

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY 4-H RECORD BOOKS

➤ **Resources**

Record Book information is available on the county website at <http://donaanaextension.nmsu.edu/4-h.html>. It contains: forms for the County Record Sheets, links to State Project Record Sheets, and instructions on how to organize and assemble your records for your record book. The forms online are in a pdf format, if you would like a word document in order to type it, contact the Extension Office and we will email you a copy. A paper copy is available upon request.

➤ **Age Groups**

Record books will be judged in the following age categories, (all ages/grades are as of January 1st of the current year,):

- Novice (8 and in 3rd grade or 9-11)
- Junior (11 and in 6th grade or 12-13)
- Senior (13 and in the 8th grade or 14-19)

➤ **Judging**

Record Books will be judged using the Project and Overall Annual Accomplishment Feedback Forms, which can be found on the county website <http://donaanaextension.nmsu.edu/4-h.html>. The criteria used to evaluate for medal(s) and certificate(s) are outlined on the feedback form. To be considered for a medal in a project, you must have:

- Completed the following work and recorded it correctly in the record book:
 - Given a demonstration about something in the project,
 - Exhibited something in the project,
 - Completed all the State Project Record Forms
 - Completed all the County Record Sheets as directed in instructions and on the pages
 - Written story about your project.

**Assembled the record book according to the directions found on the document: See Format and Instructions for a County Record Book. **

➤ **Novice, Junior & Senior Honor Awards**

These awards are given to four Novice, four Junior and four Senior members. To be considered for this award, members must medal in every project in their record book. Judges are asked to carefully assess each member's involvement and overall participation in 4-H activities/events, club activities, contests, fairs, community service, leadership and in their projects for the 4-H year. Community, school and church involvement is taken into consideration as well. Any project(s) qualifies a member to be considered. An awards committee with an odd number of judges will rank their top ten books in each age division. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st = 10 pts, 2nd = 9 pts, 3rd = 8 pts etc. Points will be tallied and the 4 books with the highest points will be awarded the top honor awards.

Novice, Junior and Senior Honor Awards may be received more than once by a member.

➤ **Senior Awards**

After completing a record book, seniors can nominate themselves for an award in Leadership, Citizenship or Achievement. They then go through an interview where they are asked various questions relating to their projects and 4-H experience as well as their accomplishments in the respective area (leadership, citizenship or achievement) they are applying for. Seniors can only apply for one category per year. Judging will be based on interview combined with current record book. A scholarship award will be given to one senior member in each category.

➤ **Danforth Leadership Award**

This award is presented to two senior 4-H members, between the ages of 16 and 19 years old, in recognition of personal integrity, balanced living and motivation for leadership. To be considered, senior members must have medaled in each of the projects. This award is the outstanding senior award recognizing members for their overall 4-H accomplishments in the areas of project work in leadership, citizenship and achievement for the year. **Member must complete at least 3 projects to be considered.** This award can only be received once.

- *(If there are no eligible candidates who are between the ages of 16 -19 years old, 15 year old seniors may be considered for the Danforth Leadership Award.)*

➤ **Doña Ana County 4-H Hall of Fame**

This award is presented to recipients of the Danforth Leadership Award from the previous year provided they submit a record book for the current year and have remained active in 4-H projects, leadership and community service.

➤ **Deanda Grooms Memorial Hall of Fame Award**

This award is presented to recipients who received the Danforth Leadership Award from the previous year and are receiving the Doña Ana County 4-H Hall of Fame for the current year.

➤ **Essay Contest**

Overall stories from all age groups can be submitted for the state wide essay contest. The criteria for the statewide essay contest is that it must be typed, double spaced and a maximum of three pages. There will be a winner in each age category; senior, junior, and novice. Each novice and junior winner will receive a scholarship for two to Youth Get Away, and the senior winner will win a scholarship for two to Senior Leadership Retreat.

➤ **Record Book Due Date**

County Record books are always due at the County Extension Office on October 31st. If the 31st falls on a weekend, record books are due the following Monday.

- If you need help with your record book, please contact your leader, or the County Extension Office at 525-6649.