

Douglas County 4-H Member in Good Standing Policy

2024-2025

Full Douglas County Policies for Success can be found:

<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/>

Douglas County Member in Good Standing Requirements:

- Enrolled in an organized 4-H club or program
- Abiding by the 4-H Code of Conduct
- Meeting all deadlines
- Attending 60% of club and project meetings (if club offers project meetings)
- Participate in at least one community service event with club
- Completing at least one project
- Abide by the code of Show Ring Ethics Agreement (if applicable)
- Complete Meat Quality Assurance (if applicable)
- Complete the Animal Care and Housing Form (if applicable)
- Follow all County and State 4-H Rules and Policies

College Kids

We have some amazing youth in Douglas County and the last thing we want to do is "lose" them when they venture off to College. Therefore, the following can occur so long as the youth has been a 4-H member in good standing during their senior year:

- Attendance: These youth are expected to "attend" club meetings in the following manner: Video chat, phone conference call, or attending meetings while on school break. When none of the above is possible the organizational leader will send the meeting minutes to the youth, the youth will read through the minutes, provide comments or feedback, and send back to both the organizational leader AND the extension agent (mercedes.glenn@colostate.edu).
- Community Service: Can be done while on school break or work with the extension agent about "making up" when you are back from school in May/June.
- Demonstrations for project completion: The extension office will leave it up to each club and individual. If there is time for them to present when the youth is home on break or for the summer, fantastic. If not, the extension office will accept a video of the youth presenting their demonstration to a group while at school. For example - presenting to their riding team, a local 4-H club, a college club, etc.
- Project completion: Projects are an important part of 4-H and are required even if the youth has ventured off to College. Any approved Douglas County 4-H Project is accepted but must be completed by established deadlines and include the record book. Activities, such as horse judging, livestock judging, hippology, meat judging, etc cannot be used in place of an approved project. Please reach out to Jacie or Mercedes for ideas for possible projects.

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Note- For animal projects we will still expect the youth to take care of the animals themselves. For example - a beef project is probably not the best idea for a college kid unless the animal is kept by their school. However, a poultry project might work out just fine.

Extenuating Circumstances: If you believe you have a youth with legitimate extenuating circumstances that prevents them from meeting all the above requirements please email the extension agent. 4-H is supposed to be fun, but it is also a responsibility that needs to be taken seriously. That is part of the positive youth development model and is one that is important to the development of our youths' character. By communicating early with the extension agent, you create a more positive plan for your youth. Marking youth as present when they are not does them zero good in the long run and will create more problems in relation to contests, county fair, state fair, conferences, etc.

Questions, comments, or concerns should be directed to the Douglas County 4-H Office at (720)733-6940. You can also send an e-mail the 4-H Agents:

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