

## Clare County 4-H Honor Club Guidelines

The purpose of the Honor Club system is to motivate club members and leaders to participate in 4-H activities throughout the 4-H year. Club representatives consist of leaders, parents, or youth members. When gaining credit for the Honor Club system, representatives belonging to two (2) or more Clare County 4-H clubs MUST choose only one (1) club to represent which must be clearly stated on the google form and sign in sheets. Credit will NOT be given for more than one (1) club per a person.

Incentives for the clubs receiving the above statues will be determined by the Clare County 4-H Council. Honor Club statues will be announced at the Fall Awards Celebration. All amendments to this system are to be determined by the Award Committee and the Clare County 4-H Council. Clubs will receive credit based on the current 4-H year.

Clubs may receive a maximum of 20 points based on the following point scale:

Gold: 18-20 Points

Silver: 15-17 Points

Bronze: 12-14 Points

The Clare County 4-H Staff will assume responsibility of tracking points for each club based on the guidelines for the following. Clubs participating in the Honor Club system must abide by the following guidelines and will be rewarded no more than one (1) point per each section.

- 1) All returning leaders and members must be enrolled on 4HOnline AND participation fees paid by December 1 of the current 4-H year.
- 2) All new leaders and members must be enrolled on 4HOnline AND participation fees paid by May 1 of the current 4-H year.
- 3) All required Club Year End Forms must be turned in to the 4-H Staff by August 31 of the current 4-H Year.
- 4) One (1) or more leaders submit one (1) or more Award Nomination forms.
- 5) One (1) or more members submit one (1) or more Award Applications.
- 6) Club is represented at Annual Awards Banquet. Club will only receive credit if signed in on the sign in sheet.
- 7) One (1) or more leaders participate in the Leader Update Meeting. Club will only receive credit if signed in on the sign in sheet.
- 8) Club works one (1) or more shifts in the 4-H Foodstand.
- 9) Club works one (1) or more shifts in the 4-H Milk Booth.
- 10) Representative from club submits an article to the 4-H Staff for the monthly 4-H Family Newsletter. Requirement of a minimum of 4 to 5 sentences. Topics can include but are not limited to 4-H events members participated in, community service club has done, something honorary a member has done, etc.
- 11) One (1) or more club members apply and go through the interview process to be a Clare County 4-H Ambassador. It is the responsibility of the Ambassador Committee to get a list of applicants to the 4-H Staff.
- 12) Club is represented on one (1) or more Clare County 4-H Committee residing under the 4-H Council, 4-H Livestock Association and/or 4-H Small Animal Association. It is the responsibility of the 4-H Council President, 4-H Livestock Association President and the 4-H Small Animal Association President to get their corresponding committee list to the 4-H Staff.
- 13) Club participates in one (1) or more 4-H Council Fundraisers *excluding* the 4-H Foodstand and Milk Booth. It is the responsibility of the 4-H Council Fundraising Committee to get the list of fundraiser participants to the 4-H Staff. Examples: Sell plants/flower during Plant and Flower

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Sale, Donate time or supplies to fundraisers organized by the 4-H Council Fundraising Committee (Scrap N Craft, Plant Sale, etc.).

Club leaders will assume responsibility of tracking points for their club in the Google Form based on the guidelines for the following. The Google Form will always be available at

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare\\_county\\_4\\_h/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/)

- 14) Club is represented at four (4) or more overall 4-H Council Meeting. Club will only receive credit if signed in on the sign in sheet.
- 15) Club is represented at two (2) or more Youth Leadership Council meetings. Club will only receive credit if signed in on the sign in sheet.
- 16) Club is represented at one (1) or more 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting. Club will only receive credit if signed in on the sign in sheet.
- 17) Club is represented at one (1) or more 4-H Livestock Association Meeting. Club will only receive credit if signed in on the sign in sheet.
- 18) Club is represented at one (1) or more Clare County 4-H Educational workshops, clinics or camps. Workshops, clinics or camps that qualify for this credit are to be determined by the 4-H Staff and the 4-H Council. Examples: Science Blast, Winter Blast, Camp at Camp Neyati, showmanship clinic, etc.
- 19) Club is represented at one (1) or more statewide 4-H events. Statewide 4-H events that qualify for this credit are to be determined by the 4-H Staff and the 4-H Council. Examples: Kettunen Center Events, 4-H Shows, 4-H Exploration Days, Vet-A-Visit, etc.
- 20) Club completed a minimum of a 2 hour community service project. Community Service project MUST be approved by the 4-H Staff BEFORE taking place or credit will not be given. A group photo of the club must be turned in to the 4-H Staff within two (2) weeks of the completed project. Examples: Adopt-A-Highway, volunteer time cleaning and repairing things at the Fairgrounds based on a need from the Fair Office, activities with nursing home patients, serve at a community event, etc.