



## Delaware 4 -H Diamond Clover Award Program

*This new award is designed to encourage 4-H members to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable them to acquire the skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring and contributing citizens.*

### **Level One – Amethyst**

Complete at least **three** of the following tasks:

- Learn the 4-H Pledge, Motto and Colors
- Attend at least 60% of club meetings
- Attend at least one local 4-H county activity or event
- Host a meeting or provide refreshments or lead a game or give a report
- Complete at least one 4-H project (see project completion guidelines on page 2)

### **Level Two – Aquamarine**

Complete at least **four** of the following tasks:

- Attend at least 60% of club meetings
- Compete in a local 4-H county contest
- Attend at least two local 4-H county activities or workshops
- Help with a club or community service-learning project
- Help with a club or community fundraiser
- Attend a day or resident camp, conference or overnight experience representing 4-H
- Complete at least one 4-H project from a new project area (see page 2)

### **Level Three – Ruby**

Complete at least **five** of the following tasks:

- Attend at least 60% of club meetings
- Help with a club or community service-learning project
- Help with a club or community fundraiser
- Participate in a 4-H Communications event.
- Attend at least two local 4-H county activities
- Attend a resident camp or overnight experience representing 4-H
- Attend at least one regional or state 4-H event

- Complete at least one 4-H project from a new project area (see page 2)

**Level Four – Sapphire**

Complete at least **six** of the following tasks:

- Attend at least 60% of club meetings
- Serve as a club/group officer or committee chair
- Provide leadership for a club or community service-learning project
- Provide leadership for a club or community fundraiser
- Compete in a 4-H Communications event.
- Attend at least three local 4-H county activities
- Attend at least one regional or state 4-H event
- Help a younger member with their project, demonstration or learning the pledge.
- Attend a resident camp or overnight experience representing 4-H
- Complete at least one 4-H project from a new project area (see Project Completion on page 2)

**Level Five – Emerald**

Complete at least **seven** of the following tasks:

- Attend at least 60% of club meetings
- Serve as a club/group officer, committee chair or teen leader
- Provide leadership for a club or community service-learning project
- Provide leadership for a club or community fundraiser
- Provide leadership for a local 4-H county activity or event
- Compete in a 4-H Communications event
- Attend at least one state 4-H event
- Participate in a national or international event representing 4-H
- Help a younger member with a project exhibit or demonstration
- Attend a resident local 4-H county, regional or state camp representing 4-H
- Participate in an Interstate Exchange
- Complete at least one 4-H project from a new project area (see Project Completion below)

**Level Six – Diamond**

Complete at least **eight** of the tasks in Level Six **and** conduct a **major service-learning project**. This task is patterned after the Boy Scout Eagle Award and requires the 4-Her to complete a project that benefits his/her community. The 4-Her will submit a detailed plan that includes: Description of the project, justification for the project, who will be recruited to help, a budget and how funds will be obtained, a projected timeline and any necessary approval letters from landowners, the county 4-H office, government, etc. The Diamond Clover Committee (county 4-H unit committee to include at least three: 4-H Leaders, previous Diamond Clover winners, 4-H All Stars and a 4-H Educator (including at least one each: 4-H Leader, 4-H All Star and 4-H Educator) must approve the plan before any work is started. When the work is completed the 4-Her must submit a detailed report outlining what was accomplished with documentation (photographs, etc.). If the report is approved, the Diamond Clover Committee will forward it to the State 4-H Leader (or designee) for final approval.

**Project Completion Requirements:**

1. Do work described in the project manual
2. Complete a project record, record book or resume
3. Present a visual presentation related to the project at a club meeting and
4. Exhibit something related to the project at a club or county 4-H event or the State fair.  
A new project area is one in which the 4-Her has not completed a project, not a different project in the same project area.

**Notes:**

1. The Diamond Clover will be the primary recognition for Delaware 4-H and will be supported with funds formerly used for project medals. 4-H counties may continue to award self-funded project medals. Sponsors and grants will be sought for additional funding.
2. The Diamond Clover Award is designed for a young person to begin at Level One and progress through six levels, one level per year, acquiring valuable skills as he/she advances. Youth who are older when joining 4-H, may begin at a higher level (two through four) as is mutually agreeable to the participant and the club/group leader. The 4-H county educator must also be in agreement for a youth to start at levels five or six.
3. Youth meeting the requirements of levels one through four will be recognized at a 4-H county event. Youth meeting the requirements of levels five and six will be recognized at an appropriate state event.
4. Diamond Clover recognition is not automatic. A youth must apply for Diamond Clover recognition using the appropriate plan/report form in a timely manner.