

4-H Clover of the Year Award

\$300 awarded each to three 4-H exhibitors based on 4-H age at the Lyon County Fair annually

- Junior Division ages 7-9
- Intermediate Division ages 10-13
- Senior Division ages 14-18

Winner selection:

Each division is selected by a judge or judge's panel (judges will be hired based on number of entries with need determined by the Extension office/person responsible for hiring judges)

Consideration for selection:

4-Her must submit his or her name for consideration of this award. Information required includes name, 4-H club, 4-H age and the Department and short description of each item entered. The presentation of this information is not judged, but the information must be completed for consideration. This requires intentional entry by the 4-Her showing a planned and executed effort in return for potential recognition and financial reward.

Judging criteria:

Each exhibitor will be evaluated for quality of entries, not necessarily quantity. It won't be based on ribbon placing of each entry, but the individual evaluation of a judge whose specific job is to make this selection (similar to the herdsmanship award/selection process in the livestock barns).

A rubric will be developed for judges to score based on:

- Consistency in quality based on age expectation
- Age appropriateness (would a 4-Her that age be able to complete that work?)
- Originality of entries
- Educational value (does it show the community what 4-H youth learn in the project area)
- Diversity in entries (do the entries so the 4-Her worked in various project areas or tried drastically different techniques in a single department)

The judging will take place once the Anderson Building is ready for display. The items will be evaluated while on display (food items are often just a piece or part of a baked entry, so 4-Hers will be asked to take a picture and print it for display with that smaller piece if they want this judge to see his or her full entry).

Winners will be announced and on display in time for Anderson Building opening either the first or second day (timeline to be determined as the fair schedule is established).

A \$20,000 endowment to the Emporia Community Foundation has been given by the Thomas Family to support this award.

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