

Story Guide Rubric

Your story should focus on the award area in which you are applying and also convey how your participation in 4-H contributed to your self-respect and concern for others, how it has influenced you in school, in your use of leisure time and in your career plans. Your 4-H Story is the place to expand on facts and figures by telling what your experiences have meant to you, how they have developed and affected your confidence, your attitude and other factors. This is an appropriate place to talk about your experiences and achievements you have had in your project area. Below are some examples to get you started.

Part 1

Introduce yourself. Include information about your age, interests, family, where you live, where you go to school, when and why you became involved in 4-H.

Part 3

Highlight your other 4-H projects and activities, including major learning experiences, special interests and unusual situations you have encountered.

Part 5

Describe how 4-H participation has impacted the way you feel about yourself, influenced your school and career goals, and your use of leisure time. Tell about your future plans and the career you want to pursue.

Part 2

Tell about the project area in which you are applying, how 4-H helped you learn things about this area you didn't know before, how your project grew in size and scope, and some of your successes (and failures!) in the project area.

Part 4

Explain how 4-H has helped you become a better leader and citizen, how 4-H has increased your interest and participation in community affairs, and what you have learned from your team or group involvement and efforts.