



2020 4-H Tenure Award

Award winners due on or before April 16.

Spring is right around the corner which means it's time to choose your 4-H Tenure Award winners.

We have become aware that many counties have new staff in place that may not be familiar with the Tenure Award or how recipients are selected. Below are FAQs we hope will help you understand the purpose of the award and provide tips for selecting your winners. The deadline for submitting your county winners is **April 16**.

What is the purpose of the 4-H Tenure Award?

Indiana Farm Bureau sponsors the annual statewide award to recognize young men and/or women for their years of involvement with their local 4-H club, number of completed projects and their participation in county fairs and the Indiana State Fair. Awards are presented in all 92 counties.

How many winners may be selected?

Each county may select two 4-H members to receive recognition. County winners must be active 4-H members in the year selected.

How is tenure determined?

Tenure is based on a combination of number of years in 4-H and total projects completed. In the event a county has more than two members with the same comparable accomplishments, the county may identify additional criteria for selecting winners. An example could be number of years as a 4-H member. *We encourage county extensions to document Tenure Award eligibility requirements and make copies available if requested.*

Do you have to be a 10-year 4-H member to qualify?

No. As noted above, tenure is determined by number of years in 4-H and total projects completed. There is not a requirement that winner(s) participate in 4-H for a specific number of years to be eligible.

Is there a gender requirement when selecting winners?

Your county's two winners should be selected based on tenure qualifications regardless of gender.

Can a 4-H member win the award more than once?

A club member is not eligible to receive recognition more than once.

Will award winners be recognized locally?

INFB will furnish an award plaque for each winner, which will either be presented at a designated Farm Bureau meeting or during the county 4-H fair. County/district Farm Bureau representatives will contact the county extension office and/or award winners to provide the date, time and location of the presentation event.

Some county Farm Bureaus may present each winner with a vinyl banner featuring his/her photo and 4-H logo. We encourage the county extension office to identify a place to hang the banner during the county 4-H fair.

Instructions for Submitting Winners

- Complete the Indiana [4-H Tenure Award online form](#) and submit **no later than April 16**. The [form](#) is easy-to-use and should only take a few minutes once you have all of the information you need and a photo, as noted below.
- A high resolution photo of each selected recipient is required. We encourage you to obtain a head shot whenever possible. The preferred format of the picture is a high resolution .jpg/.jpeg. The photo can easily be uploaded to the online [form](#).
- Please remember to double check the spelling of all names. Counties may be charged for a new plaque if the name was submitted incorrectly.
- Completed [forms](#) are due **no later than April 16**. Names submitted after the deadline may not receive his/her award.

We'd Like Your Help

Indiana Farm Bureau is currently reviewing all of our awards and recognition programs. We want to ensure that they are timely and reflect our organization's mission along with the objectives of our programs. Once you've added the names of your award winners, we have a handful of questions we'd like you to answer. Your feedback will be valuable as we evaluate the 4-H Tenure Award program.

Thanks again for all of your assistance. We look forward to continuing to partner with Indiana 4-H across the state. Feel free to reach out to our Youth Engagement Coordinator, Becca Bonnell, for information about our student programs. Becca can be contacted at bbonnell@infb.org.

Questions about 4-H Tenure Award? Tracie Trent at ttrent@infb.org or call 317-692-7846.