



## *Does your club and its members have what it takes to be a NJ 4-H Honor Club?*

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There are many different kinds of 4-H clubs. They meet different times and have different projects and interests. However, there are some things that every 4-H club should have in common. The following are expectations for 4-H clubs and members. If your club meets all of these requirements, your club qualifies to a NJ 4-H Honor Club.

If you complete all requirements during the course of a 4-H year (October - September), have your club leader or president complete this form and return it to your county 4-H office, and your club will receive a NJ 4-H Honor Club certificate (and probably other recognition through the county 4-H newsletter, achievement ceremonies, etc.)

### **Your club should:**

- Meet regularly (at least once a month) for nine or more months of the year\*
- Elect officers to run meetings.\*
- Hold at least one business meeting a month for nine or more months of the year.\*
- Participate in at least one approved 4-H project.\*
- Have an approved club constitution. (An example is available in the NJ 4-H Leader Training Series notebook or from your county 4-H office)\*
- Have at least one registered (using the NJ 4-H Volunteer Registration form) adult 4-H leader, appointed and trained by county 4-H staff\*.
- Conduct at least one community service project. (Helpful hints and suggestions are available in the NJ 4-H Leader Training Series notebook or from your county 4-H office.)
- Have at least five registered (using the NJ 4-H Club Member Registration form) club members.
- Exhibit/demonstrate at the County 4-H Fair.

### **At least 70% of your club's members should:**

- Attend at least 70% of club meetings.
- Do a public presentation at the club or county level at least once a year.
- Complete a record book, if your project requires one.

Remember, that many 4-H clubs and counties have greater expectations, such as participating in county 4-H fund raising efforts, attending training, etc. The requirements listed above are to qualify to be a NJ 4-H Honor Club.

If your club doesn't do all of these things or know how to, your county 4-H staff can help. There is also a helpful check list called "How Successful is Your 4-H Club?" available in the NJ 4-H Leader Training Series notebook or from your county 4-H office.

Name of 4-H club: \_\_\_\_\_

This form should be submitted by the 4-H club leader or president.

Name of person submitting form: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle which: Club Leader   Club President

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

We certify that our 4-H club has met the requirements for the NJ 4-H Honor Club recognition:

\_\_\_\_\_ (4-H Club President signature)                      \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_ (4-H Leader signature)                                      \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

**Due in County 4-H Office by October of each year.**

\*Based on national 4-H club definitions.

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