

Ashland County 4-H FAQs

Who Can Join? Anyone in the age range of kindergarten all the way to senior year of High School can participate in 4-H as a youth member. To help support children 5 to 8 years of age get acquainted with 4-H, they are automatically part of the [Cloverbud Project](#). Youth from third grade to one year past school graduation can be in other 4-H programs based on their location and/or personal interests.

Does It Matter Where I Live? 4-H is based on the county you live in. When it began 100 years ago, 4-H was an organization for youth living in rural areas – now it's evolved to also include youth in big cities, small towns, and suburbs. 4-H clubs meet in community centers, members' homes, Extension offices, after school program sites — just about anywhere youth are around. [4-H has a positive impact on youth wherever they live.](#)

What Do Youth Members Do? Youth in 4-H clubs have meetings, potential officer roles, and participation in their communities as volunteers and youth leaders. They learn by engaging in different projects, going on trips, planning parties, hosting international students, speaking in local government, experimenting with science, making art, attending camps, canoeing, caretaking an animal, the list goes on! With so many options, 4-H is always exciting. Learn more about different [projects 4-H makes possible by clicking here!](#)

What do Adult Volunteers Do? There are so many valuable ways in which adults can contribute to 4-H! Please view the materials about [different roles within 4-H on our website](#) and explore the varieties of options to help for a day or more! Here are just a few examples of area needs for volunteers:

- Outdoor Adventure Leadership and other environmental education is a good way for community members to be in nature alongside youth and guide them safely!
- The Science, Engineering and Technology Programs fit many interests and skill sets from building model trains to learning new computer programming!
- Clubs look for help with a range of activities including horseback riding, cooking, animal raising and training, gardening, and the arts, so share your skill with club youth for a special day or a year!
- 4-H After School Programs and Special Events or Activity Days also need volunteer support, even if its passing out tickets or helping visitors park carefully!
- Pie and Cookie Bar bakers can support the Ashwabay Summit Race, a big fundraiser for 4-H CANSKI!

What is the Cost to be in 4-H? Most often, it is free to join 4-H! In some counties, an additional fee is charged to offset costs for things like project literature, postage, and insurance. Sometimes clubs will hold fundraisers to help manage costs for their unique needs. Depending on the projects you participate in, there could be costs for materials. For example, if you do the photography project, you will need a camera, potentially film, and expenses for printed photos. There are expenses if you raise an animal to show at the fair, but you may also have some income if you sell your animal at auction. Funding for youth participation in trips is also available through [scholarships](#) on local, regional, and national levels, too! To find out if our county 4-H clubs or projects have dues or fees, call the UW-Madison Extension office in Ashland County at **715-682-7017**.

How Can I Join? Youth, families, and volunteers enroll in 4-H through the database [4-H Online!](#) With this program families can enter and manage their own information and keep track of projects accomplished and/or awards received. For instructions, please see the [4-H Online 2.0 – Family Enrollment Guide here](#), and for further assistance please call the Ashland County 4-H Youth Development Educator at **715-208-0664**.