

North Central Feed & Supply
West Branch Farmers Cooperative

Presents the

2025 Herdsmanship Award

Name _____ 4-H Age _____
(By 1/1/25)

Years in 4-H _____ Years in Project _____

Project _____ Leader _____

If you are in more than one livestock club put one form with each record book!

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Why are 4-H Record Books Important?

Record keeping is a necessary part of everyone's adult life. 4-H gives members the opportunity to learn this valuable life skill. 4-H records are important in the selection of awards and scholarship winners. The following are additional reasons why members should keep records:

- Accurate, well-kept records encourage pride in one's accomplishments and are proof of work well done.
- A record is a good yardstick by which members can see their progress and achievement, and by which others can measure their accomplishments.
- Records provide opportunity for members to learn skills in organizing, in following directions, and in sorting out the important from the unimportant. This will also stimulate innovative ideas.
- Learning to keep 4-H records is preparation for keeping other types of records (such as income tax records).
- Records can show profit or loss in a project where financial information is important. This leads to good management skills.

The Herdsmanship Award Consists of:

- Standard record book for species.
- Pictures (**minimum of one page per species**)

If the 4-H member has more than one species, he or she will combine records into one entry form. This is a **Herdsmanship award**, versus a project award.

Records will be judged at the fair during Record Book judging.

Awards

Beef, Sheep, Horse, Goat, & Swine – Combined

Senior Division: age 13-19 during current year

1st place - \$50 check

2nd place - \$25 check

Beef, Sheep, Horse, Goat, & Swine – Combined

Junior Division: age 9-12 during current year

1st place - \$50 check

2nd place - \$25 check

Dairy Goat & Dairy Cattle – Combined

Senior Division: age 13-19 during current year

1st place - \$50 check

2nd place - \$25 check

Dairy Goat & Dairy Cattle – Combined

Junior Division: age 9-12 during current year

1st place - \$50 check

2nd place - \$25 check

Rabbits and Poultry - Combined

One Division – all ages

1st place - \$50 check

2nd place - \$25 check

- 1.** Summarize your record book(s). For example, what did you learn from the information you have compiled?

- 2.** How will you use this experience in future project(s)?

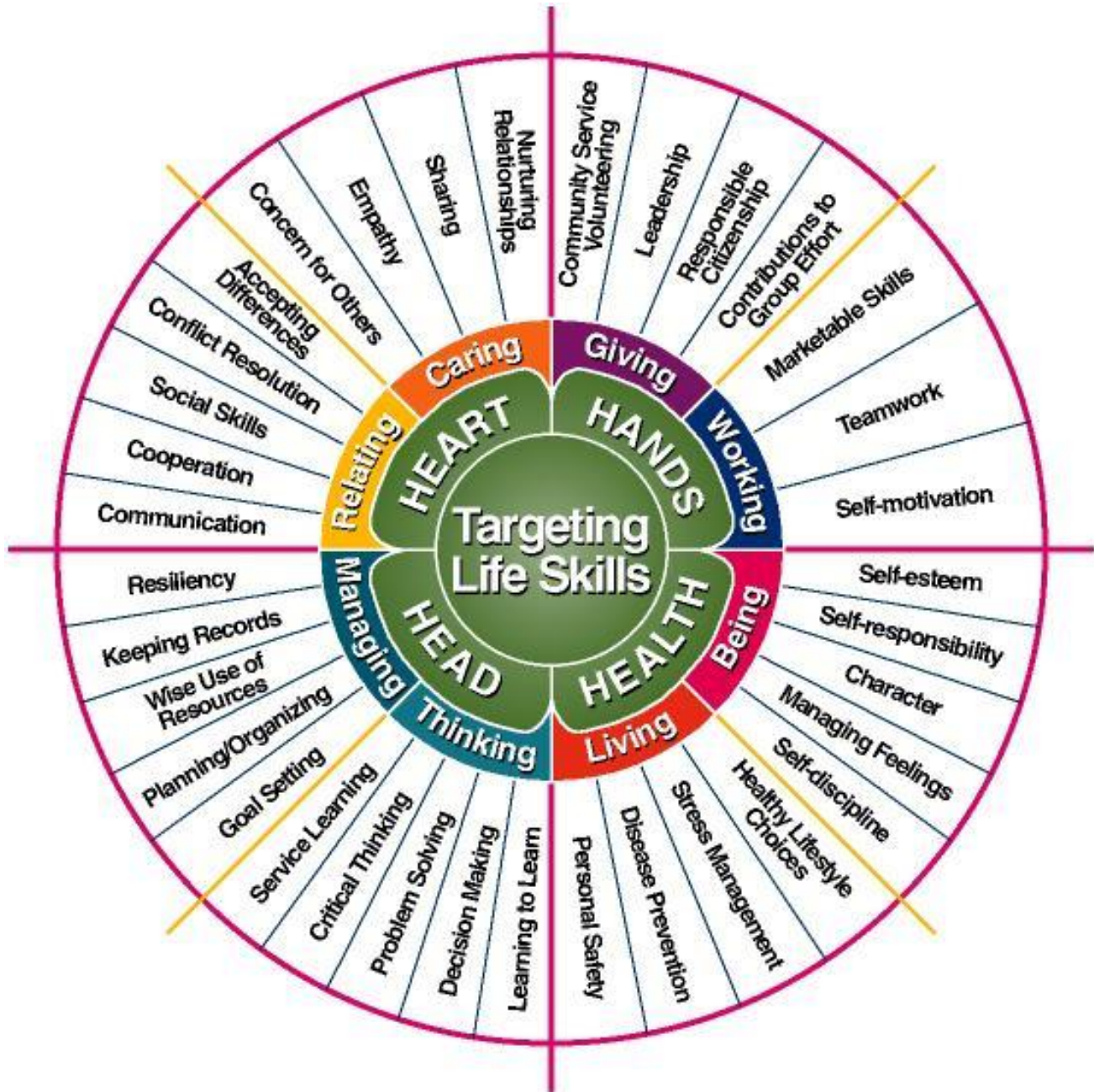
3. What changes would you make with your project(s) for another year?

4. How and why did you become involved in this project(s)? What did you hope to gain or experience from your 4-H involvement?

- 5.** How will you apply the life skills you have gained through your experience with your 4-H project(s) in future project(s) and in life outside of 4-H? See attached diagram of life skills and choose at least two to talk about.

LIFE SKILLS WHEEL

Figure 1. Hendricks, P.A. (1996). *Targeting Life Skills Model: Incorporating Developmentally Appropriate Learning Opportunities to Assess Impact of Life Skill Development*. Ames: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.



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Attach additional picture pages as needed