

Barron County 4-H Achievement Policy

In order to meet county requirements for achievement 4-H Members must

1. Do a demonstration speech
 2. Exhibit a project item at the county fair or other community event pre-approved by your club leader
 3. Submit a Member Yearly Plan and Record (ex. record book or electronic MPE forms)
- If points 1-3 are not completed by the end of the 4-H year, complete the action steps listed on Notice of Non-Achievement Form

Note: Clubs may have additional rules for **club achievement**, however these rules should not affect the individual's achievement on the county level.

- Club level rules may affect things such as a member's ability to be elected as an officer, participate in or receive awards, or receive benefits such as free or reduced cost for dues or other expenses related to club activities or trips.
- If members do not achieve at the club level, they are still eligible to enroll in that club the following year.

*If an individual does not meet the county requirements to achieve, a Notice of Non-Achievement form should be filled out by the club leader, parents/guardians, and club member. The form should clearly describe the reasons why the member did not achieve, the steps the member may take to achieve, and a reasonable timeline for completing these steps. The purpose of this form and process is to promote the educational aspect of 4-H. A member who does not achieve should be given the opportunity to learn and improve before losing privileges. Our goal as a youth development organization is that 100% of youth are able to achieve.

Club leaders should make a "reasonable attempt" to contact members who do not achieve in order to complete the Notice of Non-Achievement form. If unable to contact non-achieving members or if non-achieving members do not wish to pursue achievement, leaders should document that an attempt was made.

If a 4-H Member does not attain achievement, he or she will forfeit the following privileges in the following 4-H year:

1. \$200 event funding
2. Participation in the Livestock Sale
3. Eligibility to advance to district, state, or national level project competitions

Achievement status will **not** affect the following

1. Ability to enroll in 4-H or any 4-H projects
2. Participation in dairy bowl, drama, softball, or any other county level activity
3. Fair premiums