Trumbull County 4-H Honor Club Application

Due 1st Monday in October Each Year

A 4-H Honor Club encompasses the core values of 4-H as stated in the motto, pledge, and the eight keys of positive youth development. These values are achieved and implemented in multiple ways by a club's meetings, project work, club activities, overall participation and passion for 4-H. Honor Club recognition is meant to challenge clubs to set goals, work together to achieve those goals and grow as an individual club.

Honor Club Requirements and Guidelines

All Trumbull County 4-H clubs are eligible to apply for Honor Club recognition. There is no limit as to the number of clubs that may be recognized. Honor Club recognition is intended for clubs that have achieved the basic club activity requirements and want to set goals to go beyond their best and make it better.

Clubs may track participation and activities completed between October 1st and September 30th of each year. Applications must be submitted to the Extension office by the first Monday in October in order to be considered.

In 2026, there will be three levels of Honor Club Recognition:
Gold Level- 325 pts and above
Silver Level- 275 points- 324 pts
Bronze Level- 225 pts-274 pts

How do I obtain an application?

1. Honor club applications are distributed with the Fall Edition of the Leader. Extra copies are also available in the office.
2. Advisors and members work together to decide if they want to apply for Honor Club recognition. If yes, the club decides on the goals they want to set to meet the requirements.
3. Designated advisors, members, and parents work together to track progress and document activities.
4. Club submits Honor Club application (one per club) and **required attachments** to Extension office by **the First Monday of October** for review by the Trumbull County 4-H Advisory Committee. ***Application must be accompanied by additional notes sheet. Sheet can be used to explain or share details about participation in activities. Note: The awards' committee does not have access to the secretary book when honor club applications are reviewed. Therefore, you will need to submit a copy of the minutes from your meetings as documentation with your application in order for your application to be considered. Thank you.**

What is required of a Trumbull County Honor Club?

Honor Club applicants must first complete all basic club organization requirements.

1. Must be a club in good standing.
2. Complete all enrollment requirements and submit to the Extension Office by April 1st by 4:00pm.
3. Elect officers and conduct a minimum of six business meetings.
4. Complete secretary and treasurer officer books submitted to the Extension Office by first Monday in October, 4:30pm. Officer Books must be completed by 4-H members. Books completed by advisors and incomplete books will result in ineligibility.
5. Submit annual financial summary by January 31st of application year.
6. Plan and implement at least one family meeting and one educational program.
7. Participate with a 4-H Booth in the block building or barn.
8. All club volunteers have completed their volunteer developmental trainings and are in good standing.

***This application was modeled using Geauga's template in addition to ideas from multiple counties in Ohio. 12/17**

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2026 Trumbull County 4-H HONOR CLUB SCORE SHEET

Club must earn at least 225* points or more to be eligible. Due to Extension Office by first Monday in October.

Club Name_____ Number of Members _____

Head Advisor's Name_____ Number of Advisors_____

	Maximum Points	Points Earned
1. **ADVISOR ACTIVITIES/PARTICIPATION:**	**60**	_____

PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF ACTIVITIES ADVSORS PARTICIPATED IN

a. Participated in county, district, state, or national 4-H workshop, clinic, or training (10 pts)
b. Provided expertise/assistance at a county, district, state or national 4-H program (10 pts)
c. Attended Annual Advisor Update in Dec/Jan [Head advisor + 1 additional advisor] (10 pts)
d. Each volunteer fulfilled their yearly training (2 per year) (15 pts)
e. Serves on Trumbull County 4-H Advisory Committee (10 pts)
f. Serves on a county, state, or national 4-H committee or board (other than TC 4-H Advisory) (10 pts)
g. Participated in teen volunteer opportunities, i.e. county committees, officer training, Jr. Fair Board (5 pts)
h. Participated in county 4-H program other than your project area (5 pts)

2. **MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL MEETINGS:**

ALL 4-H CLUBS MUST HOLD AT LEAST 6 BUSINESS MEETINGS **30** _____

ATTENDANCE MUST BE CLEARLY RECORDED IN THE SECRETARY BOOK.

a. Each member attends at least five (5) meetings (15 pts.)
b. Or each member attends at least four (4) meetings (5 pts.)*
c. Club held parent/guardian informational meeting (15 pts)**
d. Meetings held that exceed minimum (+2 pt per meeting)

*Points not awarded for both A and B.
**Parent/guardian sign in sheet must be attached – include date of meeting.

3. **LOCAL CLUB ACTIVITIES: Circle letter of activity for points** **110** _____

ALL ACTIVITIES MUST BE RECORDED IN THE MEETING MINUTES

a. All enrollment forms (online & paper) are complete on or before April 1. (+5 bonus points for complete forms by March 15). (15 pts)
b. All club's meetings include the three components of a 4-H meeting: 50% education, 25% business, 25% recreation. (15 pts)
c. Clubs use appropriate parliamentary procedure and youth officers run meetings (10 pts)
d. Members give demonstrations at every club meeting (15 pts)
e. Club participates in educational tour (15 pts) Name_____
f. Club completes a Community Service activity (15 pts). Name of Activity _____
g. Club devotes part of each meeting or 1 entire meeting to Health or Safety (10 pts)
h. Club has a recreation leader or multiple members that lead recreation at each meeting (10 pts)
i. Club has conducted an educational club program for current year. (10 pts)

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j. Club holds recognition program for members (15 pts)

4. **COUNTY/STATE ACTIVITIES: (Circle activities for which points are claimed) MAX 200** _____
   a. Club has a Fair Booth/Barn Display to exhibit their projects (25 pts)
   b. Club participated in Parade of Colors at the Fair (15 pts)
   c. Club participated at Fall 4-H Kickoff (20 pts)
   d. Club represented at Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp as a Camp Counselor (30 pts)
   e. Club represented at any Geauga 4-H camp as camper (15 pts) + (2 pts for every additional member)
   f. Club had representative for Jr. or Sr. Royal Court (10 pts)
   g. Club had both Secretary & Treasurer attend club officer training -OR- had two or more officers attend (15 pts)
   h. Club had representative complete a leadership focused project (10 pts)_____
   i. Club had representative compete in the Public Speaking Contest at fair (10 pts)
   j. Club had representative attend the 2026 Ohio 4-H Conference (15 pts)
   k. Club had representative fill out State Achievement Record (25 pts)
   l. Club has teen representative volunteering with the CARTEENS Program (10 pts)
   m. Club has representative attend Proclamation Day with the county commissioners (10 pts)
   n. Club has representative attend annual STEM Days (grades K-5) (10 pts)
   o. Club has representative on Junior Fair Board (10 pts)
   p. Club had high school senior fill out Trumbull County 4-H Advisory Scholarship (10 pts)
   q. Club had representative on a <u>state</u> teen council or board (State Fair Jr. Fair Board/Teen Leadership Council) (25 pts)

Point Subtotal: _____

<u>DO NOT COMPLETE: Section to be completed by Extension Office/Advisory Committee.</u>

5. **NEW MEMBERS**: **MAX 30**
   a. Each member who is new to 4-H, not just your club (5 pts), New volunteers (10 pts) _____

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6. **OFFICER BOOKS:** **50** _____
   Submitted to Extension Office by first Monday in October. Will be graded by the Extension Office and/or a selection panel.
   a. Secretary Book – Excellent (25), Good (15), Average (10), Unsatisfactory (5)
   b. Treasurer's Book – Excellent (25), Good (15), Average (10), Unsatisfactory (5)
   c. Completed by Advisor * 0 pts
7. **MEMBERS' PROJECT COMPLETION:** **20** _____
   Based on names and project on Enrollment Forms as of April 1, 2026
   a. 100% completion (20 pts)
   b. 90 – 99% completion (12 pts)
   c. 80 – 89% completion (8 pts)

Section Points : _____

TOTAL HONOR CLUB POINTS (Out of 500): _____

<u>Important Reminders:</u>

- When completing each section, circle letter of activity for which points are claimed.
- RECORD OF ALL ACTIVITIES MUST BE IN THE SECRETARY'S BOOK. <u>Must include minutes with form</u>. (The Office can assist in making copies for you).
- Tally your points for each section and provide a subtotal.

Honor Club Information Card

PLEASE TYPE

Club Name: _____

Years as an active, in good standing 4-H Club in Trumbull County_____

Number of 4-H Volunteers: _____ Number of 4-H Members: _____

Information to be read/featured in newsletter (achievements, successes, community outreach, etc.):