



South Carolina 4-H Honor Club

There are many kinds of 4-H clubs. They meet at different times and have different projects and interests. However, there are some things that every 4-H club should have in common. Once your club is properly established, it qualifies for a *4-H Charter*, which officially gives it the right to use the 4-H name and emblem. Every 4-H club that meets a set of higher standards each year is eligible to be designated as a *4-H Honor Club*. Helpful tips for achieving this status can be found in the *4-H Leader Training Series*, and in other information available online at www.clemson.edu/4h or from your county 4-H office.

If your 4-H club completes all requirements during the course of a 4-H year (September - August), your club leader or president should complete the accompanying *4-H Honor Club Application* and return it to your county 4-H office. Your club will receive a South Carolina *4-H Honor Club* certificate (and possibly other recognition). To qualify as a South Carolina *4-H Honor Club*, your club and its members need to meet all of the following requirements:

Minimum expectations of all 4-H clubs (Based on national 4-H club definitions.)	Additional expectations of a club to be designated as a 4-H Honor Club
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has a planned program that is carried on throughout all or most of the year. <input type="checkbox"/> Members serve as officers to run meetings and help provide direction for the club. <input type="checkbox"/> Participates in at least one approved 4-H project. <input type="checkbox"/> Has at least five registered club members (using the S.C. <i>4-H Club Member Registration Form</i>). <input type="checkbox"/> Has an approved club constitution. (An example is available in the <i>4-H Leader Training Series</i>). <input type="checkbox"/> Has at least one registered adult 4-H leader (using the S.C. <i>4-H Volunteer Registration Form</i>), appointed and trained by county 4-H staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Follows all 4-H policies and guidelines including the non-competitive participation of 4-H Cloverbud members (ages 5-8). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meets at least once a month for at least nine months of the year. <input type="checkbox"/> Holds at least five business meetings a year. <input type="checkbox"/> Conducts at least one service learning project that helps the community. <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits/demonstrates at the County Fair (or similar event) if your county has one. <input type="checkbox"/> Sends a <i>4-H Club Activity Report</i> to the county 4-H office at least three times a year. <input type="checkbox"/> Promotes 4-H at least once a year, such as by speaking about 4-H to a school or community organization, posting 4-H flyers, displaying a 4-H exhibit, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluates itself at least once a year using the <i>How Effective is Your 4-H Club? A checklist for success</i> (contained in the <i>4-H Leader Training Series</i>).
<i>Expectations of all 4-H club members</i>	<i>Expectations of a 4-H Honor Club</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend at least 70% of club meetings. <input type="checkbox"/> Do a public presentation/demonstration at the club, community, or county level. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete an approved 4-H project, doing one's own work with minimal assistance from parents or others. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete a 4-H project record book. 	<p>At least 70 percent of its members need to meet these "member in good standing" requirements.</p>

Remember, that many 4-H clubs and counties have greater expectations for their clubs and members, such as participating in county 4-H fund raising efforts, attending training, etc. The requirements listed above are to qualify as a South Carolina *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.



4-H Honor Club Application

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

Our 4-H Club has earned the privilege of being designated as a South Carolina *4-H Honor Club* during the most recent 4-H year.

1. Name of 4-H club:

2. County:

3. Name of person submitting application:

4. Title of person submitting (Circle one): Club Leader Club President

5. Mailing address:

6. Phone:

7. Email:

8. We certify that our 4-H club has met all of the requirements for recognition as a S.C. *4-H Honor Club*:

_____ (4-H Club President signature) _____ (Date)

_____ (4-H Leader signature) _____ (Date)

9. Submit to County 4-H Office by October (or date specified by county 4-H staff) of each year, in recognition of prior year's accomplishment.

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