



Stars and Stripes Citizenship Award

The Stars and Stripes Citizenship Award is given in memory of long time 4-H Agent of Henderson County, Earl Smith. He had a love for his church, family and country. Earl was devoted to educating people in the correct use and display of the flag, which represents our freedom. He also had a beautiful bass voice which he loved to share at every opportunity. The winner of this award will receive a trip to NC 4-H Citizenship Focus. The award is open to any active 4-H'er age 14 to 18. A committee made up of former 4-H'ers will determine the winner of this award. The application will be due at the same time as project records and the presentation will occur at the Henderson County 4-H Achievement Night.

Guidelines for Stars and Strips Citizenship Award

- These activities must be citizenship activities.
- Please fill out the form that will ask for the activity, number of people assisting you, number of people reached, time spent on activity, and level performed.
- These activities must be completed in current 4-H year.
- Activities may include those citizenship activities included in your project record, as well as activities outside of 4-H.
- Activities involving educating others on flag etiquette and any singing opportunities (remember these are songs related to citizenship, for example, the national anthem) will earn extra points.

Activities Can Include:

Not limited to...

- Local:
 - church activities around the flag including carrying flag in Bible School, being responsible for displaying flag correctly in the church
 - mounting and caring for flag at home
 - leading pledges or teaching students about flag etiquette
 - singing national anthem at ballgame
- Club:
 - displaying and leading pledges
 - demonstrating proper flag etiquette
 - singing the national anthem
- County:
 - leading pledges at county events
 - leading pledges at commissioners' meetings (Staying for the entire meeting earns extra points.)
 - teaching classes on flag etiquette or citizenship
 - attending/assisting with a Memorial or Veterans Day celebration
 - burning unusable flags
- District:
 - carrying club or county flags at district events
 - leading pledges at district events
 - teaching classes at district events related to citizenship
- State/National:
 - carrying county/district flag at any state or national gathering
 - teaching classes at NC 4-H Congress related to citizenship
- International:
 - hosting or participating as a foreign exchange student
 - following international politics/ UN



4-H Citizenship



In helping young people complete 4-H records, one of the most frequently asked questions is about citizenship activities. 4-H citizenship should involve government or governmental processes in some way. The following list includes many of the ways our 4-H'ers are excelling in this area:

- Leading the Pledge to the American Flag
- Touring a government building, institution, or monument
- Visiting with an elected official - city, county, state, or federal
- Attending a seminar or town meeting presented by an elected or appointed official
- Attending a public hearing
- Attending a city council meeting or county commissioner's meeting
- Attending a school board meeting
- Participating in a town hall meeting at 4-H Congress or elsewhere
- Observing a day in court
- Observing a day in the state or federal legislature
- Following the issues in a local, state, or federal election
- Encourage adults to vote in an election
- Helping with an election campaign - County Council, Local, State, or Federal, etc.
- Learning how city, county, state, and federal governments operate
- Studying the constitution and law-making processes
- Learning to use Robert's Rules of Order
- Participating in student council at school
- Speaking at a public hearing
- Writing, sending E-mail, or phoning elected officials about issues
- Signing petitions to bring about public change
- Voting in elections if age eligible
- Learning how international treaties are negotiated

This should provide you and your 4-H'ers with lots of options and perhaps some inspiration for doing excellent citizenship activities. Some of these suggestions can be accomplished at club meetings. Good luck, and remember, 4-H Citizenship activities are not as hard to accomplish as you may think.

Betty Burlingham, Pitt County 4-H Master Volunteer

Every citizenship activity will help you earn a trip to NC 4-H Citizenship Focus!

4-H Age: _____ 4-H Club: _____

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