



Orange County 4-H January Update

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2021 4-H Enrollment To Open After January 17



Each January, 4-H members must re-enroll for the new year through 4-H Online in order to remain active with 4-H clubs and county 4-H programs. **This year, 4-H Online is updating to a 2.0 version and will be open to 4-H members and volunteers around January 17.** Your county 4-H agent will e-mail you with further information when the system launches. Because of the delayed enrollment date, 4-H clubs will likely not meet until early February to give families time to re-enroll.

North Carolina 4-H Scholarships

Are you graduating from high school in 2021? If



so, consider applying for a North Carolina 4-H Scholarship. These awards are competitive and recognize 4-H members from throughout North Carolina who excel in their academics and in 4-H programs. The only requirements to apply are **1) you must have been a 4-H member for at least three years and 2) you must plan to attend college in the fall.**

Orange County 4-H members should submit their applications **by 12:00 P.M. on January 28.** This is a receive by date. If mailing, send to Orange County 4-H, P.O. Box 8181, Hillsborough, NC 27278. If submitting in person, bring your packet to the Orange County Extension Office located at 306 Revere Rd. in Hillsborough. We will place a 4-H box in the front lobby. Drop your packet in the box and we will take it from there.

[2021 4-H Scholarship Guide](#)

[2021 4-H Scholarship Application](#)

[Sample Resumes](#)



2020 Project Record Books DUE Friday, January 29

Orange County 4-H members are encouraged to be recognized for their work in 2020 4-H projects in the areas of Animal Science, Citizenship & Civic Education, Communication Arts, Environmental Science, Family & Consumer Sciences, Healthy Lifestyles, Plant Science, Personal Development & Leadership, and Science & Technology.

Visit go.ncsu.edu/OrangeCounty4H and click on the 'Awards Programs' tab to download your project record book template. Project books are **DUE by 5:00 P.M. on January 29.** The drop off location will be Orange County Cooperative Extension, 306 Revere Rd. Suite E, Hillsborough, NC 27278. We will place a 4-H box in the front lobby. Just drop your record book in the box and we will take it from there.

Important Update for 2021: Books should be submitted in a three-prong project folder, not a binder. Your book should only include your work from January 1 to December 31, 2020.

4-H members can contact their 4-H club leaders or county 4-H staff if they have any questions.

Orange County 4-H Teens Reflect Upon Life in 2020 on Episode 6 of 4-H Teen



Talk

When reflecting upon the historic year that was 2020, Orange County 4-H President Lauren Hoesli had this to say. "So much has changed this year!" And she couldn't be more right. Join the Orange County 4-H staff as they sit down for a conversation with Lauren and two of her fellow teen leaders, Anastasia Smith and Camille Clark, to reflect upon 2020. They explore how school, life, and their perspectives on the future, have all been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic this year.

[Listen on SoundCloud](#)



High School Members Invited to Attend National 4-H Summits

Orange County 4-H will be sending some of our high school 4-H members (grades 9-12) to the National 4-H Summits on Agri-Science and Healthy Living this spring. These opportunities will be held virtually this year due to COVID-19.

Healthy Living Summit (February 12-15)- At this conference, you will "develop the knowledge and skills to address issues surrounding nutrition, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. Working alongside professionals in family consumer science and healthy living, students will create action plans they can implement in their communities to teach other youth about what they have learned."

Agri-Science Summit (March 5-7)- At this conference, you will "develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting".

Click Here to Learn More. Contact 4-H Agent **Jonathon Smith** at jonathon_smith@ncsu.edu if you are interested in attending one or both of these conferences. These opportunities are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration for these conferences is free to Orange County youth thanks to the generous support of the Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation's [Helping Hand Foundation](#).

Orange County 4-H COVID-19 Youth Service Award



All over the world, youth are stepping up to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Some are volunteering to deliver groceries to the elderly, some are making masks for those in need, some are creating public issue campaigns to raise awareness of the virus, some are writing thank you notes to frontline workers, and so much more!

Our anonymous donor wishes to recognize one or a team of 4-H members in Orange County in grades 7-12 who are going above and beyond with a 4-H COVID-19 pandemic-related service project. The recipient of this award will receive a \$100.00 scholarship to support attendance at any 4-H camp or conference they wish to attend (ex. Citizenship Focus, NC 4-H Congress, Healthy Living Summits, NC 4-H Residential Camps, etc.).

4-Hers may enter as an individual or work in teams of 2-3 to plan and implement a project provided they use appropriate social distancing measures which should be documented on the application.

4-H members should apply by completing the form at the link below and then submitting 3-5 photos of their project to 4-H Agent Jonathon Smith at jonathon_smith@ncsu.edu.

Applications are due by March 1, 2021. Applicants must be enrolled in 4-H Online with Orange County.

[Click Here to Learn More and to Apply](#)



Orange County Provides Virtual "Farm to Table" Platform for 4th Grade Youth

Orange County and Person County have partnered to create an interactive, virtual Farm to Table program for 4th grade students. This work at your own pace virtual program includes topics ranging from agricultural history to dairy. Each content tab comes with a 5-10 minute video, worksheets or other activities such as Kahoots, recipes/nutritional information if applicable, and a quiz that can be copied and administered to check for comprehension. We have done our best to capture footage of local farms and businesses in Orange County to help students see the connections between where they live and the agriculture around them.

Farm To Table is aligned with **4th Grade Essential Standards 4.G.1 and 4.L.2** though you may find that this program supplements other learning objectives.

Public schools have been provided a link to this website already but we would like to extend this program to homeschool students as well. If you would like more information and a link to the website, have a parent contract Jonathon Smith at jonathon_smith@ncsu.edu.

Scholarships & More

Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation College Scholarship Program - Applications are DUE by March 31, 2021. [Click here](#) for more information.

College Foundation of North Carolina- A great resource for locating grants and scholarships. Eligibility, award amounts and deadlines, vary. [Click here](#)

USDA 1890 National Scholars Program - This scholarship provides full tuition, employment, employee benefits, fees, books, and room and board each year for up to 4 years to selected students pursuing a bachelor's degree at some 1890 Land Grant universities. [Click here](#) for more information.

Does your organization award scholarships? Would you like to promote these opportunities to Orange County 4-H members? Send an email to Jonathon Smith at jonathon_smith@ncsu.edu with details. We will be glad to share with our graduating seniors.

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Extension's 4-H program is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina. We help over 247,000 young people grow into active, contributing citizens each year.