

Codington County

4-H SPECIAL AWARDS

(Updated 2026)

Abraham Swine Award (Junior or Senior)

Presented to any 4-H swine project member enrolled for 3 or more years. The award is based on overall record, swine exhibiting and showmanship, demonstration and leadership in the swine project. **A 4-H member can win this award only once.** Based on overall record. **Submit 4-H record book.**

Beginners Award (Beginner)

This award(s) is presented to a first or second year 4-H member who is under 12 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Up to five (5) individuals may be selected for this award on the county level. Submit record book and completed award application. The award is based on current year participation. **A 4-H member may only receive this award once.**

Bob Schurrer Scholarship (Graduated Senior)

This scholarship is to be awarded to a 4-H member with an outstanding record in the Agriculture project area. The Agriculture project area is to include Livestock, Dairy or Crops/Plant Science. The scholarship is for a 4-H member that has graduated from High School and plans to attend a college, university, junior college or technical institute. The member applying must have met the educational requirements for admittance to one of these schools. The member may enroll in any subject area. Scholarship consideration shall be based on the members' involvement in the agriculture project, number of demonstrations given in the agriculture project area, judging school participation, show ring record and growth shown in the agriculture project areas. **Submit 4-H record book. Member can only receive this award once.** Established by Bob Schurrer family.

4-H Conservation District Award (Beginner, Junior OR Senior)

Presented to each a Beginner (Age 8 – 10), Junior (Age 11-13) OR Senior (Age 14 and over) who has shown projects in either the Range Science & Pasture Management and/or Forestry Projects. **Submit 4-H record book and award application. This award is based on participation in the current year of 4-H. Members may receive the award once in their 4-H career.** Established in 2026 by the Codington County Conservation District

DeBerg Scholarship (Graduated Senior)

This scholarship is to be awarded to a 4-H member with an outstanding 4-H record. The scholarship is for a 4-H member that has graduated from High School and plans to attend a college, university, junior college or technical school. The member applying must have met the educational requirements for admittance to one of these schools. The member may enroll in any subject area. Scholarship consideration shall be based on the member's involvement in 4-H, number of demonstrations given, judging school participation, and growth shown in 4-H. **Your 4-H record book must be submitted with application. A member can receive this award once.** Established by the John DeBerg family in memory of Dorothy DeBerg.

4-H Dog Award (Junior & Senior)

These awards are presented to a Junior 4-H'er (Age 11-13) and Senior 4-H'er (Age 14 and over) who actively participates in the 4-H Dog Program. **Submit record book and complete award application. A member can receive each award only once. This award is based on current year of 4-H.**

Elsie Chilson Memorial Award (Senior)

A \$100 cash award and plaque will be presented to the most outstanding senior 4-H member (age 14 and older) who participates in the county Fashion Revue Contest. **Selection will be made by the contest judges.** Sponsored by Elsie Chilson Family. **A member can receive this award only once.**

Fred Morris Sheep Award (Senior)

This award is given to the outstanding 4-H Senior (Age 14 or older) sheep project member. The award is based on current year's record, size and growth in the project, demonstrations, judging and leadership in the Sheep Project. **Submit 4-H record book and completed award application. A member can receive this award only once. This award is based on the current year of 4-H.** 4-Her must show an actual live animal during the current year.

4-H Food Award (Beginner, Junior or Senior)

Presented to any 4-H member who demonstrates excellence in the Food & Nutrition, Food Preservation, Breads, and Dairy Foods project areas. Awarded to a 4-H Beginner (Age 8-10), Junior (Age 11-13), or Senior (Age 14 and over). **Please submit 4-H record book with completed award application. Submit 4-H record book and award application. This award is based on current year of 4-H and members may receive the award once during their 4-H career.** Established by the Ruth Johnson Family.

Goat Award (Junior or Senior)

Presented to a Junior (Age 11-13) and Senior (14 and over) goat project member. 4-H'er must have or be eligible to receive the goat project medal. 4-H'er must have exhibited goats, have been in youth-in-action programs and promoted the goat project. **Submit 4-H record book and goat award application. This award is based on current year of 4-H. Members may receive the award once in each age division.** Established by the Dean & Delores Halajian Family.

Graduate Award (Graduating Senior)

Given to a member who is graduating from the Codington County 4-H program. Eligible graduates are those who have graduated from high school or will reach their 19th birthday by January 1. **This will be awarded at the County Achievement Days and the form is included with the Achievement Day packet.**

4-H Horse Award (Junior and Senior)

Presented to a Junior (Age 11-13) and Senior (Age 14 and over) horse project member. **Submit 4-H record book and horse award application. This award is based on current year of 4-H. Members may receive the award once in each age division.**

Jackson Award (Junior) and Ronke Award (Senior)

These awards are presented to a Junior 4-H'er (Age 11-13) and Senior 4-H'er (Age 14 and over) who actively participates in the 4-H program. 4-H'er continues to strive and show progress toward goal achievement in enrolled project areas. Given to a 4-H'er who is dependable and hard working. Submit record book and complete award application. A member can receive each award only once. This award is based on current year of 4-H.

Jeremy Redlin Beef Award (Junior)

This award is given to the outstanding 4-H Junior (Age 11-13) beef project member. The award is based on overall record, size and growth in the project, demonstrations, judging and leadership in the Beef Project. **Submit 4-H record book and completed award application. A member can receive this award only once. This award is based on the current year of 4-H.** 4-Her must show an actual live animal during the current year.

Jerry Loken Award (Senior)

A memorial was given to the trust fund in Jerry's memory for this award. It is an annual award with a plaque on the wall at the Extension Complex. Jerry was a long-time supporter of 4-H and the livestock projects. He loved helping youth any way he could and wanted the best for everyone. This award will not be based on showing or work done on your project but will be for how the 4-H member helps other members and volunteers his/her time to help others in the livestock projects. This award is for livestock members. The leader(s) can nominate any livestock project member by writing why they should be selected or what they have done to help others. **A member can only receive this award once.**

Junior Leaders Award (Junior or Senior)

Two junior leaders who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the Junior Leaders Association will receive a \$50 check for their savings/college account. Selection is made by the County Extension Staff. **A member can receive this award only once.**

Judging/Skill-A-Thon Awards (Beginner, Junior, or Senior)

Individuals representing Codington County at State Fair or the State Horse Show will receive this award. For first year judging participation, a member will receive a plaque. For each following judging year participation, the member will receive a medallion, which is to be placed on the plaque.

Leo Klein Dairy Award (Senior)

This award is given to the outstanding 4-H Senior (Age 14 or older) dairy project member. The award is based on overall record, size and growth in the project area, demonstrations, judging and leadership in the Dairy Project. **Submit 4-H record book and completed award application. A member can receive this award only once. This award is based on the current year of 4-H.** 4-Her must show an actual live animal during the current year.

Leroy Hess Public Speaking Award (Senior)

Presented to a Senior 4-H member (ages 14 and over) who has given public presentations (demonstrations, illustrated talks and public speaking) at the club, county and state levels throughout their 4-H career. **ONLY 4-H events/activities should be listed. 4-H Member must have given at least one county and one state public presentation in their 4-H career. Submit your 4-H record book with completed application form. A member can receive this award only once in their 4-H career.**

Linda Lenards Community Service Award (Junior or Senior)

This award is to be presented to a 4-H member with an outstanding record in the Community Service project area related to BOTH 4-H and other sponsored events. 4-H events may include lunch counters, shake wagon, Kid Kare, Farm Safety Camp, etc. Other sponsored events may include church events, PACH, school volunteer opportunities, etc. This award is presented to Junior (Age 11-13) or Senior (Age 14 and over) 4-Her who actively participates in Community Service and Volunteering (not paid positions) as it relates to 4-H Community Service project area. **Submit 4-H record book and completed award application. A member can receive this award only once. This award is based on the current year of 4-H.**

Master Gardeners Award (Beginner, Junior, or Senior)

Awarded to a 4-H Beginner (Age 8-10), Junior (Age 11-13), or Senior (Age 14 and over) enrolled and actively participating in the horticulture project. **Submit 4-H record book and award application. This award is based on current year of 4-H. Members may receive this award once in their 4-H career.** Established by the Coteau Prairie Master Gardeners.

Morgan Kohl Dairy Award (Beginner or Junior)

This award is presented to a Beginner (Age 8-10) or Junior (Age 11-13) 4-Her who actively participates in the 4-H dairy program project. **Submit 4-H record book and completed award application. A member can receive this award only once. This award is based on the current year of 4-H.** 4-Her must show an actual live animal during the current year.

Mallory Kohl Poultry Award (Beginner, Junior, or Senior)

This award is presented to a Beginner (Age 8-10), Junior (Age 11-13) or Senior (Age 14 and over) 4-Her who actively participates in the 4-H poultry project. **Submit 4-H record book and completed award application. A member can receive this award only once. This award is based on the current year of 4-H.**

Photography Award (Beginner, Junior, or Senior)

Presented to a Beginner (Age 8-10), Junior (Age 11-13), or Senior (Age 14 or older) who participated in the Photography Project. **Submit 4-H record book and award application. This award is based on current year of 4-H. Members may receive the award once in their 4-H career.** Established by Kay Solberg.

4-H Project Medals

To be eligible for this award, a member must meet the criteria outlined in the **4-H Member Recognition system**. Requirements include:

- > Exhibited 3 years, if possible, in project area.
- > Prepared and presented 2 club demonstrations and/or 1 county demonstration during years in project areas.
- > Participated in judging at club or county level, if available, in project area.

A member may receive a project medal only once and an award application should be used for each project medal applied for. Submit 4-H Record Book for County 4-H Citizenship & County 4-H Leadership Medals.

Rabbit Award (Junior & Senior)

Presented to a junior and senior rabbit project member. **Submit 4-H record book and award application. This award is based on current year of 4-H. Members may receive the award once in each age division.** Established by local 4-H families.

Schlotterbeck Ag Award (Senior)

The Ag Award is sponsored by Bailey Schlotterbeck and family. In May 2015 she was chosen as the Watertown Area Youth Volunteer of the Year. She was awarded the "Youth Celebrate Award", which gave her funds to be distributed to any nonprofit of her choice, she chose 4-H as one. She decided to use the money given to start a new award. Bailey wrote up the criteria to sponsor the "Ag Award". The Ag Award is judged based on current year activity in agriculture. This award is given to a 4-H senior. Some of the criteria included are; judging, demonstrations, youth in action, participation, and promotion and leadership in agriculture. **A member can receive this award only once.**

4-H Scholarship (Senior Graduating or Graduated)

At the discretion of the selection committee, \$300 scholarships will be presented to a determined amount of graduating high school Seniors. Applicants must be active in 4-H during the current year. Selection is based on overall application, 4-H record book, and 4-H accomplishments. The 4-H Leaders Association sponsors the scholarships. **Submit 4-H record book and application form. A 4-H Member may only win this award once in their 4-H career.**

Small Animal Award (Beginner)

Presented to a 4-H Beginner (age 8-10) enrolled in the small animal(s) project – companion animal, rabbit, or poultry. **Submit 4-H record book and award application. This award is based on current year of 4-H. Members may receive the award once in their 4-H career.**

Tschakert 4-H Award (Senior)

Presented to a Senior 4-H member (age 14 – over) excelling in the project areas of Foods, Bread, Food Preservation or Clothing Construction. **Submit 4-H record book and award application. This award is based on current year of 4-H. Members may receive the award once.** Established by the Clarence and Iona Tschakert Family.

4-H Visual Arts Award (Beginner, Junior and Senior)

Presented to each a beginner (Age 8–10), junior (Age 11-13) and senior (Age 14 and over) who participated in the Visual Arts Project. **Submit 4-H record book and award application. This award is based on current year of 4-H. Members may receive the award once in each age division.** Established by the Mary Lois Reichling Family.

Wasland Beef Award (Senior)

Presented to senior 4-H beef member each year. The award is based on overall record of beef exhibits and showmanship, demonstrations, judging and leadership in the beef area. **A 4-H member can win this award only once. Based on overall record. Submit 4-H record book.**