



4-H Club Charter Seals of Achievement

What are 4-H Club Charter Seals of Achievement?

4-H Club Charter Seals of Achievement are a means to recognize 4-H clubs (excluding classroom-based clubs) with valid charters for reaching levels of achievement related to club organization and participation. 4-H clubs are encouraged, but not required, to participate. The highest Charter Seal awarded is the Gold Seal followed by the Blue, Red and White seals. Seals are awarded for the degree of completion of a number of quality indicators related to:

1. Membership and participation
2. Citizenship and leadership
3. Life-skill development and subject matter instruction
4. Community and parental involvement

See the attached Charter Seal of Achievement Application and Score Sheet for the specific indicators that are measured.

How are 4-H Club Charter Seals of Achievement Awarded?

For a club to be considered for a Charter Seal of Achievement Award, 4-H club leaders must submit a Charter Seal application prior to the end of the 4-H year to the unit Extension office. The application date is set by the unit 4-H program, usually in September. The club's Treasurer's Record Book and Secretary's Record Book must accompany the application. The application requires the club organizational leader and club president to self-score the club on the quality indicators. The 4-H agent (or representative) verifies the Charter Seal application information and makes the final determination of the award level. Charter Seals are awarded at the conclusion of the 4-H year, often at the annual 4-H achievement program.



Gold Charter Seal



Blue Charter Seal



Red Charter Seal



White Charter Seal

4-H Club Charter Seal of Achievement Application and Score Sheet

Name of the 4-H Club _____ Date _____

Date the 4-H Charter was awarded _____

Measure of Achievement		Points	Score
Membership and Participation			
The percentage of eligible 4-H members to re-enroll in the club was	90% by October 15	15	_____
	80% by October 15	10	_____
	70% by October 15	5	_____
Club enrolled	more than 5 new members	15	_____
	3 to 5 new members	10	_____
	at least 2 new members	5	_____
Club is composed of both boys and girls		5	_____
During the year, the club held	12 or more regular meetings	15	_____
	10 or 11 regular meetings	10	_____
	8 or 9 regular meetings	5	_____
The attendance of enrolled members at regular club meetings averages	greater than 90%	15	_____
	between 81%-90%	10	_____
	between 71%-80%	5	_____
Citizenship and Leadership			
Club elected officers and appointed major committees	by October 15	15	_____
	by November 15	10	_____
	by December 15	5	_____
All club officers received training	by October 15	15	_____
	by November 15	10	_____
	by December 15	5	_____
Percentage of enrolled club members with 4-H leadership roles (e.g. club committees, county councils, district and state leadership roles, etc.) is	greater 90%	15	_____
	between 80%-90%	10	_____
	between 70%-80%	5	_____
Annual club program plan developed	by October 15	15	_____
	by November 15	10	_____
	by December 15	5	_____
Written club business meeting minutes are available for	every club meeting	15	_____
	90% of the club meetings	10	_____
	80% of the club meetings	5	_____
Written treasurer reports are available for	every club meeting	15	_____
	90% of the club meetings	10	_____
	80% of the club meetings	5	_____
Number of volunteer leader trainings attended by all club adult leaders during the year was	3 or more	15	_____
	2	10	_____
	1	5	_____
Measure of Achievement		Points	Score

Life Skill Development and Subject Matter Instruction

Percentage of members who participated in the county contest by giving a presentation or demonstration or with public speaking is	greater than 90%	15	_____
	between 81%-90%	10	_____
	between 71%-80%	5	_____
Percentage of members who completed and submitted to the 4-H office at least one 4-H project is	greater than 90%	15	_____
	between 81%-90%	10	_____
	between 71%-80%	5	_____
Every regular club meeting included an educational program for members		10	_____
All club members receive adult mentorship in all of their project areas		10	_____

Community and Parental Involvement

Percentage of members who participated in 4-H beyond the unit level (e.g. district, state, regional, national, international) is	greater than 90%.	15	_____
	between 81%-90%	10	_____
	between 71%-80%	5	_____
Club participated in one community event to promote membership in the club or the unit 4-H Youth Development program		10	_____
Club participated in one planned community-service learning project		10	_____
Club held one club event for parents and other guests with 75% of members exhibiting or performing		10	_____
TOTAL POINTS			_____

SCORING RANGE FOR EARNING 4-H CLUB CHARTER SEALS OF ACHIEVEMENT

240 – 265 points = GOLD CHARTER SEAL OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

213 – 239 points = BLUE CHARTER SEAL OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

186 – 212 points = RED CHARTER SEAL OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

159 – 185 points = WHITE CHARTER SEAL OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

We have prepared this report and believe it to accurately reflect the program of the _____ 4-H Club for the _____ 4-H Year.
(2XXX-2XXX)

Signatures:

Club President _____ Date _____

Club Organizational Leader _____ Date _____

This section is to be completed by the 4-H Youth Development agent or representative.

This 4-H club has a current, valid charter _____ Yes _____ No

I certify that the _____ of _____
(Name of Club) (Name of Unit)

qualifies for the _____ Charter Seal of Achievement for the _____ 4-H Year.
(Color of Seal) (2XXX-2XXX)

Signature: _____ Date _____
Extension Agent or Representative