

4-H Club Recognition Summary

Charter

The 4-H charter is the only document that officially recognizes a 4-H club. The 4-H charter is a symbol of recognition as a 4-H club that subscribes to the Kansas 4-H Youth Development Program. Every organized 4-H club (community clubs and project clubs) must apply for and receive a charter from the Department of 4-H Youth Development, Kansas State University, through the local extension office. 4-H charters are agreements. Each charter is an agreement by the club with 4-H National Headquarters-USDA on the proper use of the 4-H name and emblem. Additionally, the charter is an agreement by the club with Kansas State University, K-State Research and Extension, Kansas 4-H, and Post Rock Extension District to follow and abide by all state, district and local policies, procedures and other requirements. 4-H charters do not qualify a club as a legal entity according to state government and business policies and definitions. 4-H charters do not allow a recognized club to share their rights and privileges, like the use of the 4-H name and emblem, with any other person, group or business.

Club Seal

A club seal is awarded to a Post Rock District 4-H community club at the conclusion of each participation year when the requirements for a seal are met for the corresponding 4-H year (October 1 through September 30). The club seal award is a district-wide recognition opportunity for the Post Rock District's 4-H Youth Development Program, and all 4-H community clubs affiliated to and in good standing with the Post Rock Extension District are eligible. The seals, ranked in ascending order of difficulty are: white, red, blue, and purple. A 4-H club may try for any seal without regard to the seals previously received.

Beginning October 1, 2021, there is only one district-level club seal award application. The transition to a district-wide process extends the opportunity to all Post Rock District 4-H clubs and encourages community clubs to thrive through the District's comprehensive program. The award requirements and expectations will be reviewed annually under the supervision of Post Rock District's Youth Development Extension Agent, and any updated expectations for the incoming participation year will be shared with 4-H club leadership at its earliest convenience.