

## Santa Fe County Recognition Opportunities

Whether you're a youth, an adult volunteer, or club- if you're doing great 4-H work, there are lots of ways to be recognized for it!

Santa Fe County 4-H offers recognition opportunities through county, district and state contests, Santa Fe County Fair, NM State Fair, 4-H Portfolios and various annual awards. For more details on each of these opportunities, please refer to the Santa Fe County 4-H Recognition Chart.

Santa Fe County 4-H utilizes the National 4-H Recognition Model as a guide for all of our recognition opportunities. Please continue to read for more information on this model.

### **National 4-H Recognition Model**

The Recognition Model is a part of a comprehensive plan which rewards positive learning behaviors in youth and is based on the youth's involvement, participation and/or efforts. Moving from one part of the model to another broadens their experiences, modifying opportunities for learning and raising esteem through other types of recognition. The Model includes five types of recognition. It is important for adults who work with 4-H'ers to provide appropriate recognition to all participants.

### **Participation**

This type of recognition program emphasizes the importance of acknowledging young people who have been involved in 4-H educational experiences. For some youth, participation in a 4-H learning experience is an accomplishment. In addition it is a first step in building a positive self-concept.

### **Progress Toward Self-Set Goals**

Parents and other adults can help youth set realistic goals. Recognition for progress toward self-set goals, no matter how small, is an integral part of this type of recognition enables youth to gain experience in goalsetting and realistic self-assessment.



## Santa Fe County 4-H Recognition Opportunities:

- Contests
- Fairs
- 4-H Portfolios
- Annual Awards

## 4-H Recognition

### Achievement of Standards of Excellence

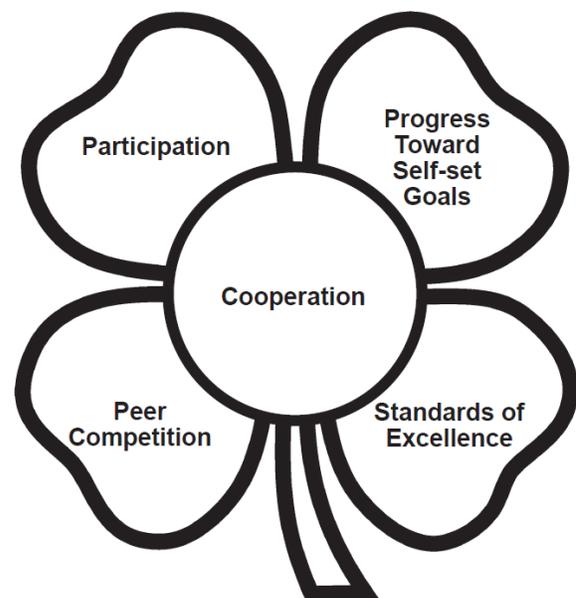
Standards of excellence are established by experts in a given area. By measuring personal progress against standards of excellence, youth can gain insight into their own efforts and abilities.

### Peer Competition

Peer competition is a part of the model for recognition. This type of recognition subjectively identifies, in a concrete time and place, the best team or individual. It is a strong motivator for some youth but is inappropriate for youth under age eight.

### Cooperation

Learning and working together promotes high achievement. Cooperation may take advantage of all the skills represented in the group, as well as the process by which the group approaches the learning task/goal. This helps prepare youth for living in today's interdependent, global society.



The goal of 4-H recognition is to encourage and support learning equally in all five areas. Cooperation is part of all four. The intent of the graphic is to show that recognition is given to individuals and people working together in teams or groups.

