



Green Lake County 4-H

Record Book Scoring Guidelines



- Please remember that youth are doing these record books, not college students. Allow for a few mistakes, without counting them against the young people.
- Overall, be positive, young people need encouragement and positive feedback. A few helpful constructive criticism comments can be included, but make sure the positive comments outweigh the negative.
- Please take the time to include a few comments. A page of checkmarks is not helpful. Youth need to know how they can get to an award level.
- Be aware that not everyone has excellent handwriting skills. If the required information is included in the record book, the quality of the handwriting should not be a factor in the judging.
- Please don't write in the record books. Note all of your comments on the scoring sheet.
- Please note that it is not required for members to complete more than one (1) project story. However, in order to be considered for a project award they must complete a project story for each area they wish to be considered for the award **AND** the member is required to include scoring sheets for additional project areas.
- There may be extenuating circumstances, such as a disability, that exist. Parents or club leaders, please alert the county record book judges about these circumstances. Judges will take these into account when they judge the book.

Scoring Guidelines:

- **First Timer Award**
 - Must receive 10 or more "Good" or "Very Good" ratings on the "General Information" section to qualify
 - Cannot receive more than one "Needs Improvement" or "Missing/Incomplete" ratings in this section to qualify
- **Best Record Book**
 - Must receive 10 or more "Good" or "Very Good" ratings on the "General Information" section to qualify
 - Cannot receive more than one "Needs Improvement" or "Missing/Incomplete" ratings in this section to qualify
- **Project Story**
 - Must receive 4 or more "Very Good" ratings on the "Project Story" section to qualify for specific project area award
 - A Project Story must be completed for each project area being awarded
 - No more than 3 project awards may be given
 - Cannot receive more than two "Needs Improvement" or "Missing/Incomplete" ratings in this section to qualify (not including the optional items).
- **5 and 10 Year Project Award**
 - Must receive 3 or more "Very Good" ratings on "5 and 10 Year Project Story" section to qualify
 - Cannot receive more than one "Needs Improvement" or "Missing/Incomplete" ratings in this section to qualify
- **Step Beyond Award**
 - Must receive at least one county level award and receive at least 10 "Very Good" ratings on the "General Information" section, 6 or more "Very Good" ratings on "Project Story" section(s), and 4 or more "Very Good" ratings on "5/10 Year Project Story sections" (if applicable).
 - Cannot receive more than one "Needs Improvement" or "Missing/Incomplete" ratings in any section



Green Lake County 4-H Award Nomination Sheet



Youth Name: _____ Club: _____

___ Grades 3-4 ___ Grades 5-6 ___ Grades 7-8 ___ Grades 9-13

Club Leader completing nomination sheet: _____

Submit this sheet for each award recipient.

Submit books for ONLY those being nominated for Step Beyond, 5 and 10 Year Project Career Award, and Career Achievement Award.

Awards Selected by Club Leader:

Project Story Awards (list project area), Community Service Award, First Timer Award, Best Record Book Award

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

___ **Cloverbud Participation Recognition**

NOTE: Select no more than 3 awards per member. Can be all of one kind or a combination of both. Also please note a member can win EITHER a first-timer OR Best Record Book, but not both.

Nominated for Awards Judged at the County Level:

___ **Step Beyond Award** (check here to nominate this member's book for this award)

___ **5 year Project Career Award** (list projects) ___ **10 year Project Career Award** (list projects)

___ **Career Achievement Award** (graduating member)

Project Story Awards (selected by club leader)

- **Youth Leadership:** Youth Leadership, Ambassadors, Cloverbuds Leader, Exploring Leader.
- **Service Learning & Citizenship:** Citizenship, Community Development, Family Times, Friends Helping Friends, History & Heritage, Service Learning, Special Emphasis.
- **Large Animal:** Beef, Dairy, Goats, Horses, Horseless Horse, Swine, Sheep.
- **Small Animal & Vet. Science:** Poultry, Cats, Dogs, Rabbits, Pets, Vet. Science.
- **Arts & Communication:** Arts & Crafts, Block Printing, Clowning, Collections, Communications, Computers, Creative Writing, Dance, Demonstrations, Drawing & Painting, Folk Arts, Latino Cultural Arts, Leathercraft, Metal Enameling, Music, Photography, Posters, Scrapbooking, Speaking, Theatre Arts, Videography.
- **Family, Home and Health:** Cake Decorating, Candy Making, Child Development, Clothing, Consumer Savvy, Crocheting, Entrepreneurship, Food Preservation, Foods & Nutrition, Happiness Is, Health, Home Environment, Intergenerational Programs, Knitting, Microwave Cooking, Personal Finance, Workforce Readiness.
- **Mechanical Science:** Automotive, Bicycling, Electricity, Handyman, Legos, Maintenance & Repair, Model Rocketry, Off-Highway Vehicles, Scale Models, Small Engines, Snowmobiling, Tractors, Woodworking.
- **Natural Resources & Environmental Education:** Adventures, Astronomy, Backpacking & Hiking, Bicycling, Birds, Camping, Canoeing, Conservation, Entomology, Exploring Your Environment, Fishing, Forestry, Geology, Home Energy, Maple Syrup, Recycling, Science Discovery, Shooting Sports (Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery, Hunting, Muzzleloading, Rifle & Shotgun), Skiing (Cross Country & Downhill), Water, Weather, Wildlife, Wildflowers, Winter Travel.
- **Plant & Soil Sciences:** Corn, Crops, Flowers, Forage, Fruits, Herbs, Home Grounds, Horticulture, House Plants, Plant Crafts, Small Grains, Soil Science, Soybeans, Vegetables, Weed Management.
- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math):** Exploring, Wind Energy, Aerospace, Geospatial, Robotics, Science.
- **Other Projects:** Safety, Self-Determined, Special Needs, International Programs and any other projects.

County Level Award Descriptions

- **First Timer Award:**
 - Base on neatness, clarity, and quality of the record book.
 - Must be first record book completed by member, cannot also win Best Record Book Award.
- **Best Record Book Award:**
 - Base on neatness, clarity, and quality of the record book.
 - Must have completed a record book at least once before, cannot also win First Timer Award.
- **Community Service Award:**
 - Based on level of youth's participation in the 4-H club's community service activities.
 - Consider neatness, clarity, and quality.
- **Cloverbud Participation Recognition:**
 - County level certificates and disks for all Cloverbuds completing their record book.
- **Step Beyond Award:** (nominated by club leader, selected at county level; *Club leaders must submit record books with this sheet*)
 - Awarded by county-level judges to the most outstanding books in each of the four grade levels. The number of awards is at the judge's discretion, maximum 10% of the books. Award consists of a disk for the plaque plus a \$20 gift card.
- **5 & 10 Year Project Career Awards:** (*Club leaders must submit record books*)
 - No limit on the number of awards applied for, or the number winning, judged at county level.
- **Career Achievement Award:** (nominated by club leader, selected at county level; *Club leaders must submit record books*)
 - All graduating members are encouraged to apply. Up to two graduating members selected per year.
 - Based on a 6 page (minimum) essay (including pictures) written by the youth on the benefits and lessons learned during their 4-H career.
 - Award consists of a large traveling trophy, **\$200** from the 4-H Leaders Association and **\$50** from the Farm Bureau.