

## **My 4-H Story**

My name is Ima Member. I am currently 18 years old and a senior at Yankton High School. This is my 10th year in 4-H as a member of the Cheerful Clovers 4-H Club. My leaders are Al and Betty Falfa. I am also a member of the Yankton County 4-H Junior Leaders Association.

This year was very busy and fun. I enjoyed making many new friends at the county fair, judging schools, 4-H Camp, and various other 4-H events I attended.

I participated in the Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days in many ways this past year. I was a participant in the annual Talent Show, in which I received 3rd place in the Senior Division. I had a blast and am looking forward to entering next year! I also entered a few non-livestock projects, which consisted of photography, home living, self-determined and wood science. I received 4 purples on my non-livestock projects, and another 2 purples at the South Dakota State Fair. Receiving purples on four out of five of my projects was definitely a highlight for me because I take my time making each project, and therefore they are all special to me.

My club was very busy this year also. We cleaned road ditches for the adopt-a-highway program and worked in the Achievement Days Food Stand. We also made valentines for the residents of a nursing home and had a display in Tractor Supply Company during National 4-H Week for promotion.

This was also my first year being really active with the Yankton County 4-H Junior Leaders. Last fall I was elected President of the organization and this got me really enthused about the coming year. I helped out with several activities, including calling community residents to participate in our blood drive and organizing our carnival for the youth of the community. I also was at the fairgrounds to help with cleanup before Achievement Days.

So, as you can see, it's been a very busy year for me. As a graduating member, 4-H has and always will hold a special place in my heart. Through the 4-H organization I have developed distinct leadership characteristics that I will carry throughout my life. It has also provided me with a chance to further my interests in the agriculture industry, providing many ways for me to expand my knowledge and experiment with my natural God-given talents. Thank you for reading my story!

Sincerely,

Ima Member