



# Tribune

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## Project Records Due

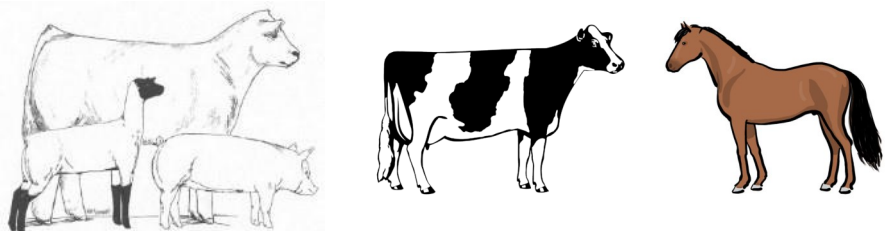
Projects records are due to the Extension Office on **Monday, December 2nd**. Check with your club leader to see when your records are due to them. RECORDS WILL NEED TO BE SIGNED BY YOUR CLUB LEADER! If you participated in/exhibited in the following at the 2024 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, you **MUST** turn in a completed project record to be eligible for the 2025 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair: **ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK, RABBIT, POULTRY, HORSE, PHOTOGRAPHY AND GARDEN**. See the online *Tribune* for *Tips for Project Records for 2024* for additional information. **Note—Records that are submitted and are identical from the same households will be returned to 4-Hers to re-do. Remember, that each project area (art, crafts, foods, woodworking, etc.) are considered separate projects and will not be accepted if turned in on the same project record form.**

Please follow this link to the Carroll County Extension website for the correct project records:

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books>

## MD 4-H State Animal Science Award

If you show one of the following: beef cattle, camelids, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse/pony, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, small pets, swine or have a veterinary science project, then don't miss out on the **Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project Record Award!** You must be 14 –18 years old as of January 1st to qualify. Many of our animal science 4-H members have great project records, so take a look at what is required. Information was just updated on this contest and all items are due by November 15th through 4-H Online. See online *Tribune*.



# Project Record—2024 Update of Requirement

In 2024, all project records that are completed will be held to meeting all standards, including the communication section. Remember that 4-Hers must present a speech or demonstration to 3 or more people not related to them to meet this requirement. *This is a speech or demonstration the youth has given, not something they attended.* The speech and/or demonstration MUST be related to the project. You cannot use a speech about Crafts for your Market Beef project record. You also cannot use a Market Beef demonstration for your Market Swine project record. Your communication MUST BE RELATED TO YOUR PROJECT AREA! You MUST also include all information on when you gave the speech/demonstration, including a TITLE (don't write FAIR), location, and type of communication. Don't forget that participating in programs such as skillathon, bowls, and judging programs count toward this requirement. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

## National 4-H Leadership Trips

Calling all Senior 4-H members! Here are 2 great opportunities for you to apply for National 4-H Leadership Trips this year! The first is to apply for National 4-H Conference which will be held April 11-16, 2025 in Arlington, VA. 4-Hers have the opportunity to become familiar with the government and future career opportunities and share your voice with federal agencies and congressional committees. The second opportunity is to apply for these trips for 2025: National 4-H Congress (held in Atlanta, GA in November), Camp Miniwanca (held in Michigan in June), Virginia 4-H Congress and West Virginia 4-H Camp (both in June). These trips all focus on building leadership and lend more to the service side of the 4-H program.

There are specific guidelines for completing the following items such as how many pages each can be, type of font to use, spacing, etc. Please email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) for specific guidelines. Also, Becky is more than willing to work with you on these items and we have volunteers willing to help too! Just reach out as we have lots of amazing senior 4-H members who are great and should apply for these national trip opportunities!!

If interested in applying here's what you need to do:

1. Complete your 4-H Resume which is comprised of showcasing your leadership, citizenship and life skills.
2. Complete the 2025 Essay Question which is "Describe how one of your project areas has influenced your life outside of 4-H."
3. Have your items reviewed by Becky at the Extension Office for any feedback before applying as we want to submit the best possible packets that reflect our 4-Her's work!
4. Submit all requirements through 4-H Online by their respective deadlines.

**National 4-H Conference—November 15, 2024,**

**National 4-H Congress, Camp Miniwanca, Virginia 4-H Congress and West Virginia 4-H Camp—  
January 15, 2025**

Then you will interview for 4-H Conference or the other trips either in-person or virtually.



# Virtual Portfolio Workshop

Were you unable to attend the in-person portfolio workshops this fall? This may be your chance to learn more about the Maryland 4-H Portfolio process for national 4-H leadership trips. Join members of the State 4-H Awards and Recognition Committee on **Wednesday, November 6th at 7pm**. To learn more about the requirements to complete your 4-H resume, essay and interviews. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions from the members of the committee who help oversee the national 4-H leadership trip selection process. Register at: <https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAodOyuqzMpH9iDhuT63aAst0N7tnLGrFfx>

## 4-H Project Night—Holiday Wreath

Join us to make a curly deco mesh wreath! We will meet at the Extension Office in Room A/B on Friday, November 8 at 6pm to make a holiday wreath! This class costs \$25 and can be paid in cash or with a check payable to CCEAB. We will be making the wreath in class and participants may then go home and add their own unique touches with ornaments, signs, or other filigree to make it fit their desired holiday or idea. Class is FULL, please email Jennie at [jchameli@umd.edu](mailto:jchameli@umd.edu) to be put on the waitlist or for any questions.



## Market Beef, Dairy Steer and Commercial Heifer

We have scheduled steer weigh-in for **Saturday, January 4, 2025 at the Ag Center TRP Building beginning at 8 AM until 11 AM**. Because of the location, all steers/heifers must be on a halter and reasonably broken! Market Animal Registration forms and AnSc Code of Ethics can be picked up at the Extension Office, from your club leader or email Becky ([bridgewa@umd.edu](mailto:bridgewa@umd.edu)) to have forms mailed to you. **Remember, the registration form is a 2-part form. You must turn in the form intact. Remember to sign the front, backs and inside of the form (3 total signatures for the 4-Her and 3 signatures for the parent/guardian).** Your copy will be given to you on the day of weigh-in. If you have questions, please call 410-386-2760. **Registration forms are due to the CC Extension Office by Thursday, January 2nd. Tag cost is \$2 per steer/heifer.** Please make checks payable to CCEAB.

*Castration Policy of the Maryland 4-H AnSc Program: All male steers, lambs, pigs and goats must be neutered and healed prior to 4-H weigh-in and tagging. The only exception would be animals that have obvious signs they have been banded, however, their scrotal sac is still intact.*



## Dairy Skillathon Practices

Put your dairy knowledge to the test! Come out to dairy skillathon practices at the **Extension Office on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month through January (tentatively) starting at 7pm**. We will be starting with learning about dairy cattle as we prepare for the Maryland 4-H State Dairy Skillathon Contest in March. Learn more about breeds, feeds, equipment and more! Everyone is welcome to attend these practices, you just need to have an interest in learning more about the dairy industry! You do not have to own an animal to participate.

## Horse Bowl Practices

Dust off those study materials as a new year of horse bowl practice is about to begin! All 4-Hers (8 years old as of January 1st) are welcome to attend the weekly horse bowl practices starting on January 8, 2025, 7pm at the Extension Office. Practices will be held every Wednesday night until the state contest in March. You will learn lots of new and interesting facts about horses while having fun! You do not have to own a horse to participate, just have an interest in learning more about them. Not sure what horse bowl is, then come to a practice to find out more!

## Livestock Skillathon Practices

Everything you've ever wanted to know about livestock and didn't know to ask! Come learn about breeds of livestock, equipment, cuts of meat, animal parts identification, livestock feeds, hay, wool and play some fun games, too! Come to learn for the state contest in March or just come to the sessions you want to learn about. Remember that you do not have to exhibit or own livestock to participate in livestock skillathon, just have an interest or curiosity. Practices run every Monday night starting January 6, 7pm at the Extension Office. Practices will run through the state contest in March (some additional days may be added). For more information, call Kathy Gordon at 301-667-0559.

## Canned Food Drive Competition

Want to help your local community, while earning the coveted 1st spot in the 2025 fair parade for your club? As the holiday season approaches, the ambassador team is hosting their 2nd Annual Canned Food Competition between ALL Carroll County 4-H clubs! All non-perishable food must be dropped off at the Extension Office with a note of which club donated the food and how many items. A log will be kept by the office and each item counts as 1 point. The club that donates the largest number of canned goods will win the 1st spot for clubs in the 2025 fair parade! The competition begins October 1st and will conclude on December 30th. Good Luck to all clubs and thank you for participating as we pledge our hands to larger service!





## Record Books

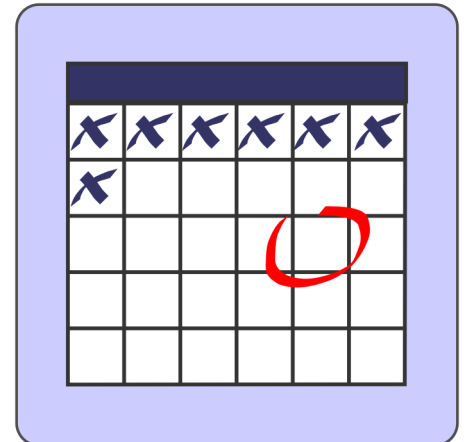
It's a great time to start thinking about your 2024 record books! Record books are a great way to keep track of your 4-H career and highlight your accomplishments. The record book includes a junior summary, project records (which you already do), a 4-H story and a few more items. Record Book covers are available at the Extension Office for free. Record Books are due **Monday, February 3, 2025**. More information can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books>

## Clover Memory Books

Clover members are able to put together a Clover Memory Book (scrapbook) of their year in 4-H. Clover Memory Books highlight everything clover members did throughout the year including pictures, ribbons, judging score sheets, etc. Guidelines for memory books can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books> at the bottom of the page. Memory Books are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, February 3, 2025**.

## 2025 4-H Dates

We know that calendars quickly start filling up for 2025 for many of our 4-H families. We wanted to try to get as many dates out to you for next year that we have planned as of now. Please note that we know there are programs that we/volunteers run throughout the year that are not listed. Please don't worry as those activities will still be happening, we just don't have those dates scheduled. The list of dates can be found attached to the online Tribune. We hope to see many of our 4-Hers at these events in 2025!



## UME Volunteer Training

**NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING WILL START BACK UP IN JANUARY 2025, WHEN THE 4-H ONLINE SYSTEM OPENS FOR THE NEW ENROLLMENT YEAR.** Just email Becky ([bridgewa@umd.edu](mailto:bridgewa@umd.edu)) to be added to the list interested in becoming a University of Maryland Extension 4-H Volunteer.

## Fair Reminders

**Everyone** is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meetings will be on December 4th, 7:00pm (Holiday Potluck Dinner and Meeting).

**Too many ribbons?** Don't throw them away. If they are in **good** shape, drop them off at the Extension Office and we will recycle them for next year. Ribbons should not be wrinkled, written on or missing strings. We cannot accept State Fair ribbons.





## Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program

### About the Award Program

The Maryland 4-H Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program will be offered in 2024 to recognize 4-H members in the Animal Science Program for outstanding achievements in their project work. The awards program will provide recognition to 4-H members who demonstrate 1) distinguished levels of engagement in the Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program projects and related activities and 2) excellence in project record keeping activities.

### Award Program Eligibility

This awards program is open to all senior age 4-H members (14-18 years) as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Thirteen award categories will be offered (see below). Members are eligible to apply for multiple award categories; however, a member will be eligible to receive the Top Award in only one category per year. A member is eligible to receive the Top Award in the same category only one time in their 4-H career and is not eligible to apply in a category in which they have previously received the Top Award. The Top Overall Award recipient will be selected from the current year's Top Award winners from the thirteen award categories. A member can receive the Top Overall Award only one time in their 4-H career.

### Required Documentation

Youth interested in participating in this awards program must submit the required documents (listed below) via the 4HOnline portal at <https://v2.4honline.com> by the advertised deadline. The submissions will be evaluated and judged by a committee of UME faculty/staff and volunteers. Required documentation must represent the current 4-H year and includes the following (worth 100 points total):

- Summary Report Form OR 4-H Resume (20 points): Completed Maryland 4-H Summary Report Form OR 4-H Resume.
- Project Essay (20 points): Essay must be specific to the award category. Essay must be 2-3 pages in length, typed in 12-point Times New Roman, double spaced, with 1-inch margins.
- Project Record (60 points): Completed Maryland 4-H Animal Science Project Record. In species (or category) where there are both Market and Breeding Projects offered, a 4-H'er is encouraged to submit both Project Records if enrolled in both.

A 4-H'er may submit applications in multiple categories. To submit in multiple categories only one Summary Report Form OR 4-H Resume is required, but a separate Project Essay and Project Record is required for each category.



## Awards

Awards will be presented in 13 categories including: 1) beef cattle, 2) camelids, 3) dairy cattle, 4) dairy goats, 5) dogs, 6) horse and pony, 7) meat goats, 8) poultry, 9) rabbits, 10) sheep, 11) small pets, 12) swine, and 13) veterinary science. Awards will be presented at the annual Maryland 4-H Achievement Event.

In each award category, the Top 5 members will be selected and recognized with Certificates. The Top Award winner for each category will be recognized at the annual Maryland 4-H Achievement Event.

One recipient will be selected from the current year's Top Award winners from the thirteen award categories to receive the Maryland 4-H Animal Science State Overall Project and Record Award. The recipient of the Overall Award will receive a plaque and will be offered a trip to National 4-H Congress in November 2025 (NOTE: Recipient must meet all other eligibility requirements established for attending National 4-H Congress. A 4-H'er is only eligible to attend National 4-H Congress one time in their 4-H career).

## Awards Program Annual Timeline

- October 15<sup>th</sup> - 4HOnline portal opens for submission of applications. The online portal is made available through 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com> .
- November 17<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for submission of applications – 4HOnline portal closes.
- January/February - Awards presented at Maryland 4-H Achievement Event.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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***Carroll County and Maryland 4-H Calendar 2025***

**Dates are subject to change.**

Date	Event	Time	Location
<b>January 2025</b>			
January 1	CC Extension Office Closed – Happy New Year!	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
January 2	Senior Portfolios Beef/Dairy Weigh-In Paperwork Due	All Day	Due to CC Extension Office
January 4	Beef/Dairy Steer, Market Heifer Weigh-In/Commercial Heifer Tagging	8-11am	Ag Center
January 6	Livestock Skillathon Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 8	Horse Bowl Practices	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 10	4-H Project Night	6pm	CC Extension Office
January 13	Livestock Skillathon Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 15	Horse Bowl Practices	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 15	National 4-H Leadership Trip Applications DUE	11:59pm	4-H Online
January 17	Club Officer Training	6pm	CC Extension Office
January 20	CC Extension Office Closed – Martin Luther King Day	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
January 20	Quilt Workshop	TBD	CC Extension Office
January 20	Livestock Skillathon Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 22	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 22	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Mtg	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
January 24	Clover Project Night	6pm	CC Extension Office
January 27	Livestock Skillathon Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 29	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
<b>February 2025</b>			
February 3	Livestock Skillathon Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 3	Record Books, Clover Memory Books and Diamond Clovers DUE	All Day	CC Extension Office
February 5	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 8	National 4-H Trip Interviews	9am	CC Extension Office
February 10	Livestock Skillathon Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 12	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 14	4-H Project Night	6pm	CC Extension Office
February 15	Demonstration Day	9am	CC Extension Office

February 17	CC Extension Office Closed – President’s Day	All Day	CC Extension Office
February 17	Quilt Workshop (continued from January workshop) Practice	TBD	CC Extension Office
February 17	Livestock Skillathon	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 19	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 24	Livestock Skillathon	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 26	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 26	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Mtg	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
February 28	Clover Project Night	6pm	CC Extension Office
February 28	Senior Ambassador Applications Due		CC Extension Office
<b>March 2025</b>			
March 1	State Livestock Skillathon Contest	TBD	TBD
March 5	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
March 7	Dairy Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
March 8	Public Speaking Contest	9am	CC Extension Office
March 8	Horse Bowl Contest	9am	UMD – College Park
March 15	Senior Ambassador Interviews	TBD	CC Extension Office
March 22	State Dairy Skillathon Contest		CC Extension Office
March 22	Fashion Revue	TBD	St. Mary’s UCC
March 26	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Mtg	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
March 29	Dairy Round-Up	TBD	TBD
<b>April 2025</b>			
April 5	Sheep Educational Day	9am	CC Extension Office
April 8	Achievement Program	7pm	Ag Center (Red Buildings)
April 11	4-H Project Night	6pm	CC Extension Office
April 18	CC Extension Office Closed – Good Friday	All Day	CC Extension Office
April 19	State Dairy Bowl Contest		CC Extension Office
April 23	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
April 25	Clover Project Night	6pm	CC Extension Office
April 25	Swine Livestock Registrations Due	All day	CC Extension Office
April 26	State Public Speaking Contest	TBD	UMD – College Park
April	Beef Field Day	TBD	TBD
<b>May 2025</b>			
May 1	CARROLL COUNTY 4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE		CARROLL COUNTY
May 2	Swine Weigh-In	5-9pm	Ag Center (TRP Barn)
May 2	Junior Ambassador Applications Due		CC Extension Office
TBD	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Online Entries Open		CC 4-H/FFA Fair Website (www.carrollcountyfair.com)
May 9	Sheep and Goat Livestock Registrations Due	All Day	CC Extension office

May 16	Sheep and Goat Weigh-in	5pm	Ag Center (TRP)
May 17	Junior Ambassador Interviews	9am	CC Extension Office
May 28	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Mtg	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
May 26	CC Extension Office Closed – Memorial Day	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
<b>June 2025</b>			
June 10	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Online Entries CLOSE	11:59pm	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Website
June 19	CC Extension Office Closed	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
June 21	Fair Fun Days	9am	CC Extension Office
June 23-25	Clover Fun Days	9am-4pm	CC Extension Office
June 23-26	Residential Camp (Younger Week)	All Day	Hashawha
June 25	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Mtg.	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
June TBD	Sheep and Goat Field Day Swine Field Day	TBD	TBD
<b>July 2025</b>			
July 4	CC Extension Office Closed – Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
July 7-11	Residential Camp (Older Week)	All Day	Hashawha
July 16	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Mtg.	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
July 15	Maryland State Fair Online Entries Close	Close by 11:59pm	Maryland State Fair Website
July 14-16	Clover Fun Days	9am	CC Extension Office
July 19	ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE DEADLINE	11:59pm	Online Test
TBD	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Set-Up	TBD	Ag Center
July 25 - August 1	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair		Ag Center
<b>August 2025</b>			
July 25 - August 1	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair	All Day	Ag Center
August 2	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Clean Up	All Day	Ag Center
TBD	CC 4-H/FFA Evaluation Mtg.	7:30pm	Ag Center (Burns Hall)
TBD	Maryland State Fair	3 weekends	State Fairgrounds Timonium, MD
TBD	Livestock/Dairy/Poultry/Rabbit Judging Contest	TBD	MD State Fair
<b>September 2025</b>			
September 1	CC Extension Office Closed – Labor Day	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
September 3	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Mtg.	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
September 24	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Mtg.	7:30pm	Ag Center (Burns Hall)
September 27	MD 4-H State Archery Match	8am	CC Ext. Office/Ag Center
<b>October 2025</b>			
October 5-11	National 4-H Week	All Week	Nationwide
October 5-11	CC 4-H Promotional Contest	TBD	County-Wide
October 13	CC Extension Office Closed – Columbus Day	CLOSED	CC Extension Office

October 22	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Mtg.	7:30pm	Ag Center (Burns Hall)
<b>November 2025</b>			
November 11	CC Extension Office Closed – Veteran’s Day	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
November 27- 28	CC Extension Office Closed - Thanksgiving	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
<b>December 2025</b>			
December 1	Project Records DUE	9am	CC Extension Office
December 3	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Mtg	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
December 6 and 13	Project Record Judging	9am	CC Extension Office
December 25	CC Extension Office Closed - Christmas	CLOSED	CC Extension Office