

4-H Clover Award

An endowment provided by Diane Beatty in honor of the Thomas Family at the Emporia Community Foundation supports awards of \$300 each to three 4-H exhibitors based on 4-H age at the Lyon County Fair annually in three divisions:

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

Consideration for selection: 4-Her must submit his or her name for consideration of this award via a Google Form that can be found on the Lyon County 4-H Extension webpage at www.lyon.ksu.edu/4-h. **The form must be submitted by July 15.**

New for 2026, 4-Hers will be limited to one entry in 3 different project areas. The following areas will not be considered: Leadership poster, Reading poster, and Shopping in Style. Information required includes name, 4-H club, 4-H age and the Department and short description of the 3 items entered. After the entry deadline, 4-Hers will receive an email with additional information about submitting photos of the items to assist with the judging process. 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.

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.

The judge's rubric includes a 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 show the 4-Her worked in various project areas or tried drastically different techniques in a single department)