	3
Best In Class	Green Rosette	4
Best In Division	Blue Rosette	5

## ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

County staff host an annual achievement ceremony to recognize members, volunteers, and community partners for their participation in the 4-H program.

**This is a fun event for families to come together and enjoy an evening of awards and snacks.**

**Year Recognition Awards** are presented to members for each year of membership.

**Leader Recognition Awards** are presented to leaders for their year of service in leading a 4-H club or serving on the advisory board.

**Project Medals** are awarded to members whose accomplishments have been selected as outstanding in specific project areas.

**Club Book Award** is presented to those who complete and turn in a club book, including Secretary, Treasurer, and President.

### Special Awards

- ◆ Achievement
- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Citizenship
- ◆ Public Presentations

**Essex County 4-H Scholarships** are awarded to selected graduating members who submit a story of how 4-H has influenced their lives.