



2026 Outstanding 4-H Member/Cloverbud Nomination Form

DEADLINE: Friday, October 16, 2026, by 5:00 pm (not postmarked by)

NOMINATIONS CAN BE COMPLETED ELECTRONICALLY FROM OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hopportunitiesandevents.html>

OR this form can be completed and emailed or mailed to the Extension office.

An outstanding member/cloverbud must have **4-H related achievements** that measure **ABOVE AND BEYOND** other members and 4-H expectations. **Nominee must provide FOUR Reason Specific Examples** why the member is outstanding in the 4-H award area. To compete for county awards a member (not Cloverbuds) must have a gold seal on their record book.

Full name of member you are nominating _____

Member's 4-H Club _____

Member's age _____ *as of October 1, 2025* (if known)

Award Area (Samples on back. One award area per form) _____

Your Name _____ Your Phone Number _____

Here are some Reason Specific Examples to help you write about the nominated member.

They showed me how to _____

I learned _____

I liked to work with them because _____

This person is an outstanding 4-H member because _____

Write FOUR SHORT REASON SPECIFIC examples:

1. _____

_____.

2. _____

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3. _____

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4. _____

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Who Can Nominate a Member?

- Anyone can nominate (a 4-H Member, Leaders, Parents, or Members can nominate themselves).
- You may only nominate a 4-H'er in 2 areas, however there is not a limit to the number of members you may nominate.
- Use a separate nomination form for each award area.

Samples of 4-H related Award Areas

Any project area (Beef, Clothing, Foods, Leather, Sheep, etc.)

Achievement Leadership Public Speaking Demonstration

Activity involvement at the club, county, or state level.

Attitude Helpfulness Team Player

Officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian/Reporter, Recreation, etc.)

Citizenship Community Service Committee Member or Chair

Design your own 4-H related award area

Outstanding Member Process

- Members/Cloverbuds are nominated.
- Nominees will receive an email from the office containing a link where they formally accept the nomination(s) and select a date to attend an award discussion group.
- Nominees accepting a nomination are required to participate in award Area Discussion Groups with other members to share their accomplishments. Discussion groups are led by an adult moderator.
- Nominees are mailed Outstanding Member Nomination Certificates which include your comments from the nomination.
- Discussion group schedules will be emailed to the nominated member's/Cloverbud's household email, midweek the week of November 2. Nominees will attend discussion groups on the date they chose.
- **Nominees (except Cloverbuds) are required to bring their completed gold seal record book and record book completion form to their assigned award discussion group. All nominees are encouraged to bring pictures, projects, resources they used, or other items that provide information about their award area.**

Timeline

Friday, October 16

Outstanding Member Nomination due in the Extension office by 5:00 pm (not postmarked by).

Friday, October 30

Outstanding Member Acceptance deadline by 5:00 pm (not postmarked by).

Sunday, November 8 Discussion Groups meet at the 4-H Building at Metra (evening) **OR**

Tuesday, November 10 Discussion Groups meet at the 4-H Building at Metra (afternoon)

Saturday, November 21 Awards will be presented at Family Fun Night. (4:30 pm)

Questions? Call the Yellowstone County Extension office at 406-256-2828.

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