

## Marin County 4-H Incentives and Recognition

There are many different ways that 4-H members can earn recognition for their work in 4-H. Achievement and recognition are important aspects of our program and youth development.

The 4-H hat is the place where earned recognition is displayed. Here is a reference to some examples and their placement. This is a bit outdated because the senior hat is no longer white, and the new green hat has a larger logo. But this gives you an idea.



Here are the types of recognition that our members in Marin County 4-H receive:

Participation Stripe and Pin: These are earned each year for completing a project and an Annual Project Report. The pin indicates the level of the member (primary, junior, intermediate, or senior).

Star Rank: Earned by a member for completing activities as tracked in the Personal Development Report (PDR) portion of the record book. Primary members may earn a Rainbow Star in Marin County 4-H when completing a primary record book. The star should be removed after the member becomes a junior member. It takes about two years to earn each star rank for bronze, silver, gold, and platinum.

<p><b>Project Excellence:</b> Members who complete a record book, are awarded a pin for the project that showed the most spark and growth for the member during the program year.</p>	
<p><b>Record Book Awards:</b> Members who complete a record book have their work evaluated at the county level, and can receive a Winner (Gold) pin, Medalist (Silver) pin, or certificate and seal (Blue and Red levels). There is also a pin for a Gold level award at the club level (see the club section below).</p>	
<p><b>Presentation Day:</b> Members who are junior level and above and participate in Presentation Day may earn awards at the county, sectional, and state levels. Gold award winners receive a pin.</p>	
<p><b>Fashion Revue:</b> Those who participate in Fashion Revue and earn a gold will receive a pin.</p>	
<p><b>Favorite Foods Day:</b> Participants in Favorite Foods Day may earn a pin for gold and silver levels. The gold winners in the Master Chef category receive a medal.</p>	
<p><b>Judging Contests:</b> Marin County 4-H often has judging contests at events like Fashion Review and Presentation Day. Participants may earn pins at these contests, for gold, silver, and bronze levels.</p>	
<p><b>Club Level Pins</b></p>	
<p><b>Officer:</b> A pin recognizing the office the member is holding.</p>	
<p><b>100% Attendance:</b> for attending all Community Club Meetings and/or being formally excused for those missed.</p>	
<p><b>Community Service:</b> completing activities as set by the club that constitutes good citizenship and service.</p>	
<p><b>Record Book:</b> A pin is given for a gold level record book submitted to the club for evaluation.</p>	